

The Sacred Heart School of Montreal Alumnae Association Newsletter



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June 2013

Calendar of Events



Salutatio Omnis (Parent Reception)
September 18

Open House
September 28

Homecoming 2013
October 23 to 26

Christmas Fair & Raffle
November 30

Career & Mentorship Morning
November 18

Bell Centre Family Skate
December TBD

Mentorship

Are you interested in sharing your professional expertise with current Sacred Heart students? If so, please contact the Alumnae Office.

Where are you now?

Keep the school up to date of your comings and goings, including your current contact information by contacting the Alumnae Office.

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Alumnae Office

To receive future newsletters by email, please send your address to
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A Message from the President/ Le message de la présidente

Patricia Laplante '80, President, Alumnae Association/Présidente de L'Association des anciennes



After a brief absence, we heard you loud and clear and this publication is back! This revised format will bring together several generations of graduates by offering an electronic version as well as a printed format. Our goal is to publish twice a year. I'd love to hear from you! With your news and feedback, let's turn this into "Our" newsletter. Thank you and I look forward to connecting with many of you in the months to come.

Après une courte absence, nous avons compris votre message ! Résultat : le bulletin d'information est de retour ! Ce nouveau format nous permettra de rejoindre autant les plus modernes, avec la version numérique, que les plus traditionnelles, avec la version papier. Notre but est de publier deux fois par année. J'aimerais avoir de vos nouvelles et que ceci soit vraiment « notre » bulletin ! Merci et au plaisir de communiquer avec vous dans les mois à venir.

A Message from the Head of School

Shawn O'Donnell, Head of School



There is much to be excited about at Sacred Heart! Again this year, Sacred students have impressed with their achievements in academics, sports, the Arts and community service. Our girls volunteered over 5,800 hours and raised almost \$60,000 for charity.

Thanks to the Board's strategic plan, we have a stable financial picture going forward. The goal of our annual campaign is \$250,000, much of which funds bursary programs that allow more girls and their families to discover the joy that is a Sacred Heart education.

Sacred Heart continues to offer a full-rounded education that combines academic excellence with timeless values. We are counting on our alumnae to be our ambassadors and spread the good news. Please tell everyone you know; Open House is September 28, and we are always open for personalized tours and student-for-the-day visits.

Young Alumnae Networking Evening

Selene Di Lallo '96, Vice-President, Alumnae Association

A first ever Young Alumnae Networking Evening was held last February. Older alums with established careers answered the call to join the event to mingle with young alums. The evening's goal was to allow the younger ladies a chance to speak to women with whom they share a common background, about their fields of study, in a familiar and informal environment. The Parlour was buzzing with chatter as the groups shared their stories, answered questions and doled out advice. It wasn't all "business", however, since all those in attendance had an opportunity to reminisce and catch-up with their former classmates. Positive feedback following the event confirmed the evening's success and assured that future networking events will be planned. See photos of this event at the Alumnae Photo Gallery on our Web site.

Alumnae Spring Tea & Mass

Anna Romano '83



The beautiful faces of over 20 children of alumnae were seen at the school on May 11, when the Alumnae Association hosted a Family Tea & Mass. A lovely mass was held in the school's chapel followed by tea in the Parlour, with treats baked by our alumnae. The event allowed alums to share their Sacred Heart memories with their loved ones as they wandered through the school. Many children were seen looking at their moms in the class photos hung throughout the building. What a delight for everyone involved! See photos of this event at the Alumnae Photo Gallery on our Web site.

Alumnae Pin Ceremony

Julie-Ann Barna '82



This year's Pin Ceremony was attended by forty-two alumnae, who presented their daughters, sisters, nieces, cousins or friends with their AMASC pin. Thanks to Maureen Brown '80, Alumnae Relations Coordinator, whose idea it was for this heartwarming ceremony. Alessia Di Giorgio '09, young alumnae representative, described the wonderful events that the class of 2013 could look forward to, including the Memory Book Evening. Julie-Ann Barna '82, member of the Alumnae Association, addressed the graduating class, including her daughter Katherine Drummond. She described her memories and how Sacred Heart alumnae are always there for each other, and that they are most welcome back at Sacred Heart and abroad. See photos of this event at the Alumnae Photo Gallery on our Web site.

