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A Newsletter for the Stakeholders of
St. Mary's High School



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Principal: Mr. Luigi Fortini

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Administration News

As our school year draws to a close, we have much to celebrate and many happy memories. Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Grade 12 students and acknowledge their outstanding leadership over the last three years, best wishes in your future endeavors.

Secondly to our outstanding faculty for their continuous support and encouragement towards our amazing students. You have worked timeless hours to meet the needs of our students both in the classroom and with volunteering of your time with extra-curricular activities.

Parents, thank you for your commitment in promoting and encouraging your children to be part of our St. Mary's family. I also would like to thank our parental groups who sustained our various programs, St. Mary's Music foundation and School Council, without their leadership and support our programs would not be so viable. Specifically, to Mrs. Melina Tell who served as School Council over the past 6 years. Thank you so much for all that you have done to make St. Mary's an outstanding place to be, your vision, time and efforts are much appreciated...best in the future.

Over the summer I will be working with colleagues to put in place a smooth opening to the new academic year and getting priorities to build upon the successes of the school so that we can improve still further. We should always seek to do better; to challenge ourselves and students to set the highest standards and achieve our ambitious goals.

I would like to wish you all the very best for summer vacation and look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting new academic year. And remember if you ever need support during the summer as Matthew Chapter 7, verse 7 states "Ask and it will be given to you".

*With every best wish,
Luigi Fortini
Principal*

Counselling Updates

SCHEDULE Updates!!

All students will receive their new schedules in August. Students who want to make changes to their schedule can come to our Early Registration from August 23rd to August 27th. More information will be sent out at the beginning of August.

Mental Health

Any student who may be experiencing stress due to exams or having other issues that are impacting their lives, should come to the Counselling office to book an appointment with a Counsellor.

Parents who have further concerns regarding their child and mental health can contact the Counsellors at the school or contact: Access Mental Health at the following: 403-943-1500.

Summer School

Deadline to enroll with Calgary Catholic is midnight on Friday June 22nd. Please check the website: www.cssd.ab.ca or phone: 403-500-2012, ext. 412.

Academic and Scholarship Awards night

It was a wonderful evening for students and their families as well as the teachers. All winners of Subject Awards and Scholarships will be posted on the D2L and in September's Nova.

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Grade 12's going out of Province for Post- Secondary

Any students leaving Alberta to study in another Province or country must complete the Government of Alberta "Request for Official High School Transcripts" form online at www.myPass.alberta.ca. The application cost is \$10.00 and students must fill out the form and pay online through the government website. Failure to complete this form on time can result in a student losing their placement at the Post- Secondary Institution. Please ensure that your son or daughter completes this necessary form and if they have any questions they are to see the Counsellors before they finish school in June.

Alexander Rutherford Scholarships – Are available to graduating students but you must apply for them online through the Government of Alberta Education website www.studentaidalberta.ca. Click on the Rutherford Scholarship link and fill out the form directly online.

Grade 12's who require upgrades at St. Anne's

Any grade 12's needing to redo a core subject because the mark is too low, or they missed a course needed for a particular program, please make an appointment for upgrading at St. Anne's High School. Registration is online from June 12-22, 2018 and August 21-31, 2018. Booking appointments begins on June 1st for appointments in mid-June and August 1st for appointments in late August. Check the website: www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/stanne.

Grade 12's MYPASS

The official Government of Alberta Diploma is mailed directly to the student's home residence. If you do not receive it, you may be missing credits, failed a diploma or did not pay fees for a 2nd diploma writing test. All parents and students should check their MYPASS account regularly to ensure your credits are up to date. Any problems please contact the MYPASS office at: 310-0000 and have your Alberta Student Number ready.

Career Information – Mrs. Huvenaars

All students can continue to book appointments with our Career Practitioner Mrs. Huvenaars in the Career Centre. Important information on careers, post-secondary planning, jobs, interview skills and resume writing can all be done at the Centre.

Current Grade 10 and 11 students and parents are encouraged to sign up for Career Centre Remind notifications to hear about career events, post-secondary visits, dual credit programs, etc. Download the app and go to the following link: rmd.at/gkg3a OR text the message @gkg3a to 587-316-6156.

Youth Employment Centre

Students can go to the City of Calgary's Youth Employment Centre just north of the school for career services over the summer. Services are free and they are open from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students ages 15 to 24 are welcome to come in. Address is 2nd Floor, 315 10th Avenue S.E. or you can call: 403-268-2490
Online: youthemploymentcentre.ca

All in For Youth

Our Success Coach is Amy Brown. Her goal is "to engage students to remain in school and finish their academic studies".

