



HAPPENINGS IN THE HIVE

Simonds High Alumni Newsletter
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Jane Buck beside the 1988 restored composite

Restoration of Grad Composites

Grad photos of each member of a grad class are put together in a composite. That huge composite "poster" is then hung on the wall at Simonds. The composite for the last / most recent class is always hung just outside the main office at the school and those from previous years are hung throughout the school. Over time, several of these composites have deteriorated. On some, the names have faded and become difficult to read. On others, the adhesive attaching some pics has given way and the grad photos have fallen to the bottom of the frame. On others, perhaps the frame has deteriorated, the glass covering the picture has cracked or the backboard has warped. For these graduates and for their families and friends who may attend and / or visit the school, it is essential that these composites are repaired and remain a source of pride. Several years ago, various photographers and businesses were approached to give a quote on the repair work. Some were not interested in doing this time-consuming restoration. Others gave the alumni a quote that was prohibitive. Jane Buck (1988) a very diligent member of our alumni committee has come to the rescue! Her patience and expertise with scrapbooking was a definite asset. She has painstakingly reglued pictures, made new name plates for ones that were missing, replaced warped backboards and requested assistance replacing glass or making new frames. To date, Jane has restored composites for the years 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992 and 1993. Peter Woytiuk, a Simonds teacher and Jane's husband, has volunteered to assist with the frame for the Class of 1976 picture; other touch-up work is also planned to get it back shipshape. The composite for the Class of 1968 will be renewed in time for their 50-year reunion in June. For the 1988 composite, Bob Brideau at Windoor graciously donated the new glass; it is nice to have it ready for their 30-year reunion in July. We extend heartfelt gratitude to Jane who has been so diligent, meticulous and patient in working on this project. It is a huge undertaking. Her results hang with pride in the halls of Simonds.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

There is always something happening in the hive. We never seem to give ourselves enough credit, and with that in mind, this section of our newsletter will highlight those people who make Simonds better!

WALL of REMEMBRANCE

Simonds Memorial Grove

The Simonds High School Memorial Grove was created as a partnership between the Simonds High School Alumni and the current school Environmental Club, Team Green. Donated trees are planted in memory of a student, teacher, group, friend or family member or to celebrate a certain grad class. Our Memorial Grove has been growing; it is located outside the gym and continuing down the school driveway by the playing field. Alumni donate the Princeton Golden Yellow maple trees which are planted by members of Team Green. As the grove matures, it is hoped to add some benches between the trees. Gold is one of our school colours; these beautiful golden trees glisten when the sun shines upon them. They can be seen not only from Hickey Road, but also from Loch Lomond Road. The grove has certainly enhanced the school grounds! We invite individual alumni or classes who are planning future reunions to consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. What a beautiful way in which to remember a classmate/friend/family member! To commemorate each tree, a plaque with name plates honors those remembered. The current approximate cost of a tree is \$150. Thank you to all who donated trees in memory of friends and family. Please message Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or any member of the SHS Alumni Committee (on page 1) if you would like to make a donation and be a part of this worthwhile initiative to give back to your school. This spring, there will be at least four new trees planted in the grove. A new part of this project will be a large showcase in the lobby across from the school theatre and gym; it will be developed into a Wall of Remembrance. A new gold-lettered header board for that display has been made and is shown above. In that display case, the donor plaque will be displayed along with pictures of many of those remembered by the memorial trees.



Missing Previous Newsletters?

Are you just reading our Simonds Alumni newsletter for the first time? Or, perhaps you have missed a few of our past issues? Our SHS Alumni newsletter was started in 2012; since then, we have produced 3 - 4 issues each year. If you are seeking past issues...perhaps you want to see pics of people who attended reunions or to get caught up on the news of your Simonds classmates, you will find them posted on the Simonds High School website: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/sh/Pages/default.aspx>. Click on the tab for **Alumni** and enjoy! NOTE: Where possible, several issues have been posted on our Simonds Alumni face book page as well.

