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Joanne Regan



Andrew Macpherson

**There will always be a
place for you in the nest**

*Farewell to our dear friends
Joanne Regan and Andrew Macpherson*

Wishing you happiness, success and good health.

*Embrace your future, enjoy the best part
of your life.*

Chaplain's Message



L'Arche began in France in 1964.

So what is L'Arche?

Jean Vanier, a Canadian professor of philosophy and retired naval officer was searching for a calling. He was invited by his spiritual director to visit some institutions for men with intellectual disabilities in France. He was disturbed by the rejection and loneliness of the men he met, yet also moved by their openness. He felt called to share his life in community with some of them.

With support from benefactors and professionals, Jean renovated a small home in a village called Trosly-Breuil, France. He called it "L'Arche" (the ark) and invited a few of the men to live with him. Life together was challenging, yet full of joy. It was a place of growth for them and inspiration to others. Today there are 149 L'Arche communities and 14 projects and 37 countries in the world. And many L'Arche communities call Canada their home including three close to Kitchener; Richmond Hill, Hamilton and Stratford.

L'Arche has had a huge following and I suspect it will grow even more with the recent passing of Jean Vanier this past spring. Many people support L'Arche's homes and day programmes but what exactly happens when you visit a L'Arche community and spend time with its core members?

I had the amazing opportunity to attend a retreat in Trosly- Breuil and to meet Jean Vanier in the fall of 2018. And I spent time with the core members. It simply cannot be described in words – one must experience L'Arche for themselves to understand what it means to be fully present and to be a friend.

Coming back to St. Mary's HS I saw our active and community living students in a whole new way. We spent more time in the chapel learning songs using sign language. The students taught me through their own lens how they see God and where they fit in this world. And it was wonderful.

We ended the year by visiting L'Arche Stratford in their day program for a special retreat. As we entered this building none of us knew what to expect but quickly understood we moved at our own pace. We made paper chains, sang songs, played games, decorated cookies (a favourite activity for most) and made new friendships.

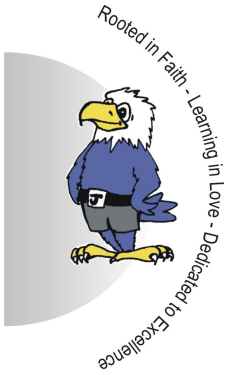


And what more do any of us ask for than to have a friend.

I pray that everyone has a good restful summer, that you are not alone and that you make a new friend.

God bless,

Miss Annabel, chaplain



From the Guidance Wing

Student Schedules

Students will pick up their schedules for 2019-20 on the School Start Up days August 27th and 28th.

The first week of classes will be dedicated to supporting students whose schedules are incomplete or require changes due to summer school. These students will be contacted by their Guidance Counsellor or sent to Guidance by their classroom teacher. Additional course changes will take place from Friday September 6th to 13th. Course change forms **will be available for pick up in the Guidance office** starting Thursday September 5th. They must be **returned with a parent signature**, for course changes to be processed. The last day to submit course change forms will be Tuesday, September 10th.

Students Not returning

If your child is registered for September but has decided not to return, or to attend another high school, please contact the guidance department a.s.a.p. at **519-745-6892 ext. 5632**.

Community Service

Students are encouraged to complete their 40 hours during the summer, especially if they are going into grade 12. A Community Service manual including a log record sheet is available on our St. Mary's web site under Student Services, Academic Planning and scroll to the bottom to Community Service.

Summer School Results

Summer school marks will be sent to St. Mary's at the end of August and students may pick up their results from our guidance secretary.

OUAC and OCAS.

Gr 12's – Final marks have already been uploaded to OUAC and OCAS. Students who are going to college or university in September should check to make sure their marks have been uploaded.

Up and Coming at SMH

We encourage all students to sign up for their appropriate grade level on 'Google Classroom' and receive notifications with important information. Parents are welcome to sign up as well.

Grade 9 code—tdelbc

Grade 10 code—5s7bv

Grade 11 code—8bmi252

Grade 12 code—ictx3lv

Counsellor by Alpha

(Subject to change)

A to B1	Mark Cameron
Bo to Do	Valerie Coates
Dr to G (Int'l & ICP)	Joe Toranto
H to Lar	Lisa Collins
Las to Pearson	Nancy Arruda
Pej to Sin	Valerie Coates
Sm to Z	Phil Lehmann

If you have questions over the summer, please call

Mrs. Stephanie Groh at **519 745 6892 Ex. 5632**

All the best to Mrs. Regan on her retirement!!



St. Mary's YPI Group

On June 5th, eight dedicated and compassionate Civics students competed in the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative final assembly. YPI is an international, award-winning program that provides high school students with an opportunity to award \$5000 grants to local social service organizations for which they research and advocate. We are extremely proud of all of our finalists and are thrilled to announce our 2019 YPI winner, Maegan Curylo. As a result of her advocacy, Maegan was able to award \$5000 to Women's Crisis Services.