All students can access Amy in her room for a number of supports: positive relationship building, financial assistance (Burns Memorial Fund or Alberta Works applications), snacks or lunches, possible tutoring, mentoring and career exploration opportunities.

Students can see Amy during ILO, at lunch, after school or during their spare.

IB**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME**

Good Luck to Our IB students

One hundred and fifty students have written their International Baccalaureate exams during the month of May. This number includes 55 ANTICIPATED, 68 CERTIFICATE and 27 FULL DIPLOMA students. We are pleased that so many students at St. Mary's take advantage of the International Baccalaureate Programme to enhance their skills and further their learning.

We would like to acknowledge our TWENTY SEVEN IB Diploma Candidates who are completing all of their IB courses, Theory of Knowledge, a minimum of 150 hours in CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) and a 4000 word Extended Essay. As they near the end of this incredible journey we hope that the accomplishments and successes to date will carry you easily to university and beyond!

Nikolay Alabi	David Fonseca	Francisco Raed*
Kelvin Barba	Luka Houde*	Mikaela Santiago
James Baysic	Bianca Jacob	Dropen Sheka
Alexandre Bernard*	Nicole Krahn*	Paul Siska
Nahom Bogale	Marcella McSween*	Patrick Thangarajah
Anna Carlson	Irene Manalastas	Renee Thoutenhoofd*
Lathan Chan	Chiamaka Onwuekwe*	Claire Wamboldt*
Ryan Costello	Vic Phan	Savannah Wozny*
Zara Drake	Joshua Purba	Annie Zymela

Congratulations!

* denotes students who will receive a Bilingual IB Diploma in French

Extended Essay Reception and IB Celebrations

On June 11 and 12, we are pleased to pass the torch to the Grade 11 IB students when we will be highlighting and celebrating the great accomplishments in Extended Essays and higher level courses.

IB Reflections By: Paul Siska and Annie Zymela

“When I came to St. Mary’s three years ago, I was unsure. Unsure of the people I would meet, the experiences I would gain, and the things I would achieve. Within my first week of school, I was no longer left with the looming feeling of not knowing what would happen, but instead overwhelmed with anticipation. My time at St. Mary’s has introduced me to the most welcoming and accepting group of people, and it is undoubtedly this amazing community that has helped me flourish and become the person I am today. One of my greatest outcomes from my three years at St. Mary’s has been my participation in the full IB Programme. The IB Programme has allowed me to challenge myself in ways I have never imagined. Not only has IB challenged me academically, but it has provided me with skills that I will be able to use past my high school career. During my three years, I was the student advisory council representative for St. Mary’s. This role helped me to develop networks and establish a leadership role in the school community. To conclude, my time at St. Mary’s has been nothing but positive. I can say with confidence that my entire graduating class would agree with me when I say that the school community has prepared us for what’s to come, and allowed us to develop a unique facet to our character which we will carry with us for the rest of our lives. And still, for us all, once a saint always a saint.”

-Annie Zymela

“The first day of high school at St. Mary’s was a nerve-wracking one for me. Since no one from my junior high school came to attend St. Mary’s, I did not know anyone. However, I began to feel a sense of community at St. Mary’s after participating in events programmed by our school, such as the Grade 10 retreat. Moreover, joining the instrumental band program at St. Mary’s further assisted me in joining the Saints community, as we had similar musical interests. In addition to joining other extracurricular clubs, like Rotary and SALT, the IB Programme assisted me in finding not only new friends, but also a new family throughout my three years of high school at St. Mary’s. Although the program resulted in tireless nights working on a myriad of essays and studying for Interactive Oral exams (and multiple apologies to Ms. Harradence for my late assignments), the IB Programme entailed more than just “harder classes” and “more work.” These stressful periods were integral in founding my relationship with other students, since we all experienced them together. I am truly grateful for the notable times that I have shared with fellow Saints: no matter how big or small these events were, they all have impacted my school experience. However, students were not the only people who affected my experience at St. Mary’s: the staff at St. Mary’s also had a great influence on my journey. Minor events at school, like borrowing a book from the book nook or asking a question about math, have not only impacted my St. Mary’s experience, but also changed my perspective on the staff at our school. To me, they are not only friends, but also family. All in all, I would like to thank everybody who has influenced my adventure at St. Mary’s high school. I wish everyone the best in their future endeavours and hope that our paths may cross again in the future.”

-Paul Siska



A great day at the Entrepreneur Workshop at the BMO

La classe d’histoire du monde discussing the implications of the Great Depression on American society at Rosso



Choir Notes

It has been another incredible year for the St. Mary's Choral Music Program!! I would like to take this opportunity to say "CONGRATULATIONS" to the St. Mary's High School Concert Choir, Women's Vocal Ensemble and Mixed Vocal Ensemble for all their amazing performances this school year! With amazing events including our annual Choir Camp in Banff, GOLD awards at Choralfest, BIG collaborative choral performances with the Alberta Big Sing and Faith Day Halleluiah Flash Mob to caroling for the annual Rotary club luncheon and our Stage West field trip to see "Legally Blonde, The Musical", you students have made very special musical memories and I have enjoyed sharing them with each and every one of you!