European Travel: Has one of your travel dreams been to go to Europe, but you are daunted by all the planning? Are you looking for a hassle-free travel experience? Judy Chapman is now planning adult group trips for 2018 and 2019. A 12-day tour to Croatia and Slovenia departing on September 27, 2018 is now available. Croatia and Slovenia are absolutely beautiful and reasonably-priced! Their cities exude Old-World European charm. Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic may be recognized by its massive stone walls that encircle the old city. Split, a beautiful town on Croatia's Dalmatian coast is known for its beautiful beaches and Diocletian's Palace erected by a 4th century Roman emperor. You will also visit delightful Ljubljana, Slovenia's largest city and some smaller towns like Zadar where you can view the one-of-a-kind Sea Organ. In the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Centre, you will get to explore the lush scenery and numerous waterfalls resulting from 16 terraced lakes. To check out the itinerary, price, etc, please see <http://judycroatia.grouptoursite.ca>. These tours are with a very reputable world-wide company with offices in Canada. Departure may be from any gateway in the world. If you are planning ahead for travel in 2019, you may wish to investigate a tour to England, Scotland & Ireland (<https://judyengland.grouptoursite.ca/>) or one to northern Europe (<https://judynortherneurope.grouptoursite.ca/>). The Highlights of England, Scotland & Ireland tour will depart on June 13, 2019 and will feature visits to London, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Dublin and Limerick. The northern Europe tour will depart on July 20, 2019 and commence in Amsterdam, continuing on to Hamburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Bergen (for a Norwegian fjord cruise).

Judy has had lots of travel experience, having planned 17 Simonds student tours to Europe and 5 to New York; she has been organizing adult tours since 2013. She would like to invite any interested Simonds alumni, their friends and family (you do not have to be a Simonds alumnus) to join our adult travel group. If you are interested any of these travel opportunities, please contact her at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca or 847-3241 or on face book for more details. It is not too early to plan your 2018 or 2019 travel adventures!





WHAT'S GOING ON?

Old Yearbooks!

Still searching for that memorable gift for a friend, relative, or even yourself? The Simonds Alumni Committee has yearbooks from most years up to and including 2014 (only a few years are sold out). What a special gift that would make! Where else can you get such a unique gift for \$35 (no tax)? Also, if you have any yearbooks with which you are willing to part and donate to the alumni, we would be happy to accept your gift. For more information, or to see if your year is still available, please contact Judy Chapman at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca.

Retired Simonds Staff Members

Are you a former staff member - teacher, secretary, custodian - from Simonds? If so, we invite you to join us for a monthly lunch date.

The group of retired teachers and other staff members from Simonds meet for lunch and socializing on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (throughout the school year) at 12:30 PM. Our lunch date locations vary each month. Be sure to email us and attend a few of our get-togethers. We are still an integral part of the Simonds family and enjoy reminiscing and keeping caught up. This group is still caring and compassionate about Simonds students; monthly, they donate funds to assist with the breakfast program there. They work with the Simonds alumni and the school on this worthwhile initiative. If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald (ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca).

Simonds High Scholarship Fund

The Simonds High Scholarship Fund has been in existence for many years. Money from that fund has been used to recognize numerous excellent Simonds graduates and offer them some funds toward their post-secondary education - whether it be a university, community college or another educational institution. Any assistance is appreciated by the students. As a student at Simonds, you may have even been a recipient of this funding. The Simonds Alumni Committee donates money each year to use for scholarships from this fund. Many people donate to the SHS Scholarship fund in memory of a loved one who has passed away; what a great way to "pay-it-forward"! If you wish to donate to this fund and "give back" to your school, you may send your donation to The Simonds High School Scholarship Fund, 1490 Hickey Rd., Saint John, NB., E2J 4E7. An income tax receipt will be issued for your donation. Thank you in advance for your support of your school!

Simonds Sign

The concrete Simonds High School sign as one enters the school campus has gotten quite shabby. As a result, the Simonds High Alumni have partnered with the school to have it redone prior to graduation this June. Lots of grad pics are often taken near this sign, so it should look quite good then. We will try to post a pic of the refurbished sign in the June newsletter.

SIMONDS' SWAG!

Several alumni have been asking for T-shirts, toques, hoodies, sweatpants, etc. with Simonds logos on them. You are now in luck! The school recently opened an online shop for all your Simonds clothing. If you wish to have your spirit wear say "ALUMNI", you can customize it for just \$4 extra. There is LOTS of selection for men's, women's and youth clothing with several brand names. Shipping takes 4 - 7 work days and is FREE if sent to anywhere in Canada. Best of all, 10% of all purchases goes directly back to the school. Log in to the site, create your own account and pay for your purchase using a credit card. Receive 10% off your order with bonus code ENTRIPYSHOPS10. Check out the online site at:

<http://simondshighschool.entripyshops.com/>

Happy Shopping!