Mentorship Programme

Maureen Brown '80, Alumnae Relations Coordinator

On January 16, participants in the Alumnae Mentorship Programme came together for a closing breakfast.



This recently launched initiative matches an alumna with a Secondary V student. As Career Day introduces careers to students in a group setting, the Mentorship Programme provides one-on-one time with a professional working in a student's specific field of interest. This year's programme included goal-setting and other career-oriented workshops, as well as a "speed-mentoring" session.

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2013 Homecoming – October 23-26

Maureen Brown '80, Alumnae Relations Coordinator

There truly is an event for everyone! Alumnae are invited to return for an evening of friendly competition in the gym, open to former coaches and Saints' athletes, or to look through Memory Books in the Parlour. At Friday's Reunion Dinner our Jubilarians, from the **Class of 1963**, will be honoured along with grads from classes ending in 3 and 8, who will also be celebrating milestones. Lastly, alumnae of all ages and their families are encouraged to attend our Tea & Mass to close out the week.



I look forward to meeting and reconnecting with many of you. Visit our Web page for more details.

Congratulations to...

With the 3 year absence of an annual publication, we apologize for any overlooked acknowledgments. Please keep the Alumnae Office informed of all news for future publications.

Margaret Mary McLaughlin '42 who will appear in the President Profile section of the Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart's next Esprit de Coeur magazine. Don't miss it, at ashnet.org!



Janet Gray-Donald '51 Macklem, who was recently awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her community work.

Carolyn McMahon '00, sister of **Jennifer McMahon '98**, was recently certified as a Child Restraint Safety Technician.



Amanda Murray '05, who passed her CPA, CA exams. After Sacred Heart, Amanda continued her education at Dawson and the John Molson School of Business of Concordia University, where she graduated with distinction. She works in the Montreal offices of Deloitte.

Special congratulations to Katherine Drummond, daughter of **Julie-Ann Barna '82**, Valedictorian of the Class of 2013.

In Memory of...

Irene Arseneault, former faculty member

Justin Battle, father of **Shevaughn '90** and **Kate '83**

Gina Bertozzi '78 Marroni

Sister Margaret Connolly, RSCJ

Marie-Claire Diemer '66 (November 2010)

Roseanne Karith '88 (March 2012)

Alice Kennedy '41

Madge Klodniski, mother of **Barbara '73**, **Janet '78** and grandmother of **Claire Messenger '11**

Rolande Klucinskaskas, mother of **Julie '78** and **Susan '83**

Susan McCracken '71 Bognar, sister of **Anne '59** and **Joan '69** (February 2012)

Thomas McErlean, husband of **Kerry Murray '66**

Mary McNally '42 McNicholl, mother of **Anne '68** and the late **Mary McNicholl '71 Vandenberg**.

Pat Murphy '47 Sessenwein

Ann Reid, former faculty member

Maria Sweeney '84, sister of **Maureen '85** and **Monica '86**

Alexander Szeto, son of **Angeline Law '93** (January 2012)

Sister Mary Vaughan Power, RSCJ



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Open House

Is there a young girl close to you who is interested in a Sacred Heart education? You are warmly invited to bring her to visit the school on September 28 for Open House. Show your SHSM pride by acquiring some of the spirit wear with the "We Are Sacred" slogan, which will be available for sale that day and at Homecoming in October.



Giving Back



I would like to remind you that as the "Alum" we have an opportunity to support the school and all that it stands for in developing young women and leaders of the future. Any contribution, in kind or financial, will help ensure that this mission continues for many more years. - Patricia Laplante, President, Alumnae Association

Gifts may be directed to one of the following areas:

- Greatest Needs of the School
- Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund
- Enrichment Programmes
- Building Improvements & Enhancements

Checks made payable to the City House Foundation should be mailed to 3635 Atwater, Montreal QC, H3H 1Y4

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