A special THANK YOU goes out to:

- St. Mary's Music Foundation for your time, effort and financial support of the Music Departments: you make our off-campus enrichment opportunities possible,
- Staff supervisors and parent volunteer chaperones: you do an amazing job of being the eyes, ears and hands in keeping our students safe during our field trips, and
- Our audience of parents, family, friends, colleagues, administration and district officials: you are the reason we strive for excellence and love singing every step of the way!

I wish everyone a safe and super summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall. Best wishes to our graduates – we will miss you! Keep on singin'.....

*Musically Yours,
Mrs. Hnatiuk*

Instrumental Music

The Instrumental Music Department has completed an outstanding year of making music and building community. The fall included several performances, guest work-shop events, two over-night trips (Band Camp and the Vic Lewis Festival in Canmore) as well as two distinct collaborations with local musicians and visual artists, to great critical acclaim. One of these fall collaborations included working with three different Indigenous Canadian musicians and Elders, in an amazing process of expression. The other collaboration was with the St. Mary's Art students and Art Teacher Jessica Szabo, re-writing a piece of music as a collective group, using improvisatory techniques to express deep emotions, while accompanying the Art students' "Shadow Art", during the school's Remembrance Day Ceremony. The annual Big Band Dinner Dance Musical Extravaganza was of particular success again this year, selling out to 300 people in mid-November. The AIBF Band Festival was also a big success, as all Instrumental students achieved "Superior" standards from 6 adjudicators, earning Jazz 1, Jazz 2 and the Symphonic Band all Gold Medals. The Symphonic Band went on to achieve "Superior" ratings again at the "Rocky Mountain Band Festival" while on the Spring Tour in Banff AB in early April. Jazz 1 had the great honor of performing with Brian Lynch, a jazz trumpet virtuoso from New York City during the "Celebration of Youth in Jazz" at the Ironwood Stage and Grill in Inglewood in late April. The Spring Concert concluded our year April 18th at the Knox United Church, a fantastic acoustic and aesthetic space. We are looking forward to another great year next year! Band Camp is taking place September 28-30, Vic Lewis is taking place November 2-4 and the annual AGM is being held Wednesday, September 12.

Have a great Summer!

Jeremy Legault



Instrumental Music continued



Extended French

Bonjour!

As we approach the end of our grade twelve year at Saint Mary's, our experience in the Extended French program is also coming to a close. Since grade 10, we have had the opportunity to participate in many French cultural activities such as an International trip to France and Belgium in 2015, French movies, Christmas dinners, sugar shacks and much more. We have been able to participate in all these activities with the other two hundred (200) extended French students. Amongst the two hundred (200), we have a mix of francophones, early immersion and late immersion students. Fifty eight (58) of the two hundred (200) students will be graduating with a Bilingual Certificate, meaning they have achieved a minimum of thirty credits in French courses. However, our class of 2018 will graduate with an average of 35 credits. Over the past three years, students have obtained an average of 81% in their French courses (FLA, Mathématique, Études Sociales, Histoire du monde, Langue et Littérature). To celebrate these accomplishments, we had a celebration for the extended french graduates on June 8th at Saint Mary's. Bravo!

Sincèrement,

Olivia Savi and Kate Ukrainetz, on behalf of the Extended French class of 2018



Cosmetology

Cosmetology Students have completed their First Period Apprenticeship in the Hairstylist Trade. Students need to complete 27 credits during high school to complete this program. This achievement was recently recognized at the Dual Credit Celebration which honors all the Dual Credit students in CSSD. These students will be writing their government exam in July to qualify as a first period apprentice. The exam is very rigorous involving 100 theory questions and a 3 hour practical exam.

Congratulations to the following students: Alicia Gauthier, Madeline Catling, Gracie August, Livia Giavanni, Kiara Miranda and (missing) Sarah Filipovic”



Cosmetology will be open until June 12 for your last minute purchases for the summer. We are now carrying “Deva Curl products” specially formulated for wavy to curly hair. This product is specially designed to moisturize curling hair and enhance the curls. We also have added “Moroccan Oil” Colour Care to our line up following a very informative workshop in early May. The products are designed to keep your colour lasting until you can see us again in September. Our first day for clients will be September 10, 2018

Cosmetology Teachers and Students would like to thank everyone for a great year. We appreciate you coming in as clients and purchasing products. The funds from these programs have been used to purchase updated tools and products for student learning. We have also used the funds to subsidize fees for students in need. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Pamela Dittrich and Antonia Lanza

Dance

“I hope that every dance I do reveals something of myself or some wonderful thing a human can be.”
— Martha Graham

Thank you to everyone who has supported the St. Mary’s Dance Team this year! We had a fabulous year participating in the Pep Rally, Talent Show, Extra Credit and East Side Dance Festival.