Alumni Dance

The Simonds Alumni Committee has decided to forgo the annual dance for this year as we have commitments for so many other things. We will be reconsidering it for next spring, so please stay tuned.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Outdoor Pursuits - A New Course at Simonds

It is always exciting to offer a new course to the student timetable. During the second semester at Simonds, the Outdoor Pursuits 110 course is just that. Students have an opportunity to explore a variety of outdoor adventure activities such as camping, kayaking, canoeing, backpacking, hiking, rappelling, cross-country skiing, skating, snowshoeing, orienteering, cycling, birding, nature photography and rock climbing in all kinds of weather. Some of the activities will take place on site and will include the area of the Simonds Pond Wetland Centre of Excellence. The large outdoor space around the Simonds campus (with its woods, trails and stream) provides a fantastic area in which to offer this program. Students learn how to cope with hypothermia, how to tie flies for fishing, how to survive in the wilderness and so many other things that will help them appreciate nature and the world around them. One of their off-campus outings was to the Irving Nature Park where students did hiking, boundary marking, moose calling, tree identification, allowing birds to perch on their hands, etc. To be able to offer this unique experience to students, some supplies were borrowed from the local militia and other sources. The school is very grateful for this partnership. If anyone has any old equipment (tents, tarps, hiking boots, hiking poles, skis, skates, etc) that you are willing to donate that could be used in this course, please contact teacher Simonds Michele Banks. She may be reached at 506-658-5367 or michele.banks@nbed.nb.ca.



Simonds High Football Reunion

Football has long been a tradition and great player and spectator sport at Simonds. Through word-of-mouth, social media, etc, the football alumni have remained in contact. To celebrate this football community, a reunion is being planned for Saturday, July 14, 2018. Two games will be played on that day. There will be a game of touch football at 1:00 PM followed by a tackle game at 3:00 PM. A barbeque, a beer tent (need I say more?), and entertainment will round out the day. The cost to play is \$75 which will cover insurance, field rental and some Simonds swag. For anyone wanting to play, please contact the organizing group on their face book page, Simonds Football Alumni, or by email at simondshighfootball@rogers.com. All former football players and fans are invited to join the festivities! Hope to see you there - either on the field, or in the bleachers!



WHAT'S GOING ON?



Simonds High
Breakfast Club

Open Daily
8:15 to 8:45 AM
Room C227

Simonds Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club has been in existence at Simonds High School for over a year now and is offered for half an hour prior to the beginning of the school day. Attendance is steady at 40 - 50 students each day. Supervised by teachers, much of the format is self-service "grab and go", although there are tables where some students linger a while to chat. Breakfast options vary, but usually toast, bagels, hot and cold cereal, hot chocolate, yogurt, cheese, breakfast bars, granola bars, fruit and muffins are provided. The school was fortunate to obtain a grant last fall which will assist with some of the costs. The Simonds Retired Teachers group has been regular and generous in their financial support of this program. The Simonds High Alumni have donated supplies from a couple of cereal drives. The "muffin lady", Ann Sanders, a recently retired 1975 Simonds grad, has baked and delivered her homemade muffins to the school for the students. The students just love Ann's muffins! As well, this April some members of the Simonds alumni (and friends) cooked another hot breakfast for the students. This is the third "hot breakfast" the alumni have prepared; we are trying to make it a bi-annual event.

Sausages, pancakes, fruit and juice were provided for more than 80 hungry students. The Breakfast Club is certainly a worthwhile endeavor. Students cannot learn if they are hungry. We invite other community and individual partners to join us in our efforts to sustain this necessary program.

Teacher Appreciation 2018

During Teacher Appreciation Week in mid-February, the Simonds High School Alumni recognized the teachers of Simonds by providing some snacks and sweet treats. These are but a small token of appreciation for all the hours they dedicate to preparing lessons for and teaching students. Many go above and beyond with their hours of commitment to extra-curricular activities as well. Thank you to all Simonds teachers - past and present. You have made a difference in the lives of so many young adults. You continue to love and inspire youth each and every day. The "thank you" may not always be evident while you are teaching them, but those same students go on to demonstrate their gratitude by how they live their adult lives. Their sincere appreciation for all you have done and continue to give is felt in their hearts.



