



Newsletter #4 - July 2011

A Newsletter for St. Thomas More Collegiate's Alumni, Alumni Parents and Friends

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Hello Shelnutt Family!

Although our days have not been filled with endless brilliant sunshine, I hope that you are enjoying a rest-filled summer. As we reach the mid-point of the summer, it is time to take a brief look back on the year that was and look forward to the 2011-12 school year filled with an exciting array of alumni related events. September features the reunions for the 1991 and 2001 grad classes and the 2011 Homecoming Football Game that has our Varsity Knights squaring off against our perennial rivals the Fighting Irish of Vancouver College. Kick off is scheduled for 1:30pm on September 17th. Details on this and other events can be found below.

We hope to see you at one of the many upcoming alumni events.

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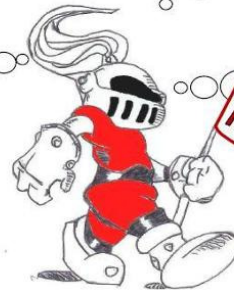
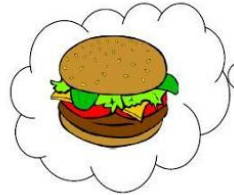
PS: If you have any information you would like included in the next newsletter feel free to send it in.

HOMECOMING 2011

Something for Everybody!

September 17th, 2011
Power Memorial Field @ STMC
1:30pm Kick Off

*Reception for Alumni and
Guests to Follow*



Come and see the STMC Pep Band!
Everyone is encouraged to wear their red!



**St. Thomas More
Collegiate**

vs

**Vancouver
College**



Homecoming 2011 Knights vs Vancouver College September 17th, 2011 | 1:30 Kick Off Start

The Varsity Knights feature several returning seniors and are looking forward to an exciting season. They face a tough Irish squad in this Homecoming game and the difference could be STMC's famed 12th man. Come out and wear your red, slip on your football jackets and bring your lungs. Ethan Shoemaker and the newly formed Pep Band will be rocking out the tunes and the dogs and burgers will be roasting on the grill. There will be entertainment for our future Knights as well (maybe even a "Bouncy Castle"!

We are hoping for a huge alumni crowd and our recently appointed **class captains** have been getting the word out. Those grad years with the largest percentage of representation will be acknowledged. There will be lots of photo ops. It is an event you do not want to miss.

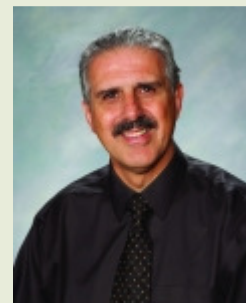
The Knights Keep Marching In!



Mr. M DesLauriers
(76)

We are pleased to announce that **Mr. Mich DesLauriers** has been named our new principal. Mich graduated from STMC in 1976. He spent the first 17 years of his teaching career at STMC and also served as a Vice-Principal. He then moved to VC where he was the principal of the middle school for 13 years. Mich and his wife Michelle have also been very active in the STMC Community as parents through out the years. Two of their 4 children have already graduated from STMC: Jacques ('03) and Monique ('06) and their youngest daughter Simone graduates this year. Through out the years, Mich has demonstrated a very strong commitment to his Catholic Faith and to the ideals of a Christian Brother Education in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice. It is awesome to have a member of the Knights of Old at the helm. At the same time, it is appropriate to thank **Mr. Darrell Hall** for his many years of service as principal. STMC is an awesome school thanks to the vision and dedication of Mr. Darrell Hall. We are also pleased to announce that Darrell will stay at our school as a religion teacher.

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Mr. Darrell Hall

For more than 20 years, STMC has offered a Summer Program for incoming grade 8's. For most of those years, the program has been run by Mich DesLauriers and myself. One of the neat things about the program is seeing the children of alumni come through the doors. It adds to the history and tradition of the school. Below is a list of alumni who will have children in the class of 2016.

