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September 2011

Principals Message

- * Principal: Mr. G. Miller
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- * Secretaries: Ms. D. Brown, Mrs. M.J Bastien, Mrs. K. MacArthur
- * Director of Education: Mr. B. MacPherson
- * Trustee: Mr. N. Bethune
- * School Council Chairs: J. Armstrong, L. Newell

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. My name is Mr. G. Miller and it is my pleasure to serve as the principal of St. Mary's High School. 2011-2012 promises to be an exciting year and all of us at St. Mary's looks forward to working closely with our students, parents, and our parish priests to make St. Mary's the best school in Owen Sound. I hope that everyone had a fantastic summer and that you are excited by the upcoming school year.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all new students and their families. We have a number of international students with us this year. Special welcome, as well, to our new grade 9 students. St. Mary's is a wonderful, caring school community and we are happy to welcome you as a part of it.

In order to keep you informed throughout the year, we produce a school newsletter at the beginning of each month. **This newsletter is available on the school website at <http://smhs.bgcdsb.org>.** If you would like to have an electronic copy of the newsletter and other updates/reminders sent to you each month, please call (519)376-4278.

We wish you all the best for the upcoming school year and look forward to a great year.

Champlaincy Leader's Message

Welcome back everyone, students, educators and parents to another exciting year! I entrust you have all enjoyed a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating summer. As we prepare for the school year, I wish to reflect upon the call to a 'pilgrim' people and what this means for our school community. A pilgrim makes their way to a holy place, a journey that is set apart for a sacred purpose. As people of God, namely the Church, we are challenged to being a pilgrim people, journeying towards holiness.

This summer I had the opportunity to make the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain. The journey was a grueling, yet marvelous 815 km from St. Jean Pied de Port, France to Santiago, the city where Christians believe the remains of the apostle St. James lay entombed. As a pilgrim, I was faced with an opportunity to contemplate, both in silence and with fellow pilgrims, the time to disregard rushing, the wonder of the countryside, the gentle hospitality of the Spanish people, but most importantly, to appreciate the journey rather than the destination. The simple lifestyle of carrying one's essentials in a knapsack helps one to understand what little we need to be alive, the humility that is revealed in permitting one to walk slowly and refrain from hurrying, the care for one's feet which is essential to listen to, the challenges of the heat, long walking distances, early mornings, foreign languages and unknown accommodations revealed the many "Camino angels" that were provided each day as long as one's heart and spirit remained open.

'The Way' was a 32 day experience I would highly recommend, it is a time for deep introspection of being one in mind and heart with self, others and God. One learns wisdom, intelligence and humility interiorly, paradoxically through pain, suffering and triumphant joy – the Way of the Cross.

'Solitude shows us what we should be; society shows us what we are'. Have a terrific school beginning everyone.

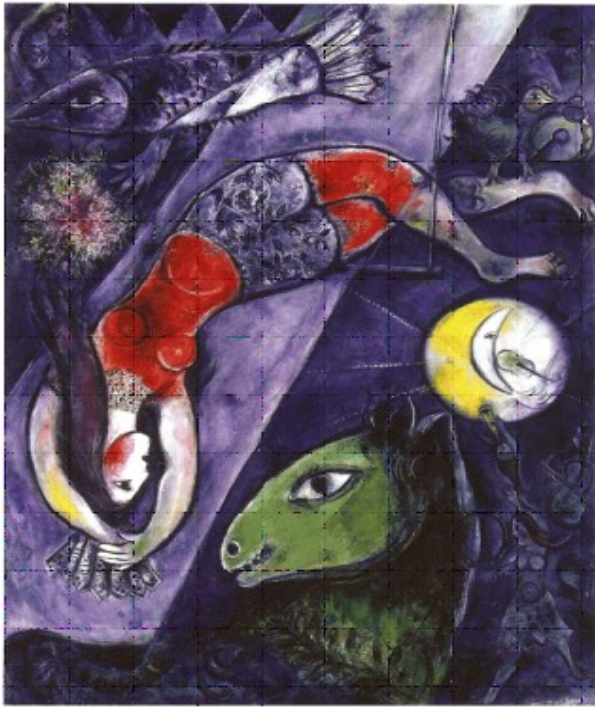
Ms L. Foch
Champlaincy Leader

Important Dates to Remember...