Teachers Linda O'Blenis, Jen McFadden and Stacey Downey with alumnus Jeremy Furlong (2009)



Janet Irvine

Simonds Open House 2018

The annual Open House for Grade 8 students and their parents / guardians was held at Simonds High School on the evening of February 5, 2018. The Simonds alumni had a table there and treated visitors to cake. Also displayed were some of our quarterly alumni newsletters. A big thank you goes out to Caitlin Robertson, Jeremy Furlong and Brienne Walton (all from the Class of 2009) who sported their green and gold and greeted guests on behalf of the alumni! They were true examples of Simonds continuing pride.



Jane Buck (1988) and Harold McInnis (1972)



Remember When...

In each issue, we will include a couple of pictures from years gone by at Simonds High School. For this section, we would like you to submit some of your favourite memories in pics from your high school years. Please send your pics to Tammy (Vautour) Kilpatrick at tamkulp@yahoo.ca or Judy (MacKnight) Chapman at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca.

In this issue, we are celebrating the Class of 1968 as they prepare for their 50-year reunion this coming June. They were one of the last three classes to graduate from the "old Simonds", which is now Bayside Middle School on Bayside Drive. We wish their class all the best as they celebrate this milestone on June 16, 2018 at Riverside Golf & Country Club. (Please see details in the list of Reunions.)

Student Council



FRONT: Jim Reid, Mr. J. Mowry, Debbie Rhodenizer. MIDDLE: Martha Chouinard, Ann Barton, Beth Thomas, Judy McNamara, Margaret Bannister, Wendy Nixon, Pat McGivern, Pat McDougall. BACK: Valerie Folkins, Ruth Carroll, Gail York, John Brown, Cecil Ryall, Walter Merritt, Mike Bishop, Betty Ann Barnes, Monica Barrett, Janet Blizzard.

Social Committee



FRONT: Cathy Bosfet, Joanne Harrity, Debbie Lee, Mr. Campbell, Miss Boone, Pat McGivern, Pam Patterson, Wendy Nixon. SECOND: Margaret McDougall, Betty Ann Barnes, Margaret Higgins, Pat McDougall, Linda Fraser, Sandra Melvin, Donna Simmons, Mary Connolly, Vaunda Blackadar, Shelly Nicholas, Marian Wright, Rowena Breau. THIRD: Cecil Ryall, Terry Flemming, Doug Thompson, Arthur Ferguson, Tony Robichaud, Jim Case, Roy McMillan, John Connolly, Brian Bawn, Terry Ricketts, Richard McKinnon, Dave Vanier.

Student Police



FRONT: Stephen Brewster, Terry Ricketts, Betty Ann Barnes, Sue Clack, Thelma Mulhern, Jean Tippett, Neil Boyle, Barry Grimmer. MIDDLE: Tommy LaMont, Terry Flemming, Paul Price, Mr. Metcalfe, Earl Robinson, Doug Small, Dave Vanier. BACK: Jeff Rhodenizer, Dave Loughery, Jim Craft, Ricky Garnett, Cecil Ryall.

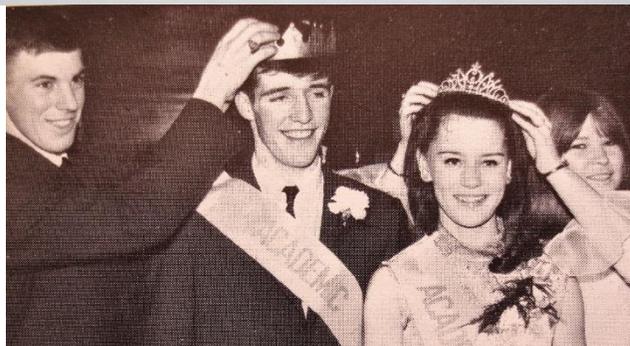
Ski Club



FRONT: Leslie McVicar, Marilyn McNamara, Judy Skeldon, Margie Little, Judy Brewer, Linda Hamm, Brenda Young, Barb Medford, Pam Patterson. SECOND: Dave Moore, Malcolm Elliott, Steve McMurray, Peter Gee, Wesley VanWart, Joe Prescott, Gary Pridham, Paul Price, Dave Traves, Doug Thompson, Earl Robinson. BACK: Margaret Bannister, Susan Tonge, Barb. Pyke, Sharon Sandford, Ann LeBlanc, Jean Tippett, Ann Barton.