Kevin Street ('78)	Adriana	Shawn Ennis('80)	Stephen
Matt Friesen ('89)	Niklas	Ben Hieltjes (81)	Hanna
Dave Joshi ('96)	Shea	James Longo ('87)	Tia
Alex Mercado ('92)	Alina	Dave Sherley ('81)	Harrison
Mark Smigel ('85)	Matthew	Roland Tecson ('85)	Kyle
Sid Landot ('80)	Samantha	Lang Nguyen ('98)	Tommy

In addition 3 of STMC's current staff will have their children starting in grade 8, Mr. KC Steele (Ben), Mr. Doug Corbett (Ciara) and Mr. Ken Olson (Theresa). These 2016 grads join numerous other current STMC students who are the offspring of Knights of Old. It is indeed true that the "Knights Keep Marching In"!

Class Captains are Hard at Work

On May 25th we held the Kick Off Meeting for the Class Captains. It was well attended and a great start to our Reconnection Campaign. Many of our grad classes have had an individual step up and agree to be a captain for their year. Check out [Class Captain Information Link](#) to see who is representing your grad year.



The 2011-12 school year promises to be one of the most exciting years in STMC's 50+ year history as we will be breaking ground on our new gym and field in the spring. As alumni you have a chance to be role in that historic event.

We thank all those who are helping out already; however, if you would like to get involved or have questions, please contact one of us.

Ben: hieltjes@shaw.ca or **Cam:** csylvest@capilanou.ca

Hank: hank.bouwman@stmc.bc.ca or **Jen:** Jen.shelnutt@stmc.bc.ca

Campaign Update: 80% of Goal Raised for New Athletics & Community Centre. Success Now Hinges on Alumni Support.



With another \$1.2 million in pledges, STMC will start construction on the 27,000-square-foot StanJean Athletic & Community Centre.

STMC's campaign to build new athletics & community facilities is seeing an inspiring outpouring of support, with over 80% of the \$6.3 million pledges needed to start construction.

The master plan includes the addition of an **NBA-sized double-gym, full fitness centre** (Phase 1), **and a lighted turf field and field house** (Phase 2). These new facilities will change the face of the STMC campus, providing a proper home for STMC's sports teams and P.E. programs, and strengthening STMC's ability to attract the finest athletes and coaches.

To date, STMC has raised over \$5.1 million in pledges and gifts from current families and friends. Another \$1.2 million is needed to begin Phase 1 construction in the spring.

Success now hinges on support from STMC alumni. STMC hopes every alumni will make some contribution that fits your means to help build these long-needed facilities. In particular, monthly gifts and five-year pledges can have a huge impact. Overall, STMC is targetting STMC's 2,000+ alumni to contribute \$1.5 million (or one-fifth) of the total \$8.2 million cost of new facilities.

STMC will be in touch with each class through your Class Captains. For more details on the capital campaign and the exciting construction plans drop by for a visit or go to [the Campaign web page here](#).

If you want to help STMC start construction on the new facilities, you can make a pledge, give a gift online or sign up for monthly giving anytime on [the STMC Foundation web page here](#) or by contacting:

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12th Annual Greater Knight Open June 4th, 2011

Each year the GKO just seems to get that much better. We had great weather, a Canucks' win and a full slate of golfers. This event was particularly memorable because of the large turn out of grads from the 1970's (almost 30).



Kozak Kup winners - the Grads of the 1970's

In addition to having a spirited group of golfers, this tourney managed to generate much needed funds for the school. Through the GKO and other events the Alumni Association was able to contribute \$5,000.00 to the capital campaign and \$2,400.00 to the Knights of Old Scholarship Fund. We made contributions to Jen Martin's ('02) trip to India (see below) and to Mr. Mattiazzo's school trip to Peru. We also funded other projects in the school to a tune of over \$5,000. In addition we have funds left over that will be used in the upcoming year. We thank all the alumni for their support through out the year. Our efforts are making a difference.

To see a pictorial review of this year's GKO, go the following link on the website: [2011 GKO Review](#). We thank all those who helped make the GKO a reality: the tourney committee, the Hole Sponsors, Prize Donors and, of course, the golfers. WELL DONE!

Knight Life

Meet A Few More Future Knights!



Mike Folka ('00) and his wife **Julie** welcomed **Dylan Richard Folka ('29)** into the world on Mothers' Day. Dylan is a grandson to **Richard ('67) & Joanne Folka** and a nephew to **Kevin ('92)** and STMC Board of Directors member **John ('94)**.