- September 6.....SAC Executive Open Assembly
- September 13.....Grade 9 Parent Information Night
- September 15.....SAC Dance
- September 16.....PA Day
- September 21.....Photo Day
- October 10.....Thanksgiving Day
- October 19.....Photo Retake Day
- October 19.....Early Dismissal
- October 28.....PA Day
- November 18.....PA Day

CHAGALL AND THE RUSSIAN AVANT-GARDE

Masterpieces from the Collection of the Centre Pompidou, Paris
 October 18, 2011 – January 15, 2012



Marc Chagall, Blue Circus (Le cirque bleu), 1950-52. Oil on canvas, 232.5 x 173.8 cm. Collection of the MNAM, Centre Pompidou, Paris. © Adagp/Centre Pompidou/MNAM-CD/Dist.RMN ©Estate of Marc Chagall / SDRAC (2012)

Be a part of history! Explore this landmark exhibition of the 20th century's most diverse Russian artists, showcasing more than 30 works by Marc Chagall. Dozens of paintings, sculptures, works on paper and photographs by Wassily Kandinsky, Natalia Goncharova and Kasimir Malevich, to name a few, offer a rare glimpse into the extraordinary work of the Russian avant-garde. The AGO is the only Canadian destination for this must-see exhibition. Don't miss out.

Visual Arts Field Trip

Where: AGO, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto

What: Chagall and the Russian Avant-Garde: Masterpieces from the Collection of the Centre Pompidou + 5 Floors of Permanent Collection

When: Friday November 25th - 9:00AM - 7:00PM

Cost: \$40.00 (Admission + Bus Transportation) No Refunds

Chagall and the Russian Avant-Garde: Masterpieces from the Collection of the Centre comprises of 118 works from a broad array of media, including painting, sculpture, works on paper, photography, and film.

All students participating in this Visual Arts Field Trip should make prior arrangements to be picked after return to the school. We will not return to the school until at least 7:00PM that night. Students should also bring extra funds for lunch and dinner.

Early Dismissal Days

October 19, 2011
November 30, 2011
March 28, 2012
May 9, 2012



PA Days

September 16, 2011
October 28, 2011
November 18, 2011
February 3, 2012
June 8, 2012



St. Mary's High School is a peanut sensitive school. Peanut allergies are potentially life threatening. As a result, absolutely no peanut products are permitted in our school. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

St. Mary's High School welcomes several new staff members this year:

Mr. Bruijns
Ms. MacLeod
Mrs. Lukas
Mr. Quinlan
Ms. Knox
Mrs. Kreller

WELCOME BACK

St. Mary's would like to welcome back the following staff:

Ms. Weber who
Ms. Skiba
Mr. Walter

DRAMA NEWS—STAY TUNED!

This year's production will be taking place this semester. Anyone wanting to help out or be part of the production please stay tuned to the announcements for more details.

HELP US HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!

St. Mary's High School uses a considerable amount of paper on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis and we need your help. In an effort to be environmentally conscious we would like to offer you the opportunity to send you our monthly newsletter via email. Simply email Dana_Brown@bgcdsb.org or Kelly_MacArthur@bgcdsb.org Thank you for helping us help the environment!

SAC News

There will be a SAC Dance on Thursday, September 15th from 6:30—9:30 pm. Late taxi's will be available and sign-ins are in effect.

Student Card sales will take place in homerooms Sept 7th to 23rd— The cost is \$30.00—cheques are to be made payable to SMHS.

SAC meets every Wednesday at lunch in Room 122. Stop by if you are interested in what we can do for your school; new ideas are always welcome!

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary's High School is a Christian community which promotes excellence and strength in individuals spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically, caring and growing with one another in partnership with families, parish and the community.

STUDENT CARD FEE

Once again this year all students will be required to purchase a student card for \$30. Homeroom teachers will be collecting this fee. The student card fee will be used by our Student Activities Council (SAC) to provide activities, services and events for our student body. It is hoped that this fee will eliminate the need for our SAC to complete major fundraisers (i.e. chocolate bar sales). The student card fee will provide students with:

- valid photo id
- an agenda planner (school handbook)
- subsidized school dances (Did you know that it costs our SAC over \$800 per night to have police officers present at our school dances? Did you know that video dances cost in excess of \$1500?)
- school assemblies
- access to school library services
- access to school computers
- access to co-curricular opportunities (school teams/clubs)
- access to school field trips
- access to late bus service
- discounts at various local businesses.

Your support and prompt payment of this \$30 fee during the first week of classes is greatly appreciated.