Teacher's Hockey Team



Academic King & Queen



REUNIONS...2018

Class of 2008 - A 10-year reunion is being planned during the long weekend in August (either August 3 or 4) for the Class of 2008. The venue and registration fee will be announced soon. A face book group for this reunion will be set up and the organizing group will begin to contact grads. If you can assist in any way, please contact Nick White on face book.

Class of 1988 - A 30-year reunion will be held on July 7, 2018 at O'Malley's on Rothesay Avenue in Saint John. Grads and guests are invited to come at 7 PM in preparation for the class photo which will be taken at 8 PM. There is **no charge** to attend. Grads are asked to bring an item to contribute to the pot luck snack table. For additional information, please contact Jane Buck, Mary Lawton, Sandra Godin or Diane Phillips on face book or by email at Simondsclassof1988@gmail.com. To check in and connect with your classmates, you can also join the face book group Simonds High School: 1988 was 30 years ago!! The committee would welcome more volunteers to assist in any way (large or small) with this reunion.

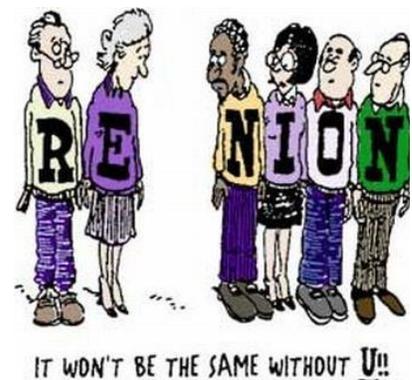
Class of 1978 - The Class of '78 is well-known for celebrating their class every five years. Hard to believe this time it will be to celebrate their 40-year reunion! On Friday, July 6, 2018, there will be a grads-only Meet and Greet at O'Malley's on Rothesay Avenue in Saint John from 7:30 PM - 1AM. This will be followed by a grad and guest evening on Saturday, July 7 from 7:30 PM - 1AM in the Simonds cafeteria. The Simonds Alumni Committee will be tending bar and drinks will be super affordable! For further details, please join their face book page, Simonds High School Class of 1978. Alternately, you may contact Lenore (Messer) Tracy on face book or by phone at 847-5054.

Class of 1968 - The committee for the 50-year Reunion for the Class of '68 has finalized plans. The reunion will take place on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Riverside Golf and Country Club, 2524 Rothesay Rd, Rothesay N.B. from 7:00PM- 1:00 AM. Cost will be \$25.00 per person. Grads are welcome to attend solo or bring along their significant other. There will be a cash bar and refreshments will be served. **Payment must be made by May 7, 2018** either by cheque or money order, payable to "Simonds Class of '68 Reunion" and mailed to Simonds Reunion, 4 Ayerscott Ct, Rothesay NB E2E 6A9. **It will not be possible to register and pay at the door;** the number of participants must be submitted early for catering at Riverside. Further info may be obtained from Mary (696-1984) or Beth (bethroyiam@gmail.com). Come out and meet old friends and share memories. **Please spread the word to fellow graduates.**

If any other classes are planning reunions, could they please send details and dates to Judy Chapman at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca or Tammy Kilpatrick at tamkilt@yahoo.ca, or post or send us a message on our alumni face book page. It is always good to get information out early so grads can book their vacations and make plans to attend.

Summer Renovations at Simonds

Long-awaited funds have become available for a few more renovations at Simonds High. This summer, there are plans to repave the parking lots and to renovate the washrooms in C building, etc. The physical plant at Simonds on Hickey Road is showing its age. After all, it opened in 1970, so the "new" Simonds buildings are almost 50 years old! It is hoped that funds will become available soon to make other much-needed renovations.