Congratulations to the 50+ dancers who came to the variety of workshops and competitions this year. Our school certainly has talent.

Also, congratulations to the Dance Team “Untitled” who took home Best Theme and Best Style Authenticity awards at Extra Credit and East Side Dance Festival. A special congratulations as well to Elysee Kapinga and Rebecca Charles who won the “Most Promising Dancer” award and team captain Eva Odoma for winning scholarships from Decidedly Jazz Danceworks and IllFX Education.

Looking forward to seeing more dance? St. Mary’s will be piloting a Dance 15 course in 2018/2019 so come out and show your best moves!

*Natalie Matsui
Coach*



Speech/Poetry

What a fantastic year for the Speech and Poetry Club at St. Mary's. We were blessed with a wonderful group of students... more like word wizards!

All students qualified for the Alberta Speech and Debate Association regional competition and Valeria Aya Cristancho was selected to compete at the provincial level – placing 4th in the province.

We were also very thankful to host the Rotary Club of Calgary South for our annual “4 Way Test” speech competition. Judges from the Rotary Club came to St. Mary's and gave feedback to students. Congratulations to our top three competitors – who performed their winning speeches at the Rotary Club later in the year: Sofia Aya Cristancho, Valeria Aya Cristancho, and Selam Abraham (1st 2nd and 3rd respectively). All competitors felt like winners. We are so grateful for the Rotary Club's support!

Students also competed in the Can You Hear Me Now? Provincial Poetry Slam and made a name for the Saints by winning their second bout. We had a great weekend of poetry and were even invited to perform on the final stage! Way to go Saints!

Finally, at the end of May students had a poetry night where they celebrated all of their achievements this year and came together for a great night of poetry. We can't wait to see what they come up with next.

*Natalie Matsui and Adela Czyzewska
Co-coaches*



June 2018 Exam Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Grade 12 Diploma Exams allow for all students to write for double the allotted time. This double time is included in the listed exam time. 10 & 20 level exams are listed with total maximum time for the exam. Extra time is factored into the listed exam time. For conflicts, please speak to your 10/20 level teachers to arrange for alternative writing times. Please see your teachers for exam tutorial schedules 				1
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Connections



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWS

Did you know?

The Stamps are offering two discounted games to CCSD staff, students and their families. Tickets are \$27 each (regularly \$36.50) and \$5 from every ticket sold goes back to the school. To purchase tickets, visit stampede.com/CCSD

Board Chair's Year-End Message

During the 2017–2018 school year, the Board of Trustees continued to diligently collaborate with provincial and municipal governments to form creative community solutions; with parents and associations to understand and address students' needs; and with district leaders, teachers and staff to put ideas into practice. Together, we ensure students receive a quality faith-based education that helps them to succeed academically, spiritually and socially. Visit the district website to read the [full message](#).

Chief Superintendent's Year-End Message

Our journey together has been one of meaningful relationships, faith, kindness and success. We look back on the 2017–2018 school year with immense pride in how we served our 55,000 students, supported our Catholic community and came together to inspire change. At Calgary Catholic, we provide an excellent faith-based education that helps our students grow into loving and kind contributors to the world. Visit the district website to read the [full message](#).

Get your Chance 2 Enhance raffle tickets today

Purchase your Calgary Catholic Education Foundation raffle tickets for a chance to win one of several outstanding prizes including four \$500 cash prizes, an alpine helicopter tour, a pro sports game package and the grand prize Toyota RAV4. Get your tickets online at thecccef.ca/ or in person at your local Calgary Catholic school for only \$10 each or three for \$25. Hurry, the draw date is Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Diploma prep courses available now

CCSD is now offering Diploma Preparation courses for June Diploma Exams. The diploma preparation program provides students critical insights into the diploma test-taking process and specific curriculum that may appear on a diploma exam. Visit our website at cssd.ab.ca under [Students/Academic Support/Diploma Preparation Courses](#).

Summer school registration now open

CCSD offers high school courses during the summer to any student born after Sept. 1, 1997, including students completing Grade 9 in June 2018. Students can take up to eight credits in Summer School which can include one direct-instruction course and/or a combination of online courses. Visit our website at cssd.ab.ca under [Students/Academic Support/Summer School](#) for more information.