Congratulations!





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CAREER FAIR CONTEST WINNERS



Annabela De Araujo, Madyson Ferriera, Anne Brazier, Javain James
And Nya Sanchez

Congratulations to over 100 students who completed a successful work experience this semester and earned credits while doing so. This has been an excellent experiential learning opportunity. The Coop Career Fair held in mid-May allowed students to showcase their work experience and share their learning with others through a display board .



Thank you Co-op Employers

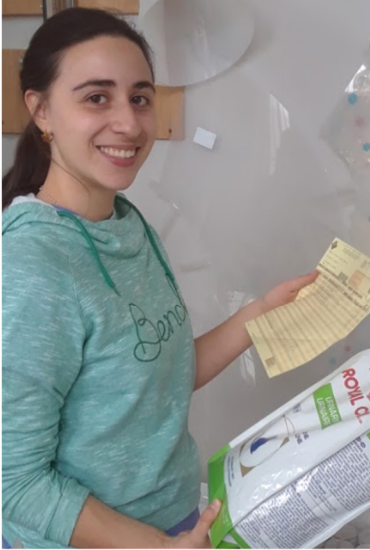


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 Blend Hair Studio
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 Canadian Tire—Fairway Rd
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 Deloitte
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 Education Credit Union
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 Giesbrecht Griffin Funk & Irvine
 Goodlife Fitness—Williamsburg
 Grand River Hospital
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 Innovation42
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Pioneer Park Pharmacy
Pioneer Pet Clinic
Polwood Cabinets
Premier Hair Studio & Aesthetics
R&M Auto
Rabideau Law

Rogers TV
Safety Village
Sportco
St. Aloysius CES
St Daniels CES
St. John Paul II CES
St Kateri CES
St Mary's Hospital
Studio A
Sunbeam Centre
Sunnyside Home
The Guitar Corner
The Holiday Inn
The UPS Store

Toothworks
U of W
U of W Museum
Victoria Place
WalterFedy
Waterloo County Screenworks
Waterloo Regional Police
Westmount Signs
Wojciech Adamczyk
YMCA Kitchener
Zehrs Laurentian
Zehrs Pioneer

Looking for summer activities?

The Kitchener Public Library is running a Teen Summer Challenge. Check out the Teen section of KPL's website and find out about the various challenges available!

Visit: <http://www.kpl.org/teens>



Teen Summer events @ KPL

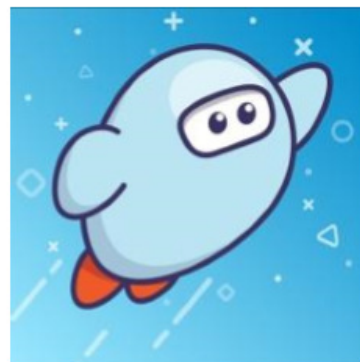
(check online for locations, dates, and times)

Daily drop-ins
Record music in the new recording studio
Gamer's Club and Gamer's Meetups
Creative Clubs
Coding Clubs
Trivia nights
3D design basics
...and much more!

Summer Reading...

You can borrow e-books and audiobooks for free using Sora App, even during the summer months! Find the link on the main page of the Learning Commons:

<http://vlguides.wcdsb.ca/stmary>



Login: your school computer username
(employee# for staff)
PIN: your date of birth MMDDYYYY



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY RAISES \$63,508.31 IN SUPPORT OF THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY!

Our second annual Relay for Life event was a huge success! On May 24th, 2019, approximately 600 members of our school community came together to honour our cancer survivors, remember those we have lost, to fight back against this disease, and to create hope for the future. By the end of our event, we were able to announce that we surpassed our goal of \$45,000 and had raised \$63,508.31 in support of the Canadian Cancer Society!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our generous sponsors for helping to make this event such a success. In addition, thank you to all of our participants and our amazing student committee - this event would not be possible without all of you!



Way to go
Eagles!!!





Our athletic banquet gave us an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our athletes from this past season.

A big thank you to Mr. Wittmann, Mrs. Wehrle and our administration team, Mr. Mandich and his leadership class, Mr. Acheson and his tech crew, our three Emcees; Emily Masters, Paolo Malacad, Ben Lassaline.

A special thank you to all our coaches for their hard work and dedication—without whom our students would not have the opportunity to excel.