Brown Bag Student Lunch Program Appeal

Four years ago the three United churches in East Saint John started a program to make and deliver lunches to needy students at Simonds High School. This program has expanded to include three other schools in our area as well. At present, 75 lunches per week (about 35.7% of the total number made) are delivered to feed students at Simonds. More than 60 volunteers are involved in making these lunches for students in our community. This is a very worthwhile heart-felt endeavour. Students cannot learn if they are hungry. However, the program has exhausted its funds. As the organizers would like to continue to meet the need of students in East Saint John, they have asked to include the following letter in our newsletter. They are appealing to the Simonds Alumni for any assistance (large or small) that you might give to ensure the continuation of this much needed service in our community. The Simonds Alumni is contributing \$500 this year to this program. Please give it your consideration.



Dear Fellow Simonds Alumni:

The combined ministry of the United Churches of East Saint John began a program 4 years ago to provide a nutritious brown bag lunch to Simonds High students who were not receiving that in their lives either temporarily or chronically. The format of the program was chosen so students could benefit in an anonymous manner. The program was so well received that it was expanded to include Woodlawn Learning Center, Bayside Middle School and Forest Hills School. The program currently serves 210 lunches weekly.

Our churches receive no government funding for this initiative. It is strictly a volunteer undertaking, but we solicit and receive outside help from several Service Organizations and individuals in our community. However, because of the growth of the program, we have gradually "eaten" away our reserves and are therefore launching a campaign to build the sustainability of the program for the coming years. We know Simonds grads are very generous when it comes to helping each other so we are asking: "would you consider?"

1. A one time individual donation of any amount (tax receipts for \$20 or more)
Or
2. A business/organization donation each year of \$500. The company/organization name will be included on a card that is enclosed in each lunch during your sponsored month.

The coordinating committee of the Brown Bag Lunch program thanks you for your consideration of this request.

Please feel free to contact our Brown Bag representatives for any additional information..

Sincerely, Brown Bag Lunch Contact Persons

Joan (Bradshaw) Shillington, 696-5072 (Simonds Class of '65)
Barb (Friars) Walker, 849-0498 (Simonds Class of '64)
Pat Kaiser, 658-6828

Cheques should be made out to Silver Falls United Church and identified for Brown Bag Lunch Program. Individual donations of \$20 or more can receive a tax receipt if you provide your address information.

Mail to: Silver Falls United Church, 840 Loch Lomond Road, Saint John, NB E2J 1Z2



SEABEES HOME & AWAY

Seabees Home & Away (or Milestones) is compiled from submissions from our readers who have submitted items by letter, email or phone as well as various public sources. These submissions will always refer to Simonds' alumni; they will generally be about family milestones (births, deaths, new job opportunities, marriages, moves, appointments, accomplishments, etc). We welcome your information for future newsletters. If possible, please try to include your graduation year with your submission.

Address any entries to Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or Tammy Kilpatrick (tamkिल्p@yahoo.ca). Alternately, entries may be mailed to Simonds High Alumni, 1490 Hickey Road, Saint John, NB, E2J 4E7 or sent as a message through our facebook group, Simonds High School Alumni.

Tim Denton (2006) and Tina-Marie Cyr welcomed new arrival, Timothy Michael Denton on January 17, 2018. Older siblings Lilly, 2 and Ashlyn, 11 will be looking out for their new baby brother. Both Tim and Tina-Marie work at IBM in Saint John.

Ashley (LaRocque) Hogan (2005) and husband, Jeff are added a third daughter to their growing busy family. Casey Mary Hogan was born on February 6, 2018. Older sisters are Brooke, 3-1/2 and Paige, 2. Ashley is a nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Jeff is a mechanic.

Mercedes Peters (2012) will be moving to Vancouver in the fall of 2018 to study at the University of British Columbia. She has been accepted to do her PhD there in History – Looking at the Impact of Colonial Structures on Indigenous Resistance Movements in Canada. Mercedes did her undergraduate degree at Acadia University in Wolfville and her Masters' degree at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Katelynn Estey (2007) and partner, Jordan Steele are excited about the arrival of their son, Riley William Steele, born on January 24, 2018. Both Katelyn and Jordan are police officers in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mark Redstone (1996) and his wife, Melissa Jones have a new son, Ryan Michael Redstone, born on August 30, 2017. Mark is a Math teacher and Melissa works with Bechtel Corporation. They live in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

Chelsea England (2003) and partner Ryan Pollock welcomed 9 lb 3 oz baby girl, Ella Lynn Frances Pollock on February 25, 2018. Chelsea has been employed at Wyndham Worldwide for 13 years and Ryan works at Canada Post.