FYI - Most of the other high schools charge a mandatory fee of \$50.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

All students have received a Student Handbook. All students and parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with its contents. If you did not receive a Handbook, please pick one up in the main office.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

All students are required to complete 40 hours of volunteer community involvement prior to graduation. The forms to record these hours and the list of eligible activities are available in the main office. Students are encouraged to hand in these sheets to the main office as they complete their hours. Don't wait until your last year to complete this requirement. Check out the following site for a list of various groups looking for volunteers.

<http://www.ymcaowensound.on.ca/employment.cfm>. Opportunities are also posted on the bulletin board outside of Guidance.

LOCKERS

Each student has been given a copy of the school's handbook. Included in this is information about lockers. It is important that students realize that the lockers are the property of the school and as such can be searched as required.

INTERNET USE

All students are reminded that they, in order to comply with board policy, must have a signed acceptable internet use form submitted to the office before they are permitted to use the school's computer system. Contravention of this acceptable use policy can lead to consequences up to and including suspension.

ALTERNATE BUSING

In keeping with board policy regarding alternate busing, students are reminded that they are not able to ride a bus different than the one to which they are assigned for reasons such as going to their job, visiting a friend, dental appointment etc. Permission to ride a different bus is only given by the board in the case of different places of residence of parent/guardians. If alternate busing arrangements are needed for such a reason, an application form available from the school (or downloaded from the board web site) must be completed and returned to the board office for approval.

RECREATIONAL FUNDING AVAILABLE

Need help with funding for Recreational Programs, school electives, class trips to the Outdoor Education Center, Grade 7 or 8 trips? The Grey NCB Program may be able to help you:

- Available for families living in Grey County
- Maximum subsidy currently available is \$200 per child per year
- Total family income under \$35000 per year
- Children 18 years of age and under (residing with parent)
- Refunds can be processed with a paid receipt

For more information or an application form contact the Grey NCB Office at (519)371-8627 or pick up an application at the Family Y in Owen Sound.

CAFETERIA SERVICES

Our school cafeteria is open daily. The cafeteria is being managed by Chartwell's School Dining Services. They are committed to a Balanced Choice Menu at affordable prices.

PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

When you designate your tax support for Catholic schools, you are ensuring a right that Ontarians have enjoyed for over 160 years.

Every Time You Move

Please remember that your tax support does not automatically follow you if you relocate. Each and everytime you move, it is essential that you re-declare yourself as a Catholic school supporter. Please verify your support by checking your property tax bill.

Become a Supporter

Whether you are a land/home owner or a tenant, if you wish to support Catholic schools, please contact your local school or the Catholic Education Centre for help in securing and completing the necessary forms.

For more information

To become a Catholic school ratepayer call Paula Fahrer at the Catholic Education Centre, (519) 364- 5820 extension 239. For more information visit our website at www.bgcdsb.org

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

In order to ensure a safe learning environment, the use of video surveillance is in effect at St. Mary's High School and on many of it's school buses. The video images are collected under the authority of the Education Act S. 170 and will be used to reduce/prevent property vandalism, theft and violence and to ensure the safety of students.



Check us out on the web at <http://smhs.bgcdsb.org>





**Girl Guides
of Canada
Guides
du Canada**



Great Community
Service
Hours Opportunity

REGISTRATION

Wed. Sept. 7, 2011
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Central Westside United Church
Corner of 10th St. W. & 3rd Ave. W. Owen Sound

SPARKS (ages 5 & 6)

Owen Sound
St. Basil's School
Tuesdays **376-3495**
6:30 – 7:30

BROWNIES (ages 7 & 8)

Owen Sound
Central Westside United Church
Tuesdays
6:30 – 8:00 **376-0312**

GUIDES (ages 9, 10, 11)

Owen Sound
Sydenham School **376-4029**
Tuesdays
8:30 -8:00

PATHFINDERS (ages 12, 13, 14)

Owen Sound
First United Church
Thursdays **371-6482**
7:00 – 8:30 (occasional Saturdays)

RANGERS (15, 16, 17)

Owen Sound
First United Church
Thursdays **371-5497**
7:00 – 8:45 (occasional Saturdays)

All girls & women welcome, 371-6482



**2011 - 2012 ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
PARENT NOMINATION FORM**

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council.

I wish to nominate _____ for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council.

I am the parent/guardian of _____ who is currently registered at this school.
(name of student)

Nominator's Signature

Date

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Candidate Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

The person nominated is the parent/guardian of _____ who is currently registered at this school.
(name of student)

The person nominated is an employee of the Board. Yes No

Candidate's Signature

Date

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The candidate is asked to include a brief biography of himself/herself below (3-5 sentences).

**NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 23, 2011.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

School Councils were established to enable parents and students to take a more responsible and active role in education programs and the services offered within their local community.

The mandates of the **St. Mary's School Council** are:

- To provide opportunities for parents to be more involved in the education of their children
- To support our mission statement and develop and evaluate annual goals for our school
- To provide advice to the Principal on program issues, operational issues and school budgets and priorities
- Be a voice for Catholic education and foster good relations among board members, parents, staff, the local community and related groups.

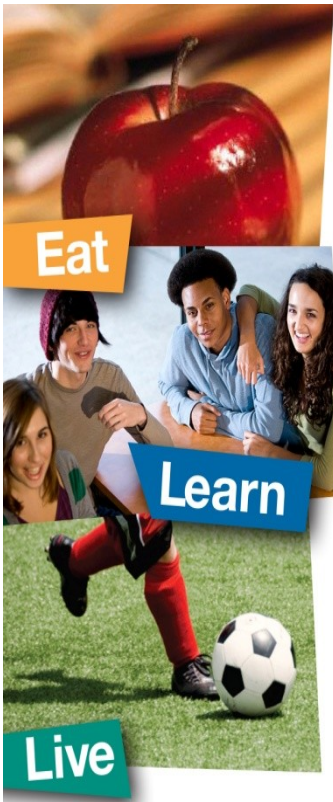
The St. Mary's School Council provides parents with a vehicle to have a voice in the education of their children. It gives parents the opportunity to ensure that their children receive the best quality Catholic education possible.

Parent representatives are expected to attend meetings of the School Council. Meetings are held once a month from August to June on dates scheduled. Parent representatives are expected to sit on other Committees as necessary.

A person is qualified to be a parent/guardian representative of a school council if:

- He or she is a parent/guardian of a pupil who is enrolled in the school
- He or she is not employed by the school
- He or she may be employed by the Board as long as he or she takes reasonable steps to inform people qualified to vote in the election of parent members of that employment
- He or she is not a member of the Board establishing the school council.

Chartwells Committed to Ontario Food and Beverage Policy



School is where students spend much of their time and they need nutritious food to grow and be active. Selling nutritious food and beverages is our way of enhancing the school environment.

Chartwells (a division of Compass Group Canada) is proud to be the primary food-service provider at our school. They look forward to students coming into the cafe and sampling the great new menu for the fall! Student feedback has played a huge role in helping Chartwells create a menu that includes fresh, healthy and innovative options that taste great. Items like pizza made with turkey pepperoni, customized sandwich wraps, noodle bowls and healthy snacks to go. Authentic and flavourful sauces and dips will be featured in many of the recipes. Students say they like diverse flavours - Asian, Italian, Greek, Tex Mex and Middle Eastern and these options will dominate the new menu.

All menus and meals will come with an additional ingredient – value! Meal combos provide a full meal at a great price. Check out the cafeteria this fall and see for yourself how committed Chartwells is to offering food options that taste great. This year we have given our students something extra to be excited about as they head back to school...Chartwells first ever **GIVE US A TRY** promotion!

Featuring daily **FREE** samples, great savings, coupons and discounts...it lets students, faculty and staff taste our most popular menu items and try some of our most exciting new ones!

Principal's Introduction to Chartwells Cafeteria Program for 2011

September 2011 marks the start of the Ontario government's first food and beverage policy for schools. Chartwells and your cafeteria team have been busy throughout the past year putting together a fabulous, NEW menu focusing on great spicy flavours, sauces and dips that you asked for! Try their selection of authentic sauces to top your Italian pasta, Asian bowls, Caribbean chicken and flatbread deli sandwiches. Chartwells signature twisted crust pizza *is to die for*. Lots of interesting toppings will make it your favourite.

It's all about retail-style foods offered at great prices. Made to order and easy to eat bowls and Deli specials- always include a large beverage and side dish- all for \$4.99. And don't forget the popular \$5.00 combos!

To encourage all of you to visit your school cafe today, Chartwells has launched a Promotion called "Give Us a Try". It features daily FREE SAMPLES of their freshly prepared food...all at great savings! And did you hear about the great new fries? Yes, fries but a healthier choice and they taste amazing! Come in for your free food sample this week.

So support your cafe and come and 'Give Us a Try'! What more can you ask for? FREE SAMPLES, freshly prepared great tasting food and the best value in town