Congratulations to the following major award winners

Junior Male Athlete of the Year -	Nicholas DaSilva
Junior Female Athlete of the Year-	Katina Duscio
Senior Male Athlete of the Year -	Foster Malleck
Senior Female Athlete of the Year-	Bethany Hofstetter
Spirit Award -	Madison Witt
OFSSA Coaches Colin Hood Award-	Alan Martel
OFSSA Colin Hood Award – Male Recipient -	Christian Schleimer
OFSSA Colin Hood Award – Female Recipient -	Bethany Hofstetter
District 8 Academic Elite Award- Jr Female -	Victoria Antolcic
District 8 Academic Elite Award Jr Male -	Ethan Simoes
District 8 Academic Elite Award Sr Female -	Alexa Cimermancic
District 8 Academic Elite Award Sr Male -	Joshua Jackson
Chris Sabourin Contribution to Athletics Award -	Debora Grosso





Athletics

Girls Soccer

The girls soccer team had an incredibly successful season this year that included winning the UW Warrior cup, going undefeated in D8 and CWOSSA, and tallied 9 clean sheets with by far the highest number of goals scored. Beyond just the results, the girls displayed an unbreakable



team chemistry evident in having 12 different goal scorers in the D8 season alone and battling through extremely adverse weather conditions early in the season. The girls represented St. Mary's well at the OFSAA tournament in Alliston where they were narrowly knocked out in a must-win game when they lost 1-0 to the eventual OFSAA silver medalists. The team's coaches are extremely proud of everything the girls accomplished this year, but even more so by the character they showed as a team and how they developed as individuals. Congratulations to the girls soccer team on a year to remember; we can't wait to return next year even more hungry to build on the St. Mary's girls soccer legacy!

Coaches Ms. Kropf & Mr. McCord



Boys Soccer

The Sr. Boys soccer team had an extraordinary season. They capped off the D8 championship with an epic win in the 9th round of penalties. They continued to demonstrate their strength with a 5 - 0 win in the CWOSSA champion-

ship. After being undefeated to this point the team was ranked 18th out of 20 participating teams in OFSAA. The boys managed to persevere through multiple injuries. The team ended up finishing first in their pool, won their quarter finals match and advanced to the semi finals. Unfortunately the team experienced their only loss of the season in a game where they deserved a better outcome. However our boy's resilient nature and comradery empowered them to a dominant 5-1 victory, resulting in an OFSAA Bronze medal for St. Mary's. This medal allows for CWOSSA to send 2 teams to OFSAA next year. Congratulations to the Sr. Boys soccer team. We look forward to another season together. Coaches Mr. Hewko & Mr. Scnute



Athletics

OFSAA News

This was another incredibly successful track & field season for the Eagles, despite battling through less than ideal weather. We captured the overall boys, senior and midget boys categories at D8, and had 19 athletes compete at OFSAA West! We had a total of 6 athletes competing at OFSAA, with Amari Hernandez finishing in the top 10 in his races, our boys 4 X 400 coming in the top 12 in the province and to cap it off, Senior Foster Malleck won two OFSAA Gold medals, winning the Sr. Boys 1500M & 3000M races.





In Memoriam



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of a very special member of our school community, Rhonda De Forest.

Rhonda died after a courageous battle with cancer.

We ask that you join the St. Mary's community as we extend condolences to the family.



Rhonda De Forest
May 22, 1963 - June 24, 2019



*And he will raise you up
On Eagles wings
Bear you on
The breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm
Of his hand*

(song based on Psalm 91)



Dates To Remember



August 27 & 28

School Start Up
All students—9:00—3:00pm
Triple Gym
Student Card Photos

August 29

Link Crew 9-2pm

September 2

Labour Day— no classes

September 2-6

Niner Week

September 3

First Day of Orientation
9:00 – 1:15pm Gr. 9 - Gym
1:15—3:10pm All grades—
Altered timetable

September 4

First full day of classes
Full Uniform

September 13

Link Crew *Niner* Dance
7-10pm—Cafeteria

September 17-19

SAC Retreat
Camp Kintal

September 20

PD Day—no classes

October 2

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

October 7-11

Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 10

Opening Liturgy P.2
Academic Awards Evening
Photo Retake Day (Upper Forum)

October 11

Opening Assembly—P.1

October 14

Thanksgiving Holiday

October 15

Canadian National Math
League Contest
P.1—Cafeteria

October 16

Progress Report Distribution

October 17

Grad Retreat

October 23

Coffee House

October 24

Student/Parent/Teacher
Conferences 1:30—8pm

October 25

Professional Activity Day
No classes

November 6

Take your Kid to Work Day
Grade 8 Day

November 11

Remembrance Day

November 12

Canadian National Math
League Contest—P1 Cafeteria

November 13

Dress Down Day

November 14

Semi Formal

November 15

Professional Activity Day
No classes

November 18-22

Anti-Bullying Week

November 20

Semester One Mid-Term Report
Distribution
PINK SHIRT DAY

November 22

Random act of Kindness Day
Semi-Formal (Special Education)

November 28

Grade 8 Parent Night