Rob Rickey (teacher '89 to '93) and Lori Davis are proud to announce the birth of **Alexander Robert Alfred Rickey**, last November 1st. A true Knight in the making, a boy with fierce determination, kind heart and great sense of humour. Mom and dad are beaming brightly!



Editor's Note: If you want a birth announcement acknowledged, send it in!

More Knight Life



Jen Martin ('02) returned from India in July where she worked with 2 groups. **With Project Why** Jen taught English to underprivileged boys and girls. She also worked with a group named Magic Bus which exposes kids to soccer with the hope that it may be a path out of poverty and despair. Jen wrote to say that the experience was life changing and thanked the alumni for providing a donation to her cause. Yet another

example of "*Knights making a positive difference in the world and its people.*" (**Editor's Note: Mr. Mattiazzo** returned in July with a group of senior STMC students who went on an outreach program to Peru. It too was a life altering experience and the alumni association was able to help out Mr. Mattiazzo with a donation to offset expenses.)

In the last newsletter it was reported that

Richard Liu ('88) had a meeting with Rick Hansen on the Great Wall in China as Rick was acknowledging the 25th Anniversary of his Man in Motion Tour This inspired an alumni parent, Erin **Barr ('06)** to report that her son **Chris ('06)** also played a role in the Anniversary tour. Chris, who is an engineering student at UBC was asked to be part of a team that created an all-terrain trike that would make Rick's ambitious journey a little easier. Early reports suggest that Chris and his team were successful.



Chris Barr ('06) Second from left!



Laura Luongo ('06) starred as Casilda in a local theater production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Gondoliers this past spring. In one favorable review in the local paper, Laura was described as having a "saucy demeanor and an amazing set of pipes". Having seen her performance first hand, I would have to concur. Laura's performance has earned a nomination for a local theater award as a Best Actress in a Musical. Well

Done Laura!

Recent Marriages!

Since the last newsletter a few marriages have taken place.



Greg Lund ('01) got married to Ashley Fry in the spring in Mexico. **Kris Potter ('01)** was the best man and **Brian O'Neill ('01)** was the emcee.

On July 2nd at Swan-N-Set Golf Course **Kris Chucko ('03)** exchanged vows with Lauren Williams. The Bradford family was there in force to witness the awesome event: **Ashley ('03)**, **(Brock ('05)** and **Olivia ('11)**.

In addition the **Buchmann** family has had a summer filled with excitement. In late July, **Robert (Tito) Buchmann ('03)** married fellow STMC grad of '03 **Meryll Ho** at St. Francis De Sales. And by the time you read this **Tommy Buchmann ('01)** will have wed Zoe Baker at St. Peter's as their marriage takes place on August 6th. Anxious onlookers were brothers Paul and **Mark Buchmann ('99)**. Mark was busy taking care of his young son **Kieran** who was intrigued by all the goings on.



Kieran Buchmann
Future Knight

Sports Updates



In the area of sports, **Tyler McNeely ('05)** was signed by the New York Islanders after an excellent collegiate career and an outstanding stint in the minors. We wish Tyler the best of luck!



Calvin
McCarty

Recently TSN football analyst Duane Forde revealed his list of Top Ten Canadian Players in the CFL. Number one on that list was **Jon Cornish ('02)** of the Calgary Stampeders. Congratulations Jon! **Calvin McCarty ('03)** continues to shine in the backfield of the first place Edmonton Eskimos. Jon and Calvin continue to be great role models for our current gridiron Knights. We are proud of them as athletes



Jon Cornish

and as Knights. To view TSN's coverage on this story first hand go to [Cornish Named Top Canadian](#)

Reunions in the works!

Class of 1991 - 20-Year Reunion - September 10th



Karlo Katusa & Mr.
Sponza.

The day will consist of a family BBQ with activities for kids on Saturday, September 10 from 12:30-3:30 at the school. Following the BBQ there will be a social at the River's Reach Pub in New Westminster (just for the guys).

We're asking that each grad contribute \$20, which will cover your entire family for the BBQ regardless of size. It looks like the burgers and dogs will be donated, but we will need to purchase other supplies, food and beverages. Any funds remaining after all costs are covered will be donated back to STM on behalf of the Class of '91.

