
Saint Mary's Education Centre/Academy

June 2017 Newsletter

School Phones: 522-2035

Please visit our school websites: www.smeca.srsb.com

Principal's Message:

Another school year is coming to a close. It has been a busy year with a tremendous number of activities accomplished and it is difficult to believe that the time has gone by so quickly.

It is at this time of year that we reflect on our time together and extend our most sincere appreciation to the many people in our community who have shared their time, energy, and talents for the benefit of all the students at St Mary's Education Centre/Academy.

Congratulations go to our school staff for their efforts to foster the academic, athletic and social development of our students. They are truly a dedicated, committed group of people and we are privileged to have each one of them supporting the needs of all of our students.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made St. Mary's a better school for our students. They have supported school programs and activities which, in turn, have helped to build school community and foster a positive learning environment. We really appreciate all you have done for us. And to the parents and guardians of our students, we appreciate your questions and feedback provided throughout the year. We especially acknowledge your efforts to work with the school as a team to provide the best education possible for your children. At this time of year, we review our policies and procedures. If you have any new feedback, please contact the school.

At this time, we also learn that some of our families will be leaving us at the end of June and attending new schools in the fall. Our grade 12 students will be moving on to further learning. We

wish these families and students all the best and hope that you all carry with you the best memories of St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy.

On behalf of our entire school staff, I would like to wish all students and families a safe, enjoyable summer holiday.

Jack MacDonald
Principal

P-6 Class Trip

The grades primary to six will be going on a class trip to Cineplex in New Glasgow on June 22, 2017. Permission forms will be going home along with more information on this trip.

P-6 Fun Day

Fun Day is Wednesday June 21st (rain date is Thursday June 22nd). Sunscreen, bug spray and a hat are encouraged. The students will be outdoors for an extra 2 hours on this day. As well, a few of our Fun Day stations are games that involve water so the students will need to be prepared to get a little wet. An extra set of clothes might be appropriate. As well, there will be times during the day that students will be between activities and in their classroom. Students may want to bring in a board game for these times.

Grade Six Closing

The Grade Six Closing will be Thursday, June 15th, at 630 pm (Grade Sixes are asked to be at the school by 6) in the Main Gym. This event is open to all family and friends of our Sixth Graders. We look forward to celebrating with our Grade Six Class as they reach the halfway point in their school careers. If parents have any question please contact Mrs. McGinn at the school..

Grade One/Two Walkathon

Mrs. McGinn and Mrs. Clapperton's class are looking forward to the Annual Grandfriends Walk-A Thon. The walk is scheduled for Monday June 19th with the rain date being the 20th. Grade One and Two students will be collecting pledges. All monies raised will go to support our Grandfriends Programs at High Crest.

SMECA Visual Arts 12 Showcase

Come for support our talented grade 12 Visual Arts class Thursday, June 15th 6:30-8pm as they display and discuss their art work. This showcase will highlight the various art movements and techniques they have learned over the past several months. Little refreshments will be included. Hope to see you there.

SMECA Spring Concert

We were sad to have missed out on our annual Christmas Concert this year. In its place, we are putting on a Spring Concert. This concert will feature grades Primary-6 and our new High School Choir-the "Semitones". Come enjoy songs which celebrate Canada's 150 Anniversary. This concert will take place on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30.

Donations for our developing music program and/or a non-perishable food item for the food bank will be accepted at the door.

Win 2 front row seats to the Spring concert! No need to come early, we'll reserve your seat for you. Tickets will be sold beginning June 1st. \$2 each or 3/\$5. 8 Prizes to be drawn.

Concert Night Instructions for Students

Please arrive **no later** than 6:10PM.

Students are welcome to wear "semi-formal" attire, if they wish.

All students are performing the final song. Please plan to stay for the entire duration of the concert.

Cafeteria News

The last day for cafeteria services will be June 27th. The cafeteria will be closed on June 22nd due to the field trip. We would like to wish all students and staff a wonderful summer break and we will see you in the fall.

Grade 12 News

Banquet – June 23rd 6:00 (Punch 5:45 PM)

Prom – June 23rd 7:00PM (Grand March 7:45PM)

Graduation – June 28th 6:00 PM

Guidance Information

The Student Loan Website is located at

<https://novascotia.ca/studentassistance/>

On-line applications are now open.

Final Transcripts

Final transcripts will be sent from the school to the institution(s) required by each student. We will be surveying you before final examinations to see where you want your transcript sent. In addition, you will receive two copies of your official transcript at Graduation to keep for future use. Please

store these carefully. We do not keep a copy of your diploma on file. If you receive a request in the future for a diploma copy, you should be able to supply it from your own original.

Graduation List

The list of graduates for 2017 will be posted on Thursday, June 22 at 1:00 P.M. Anyone who has not achieved all of the required credits for graduation will be contacted by the school on Wednesday afternoon.

Ellen and Heather

Bring the World into Your Home by Hosting an International Student Attention SMECA School Community

Imagine sharing the beauty, history and culture of Canada with a young student from abroad.

The International Student Program, in the Strait Regional School Board, continues to grow with an increased number of students coming to NS to experience what our host families and our education system has to offer.

As the program grows in our communities, so does the need for more host families. Hosting an International Student offers your family the chance to broaden their experience with other cultures, while sharing the Nova Scotian way of life with a young person.

Students from the Nova Scotia International Student Program come with health insurance and their own spending money. Host families receive a stipend to cover additional costs. You provide a room, three meals a day and the experience of a lifetime.

To learn more about the Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP) and this wonderful opportunity to become a host family, please visit www.nsisp.ca and contact:

Shelley McGee-Wilson
NSISP Assistant Program Manager
[902-747-3670](tel:902-747-3670), ext. 2223/902-631-0822 (cell)

Create Friends for Life!



X-Chem Science Camp

When: July 6-7, 2017 from 9:00am-3:00pm

Who: Students going into grades 1-8 in September 2017

Where: St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy

Cost: \$40 and \$15 for a t-shirt (optional). There is a family discount available (see registration form). *Bursaries are available by contacting Krista, SchoolsPlus.*

Deadline: If you are registering through the school, the deadline to order a shirt is **June 8** and the deadline without a shirt is **June 22**. If you are registering directly with X-Chem the deadline is June 10 for a shirt and July 5 without a shirt.

Registration forms went out to classes on May 29. If you have any questions, you can contact Krista with SchoolsPlus at (902) 631-4699 or Krista.MacEachern@srsb.ca. You can also register online at https://sites.stfx.ca/chemistry/xchem_offcampus_registration

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