We want to make sure the family BBQ is a good event and experience for your families so please respond in order for it to be planned properly. Please reply to slewarne@sfu.ca and indicate if you plan to attend and how many people from your family will be attending, specify number of adults and number of kids.

There are a few of our grads that we have not made contact with. If you are one of those Knights, we would love to have you there. Either e-mail us or see our Facebook link at [1991 STMC Grad Reunion](#)

Class of 2001 - 10-Year Reunion -September 16-17th



September 16, 2011 @ 8pm
Terminal Pub 115 12th Street, New Westminster, BC
Everyone is on their own to cover what you spend. Separate bills.

September 17, 2011 @ 7pm
(Homecoming Game in the

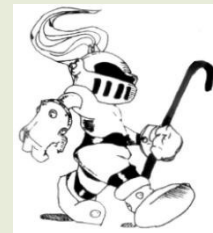
afternoon) STMC
Dinner, goofy speeches, slide show and door prizes for \$20. Drinks will be \$2.50 each.

Please RSVP and indicate if you are bringing your spouse / significant other - RSVP to jakep@powerwood.com.

For more information, join the [STMC GRAD OF '01 TEN YEAR REUNION](#) facebook group: , or contact Jake Power at jakep@powerwood.com | phone (778) 558 - 1602

Class of 1986 - 25 Year Reunion November 11, 2011

Trevor Mueckel and David Goulet have set November 11th as the date for a 25 Year Reunion! They are hoping to possibly make it a long weekend event with some activities planned for Saturday Nov. 12th. For now, the main Class of 1986 Reunion event is:



November 11, 2011 @ 5pm

Eagle Creek at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course Pub
7600 Halifax Street, Burnaby, BC
Casual dress

Food and drinks will be served at your request. Everyone is on their own to cover what you spend. Separate bills.

Please RSVP and indicate if you are bringing your spouse or not so that they can plan for enough seats - RSVP to vega_club@yahoo.com.

For more information, join the [Class of 1986 Facebook](#) group, or contact Trevor Mueckel at vega_club@yahoo.com | phone (604) 649-2241 or David Goulet at bczebra@laxref.com or (604) 614-4160



Class of 1981 in days gone by

Class of 1981 - 30-Year Reunion Date: TBA

The Grads of 1981 are still in the early stages of planning their 30th anniversary event. 1981 grads Ben Hieltjes, Dan Murphy and Mike Kelly have had an initial meeting. Anyone interested in helping this event get off the ground should contact

hieltjes@shaw.ca.

Thinking of Organizing a Class Reunion?

The Alumni Office is ready to offer assistance to anyone planning a reunion. How about someone stepping up from the class of '71? It is 40 years for you guys!!!!

Please keep us posted on your reunion activity so we can publicize it, and ensure that we have your correct contact information by visiting the [Update Your Info page on the STMC web site](#).

Marian High 1st Annual Wine & Garden Party!



An action shot courtesy of
Magna Vita Photography

The Marian High 1st Annual Wine and Garden Party took place on June 10th. It was a great success. The StanJean Courtyard at STMC was filled with laughter as memories and stories were shared. For further information on the Marian High Alumnae Association or to get on the mailing list, please go to the [website](#). A very special thank you goes out to the committee who organized this wonderful event.

We remember the following in our prayers!



Two members of our alumni passed away recently. Paul Hughes ('76) and Glenn Per ('85).

We ask that you remember Paul, Glenn and their families and friends in your prayers.

Help STMC Go Social!

STMC is working hard to communicate better and here are two ways we can share the most current news with you. In both places, we promise to keep it informative and occasional, so you won't be inundated with info you don't want.



If you "**LIKE**" [STMC's Facebook page](#), you will get the latest breaking news from STMC. Plus, you'll help us build a social network, because your friends will see that you've LIKED our page. Hank is on Facebook now too!

Follow me on
Twitter

STMC's

Facebook page is updated more frequently than our web site or newsletter. So if you're on Facebook, do us a favor and give us a little thumbs up!

You can also "follow" us on Twitter, in two places: [STMCBurnaby](#) for general school news, and [STMC Athletics](#) for breaking sports news, including the fastest game results. Don't be afraid to give it a try!

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