Emily Taylor (2012) earned her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology degree at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton in 2016. She currently lives in Calgary where she works as a kinesiologist and shares her passion for skating by coaching. To complete her Master of Science in Exercise and Sport Science (UNB), she just recently fully defended her thesis.

Mark Colwell (2012) and Erin (King) Colwell were married on December 15, 2017. Mark is a technical analyst with ISpire and Erin works at Dollarama. They live in the East Saint John. Mark recently fueled his passion for travel with a honeymoon trip to Tokyo!

Rene Aleman (2004) and his wife, Nicole (McKnight) Aleman announce the arrival of their first child, a son, William Miguel Aleman, born on January 3, 2018. Rene works in clinical data management at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

Charlotte (Hopey) Stevenson (2013) and Tristen Stevenson were married on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018 in the Dominican Republic. Charlotte works for Sutton Group Aurora Realty and Tristen is a surveyor at Custom Fabrications & Machinists, an Irving company. They live in the Saint John area.

Kady (Doyle) Drake (2004) and Ryan Drake were married on September 15, 2017. They have a daughter, Paisley, age 3 and two boys Aiden, age 13 and Lincoln, age 7. They live in Vernon River, PEI where Kady runs a new daycare called Kinder Haven and Ryan works in research at the Department of Agriculture. They also grow and sell turnips to grocery stores across Canada and the United States!

Megan (Parkhill) Hicks (2004) and her husband **Dr. James Hicks (2003)** welcomed their new daughter in the middle of a Nor' Easter! Jordan Audrey-Leigh Hicks made an appearance on March 14, 2018. Her older siblings are Dylan age 7 and Rachel age 4. The happy family lives in Quispamsis, and James has his dental practice in Rothesay, NB.

Andrew Singh (2012) and **Kaitlyn (Goguen) Singh (2013)** have a son, David Isaiah Singh, born on December 30, 2017. Andrew works at Irving Wallboard and Katelyn works at Centracare in the Horizon Health Network. They live in Saint John, NB.

Chris McGrath (2007) and Alicia (Bovaird) McGrath celebrated their New Year's wedding on December 31, 2017. Chris works at Saint John Energy and Alicia is a Medical Laboratory Technologist for the Horizon Health Network. They reside in the Saint John area.

Nathan Ough (2005) married longtime girlfriend, Megan LaVallie in December 2017. Co-Founder and Vice President of Corporate Development for Centarus Ltd, he has spent the last 10 years working in the energy industry including roles in investment banking and corporate development. He is a true entrepreneur! Centarus, which Nathan co-founded in 2013, has grown into the largest North American natural gas trucking company. Nathan holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance and economics from the University of New Brunswick. Megan and Nathan reside in Houston, Texas; however, their hearts are still in Canada.

OBITUARIES



Kevin Wright, dedicated Simonds Physics and Physical Science teacher for 31 years, passed away on April 7, 2018. Kevin loved teaching his students and his students loved him! One fond memory for some of his students was their trip to Expo '86, planned by Mr. Wright. Outside of school, he had served as the mayor of Renforth, a founding member and past Commodore of the Renforth Boat Club, past member of the Lions Club and a member of the Board of Directors of the Kennebecasis Library. Kevin was very involved with the Men of St. Mark's Club at St. Mark's Church in Quispamsis. Mr. Wright is survived by his daughter, Maureen Penn (Alberta), cousin Paul Green and good friend Carol McDade.

Fred Stillwell (1965) passed away suddenly on January 24, 2018 at his home in Cornwall, PEI. Fred worked with the Department of Transport / Canadian Coast Guard / Fisheries & Oceans for 37 years and spent more than 41 years as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces training air, army and sea cadets. He volunteered with the CRA and the Cornwall Citizens on Patrol. As well, he was a member of the Kingston Legion. Fred was the recipient of the Canadian Forces Decoration (CDII) and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. He is survived by his wife Joan (Carson) Stillwell, daughter Kim Weeks, son Roger Stillwell, three grandchildren, brother Doug and sister, Carol MacKay.

Fred Bailey (1972) lost his battle with cancer on February 3, 2018. In 2017, Fred retired from his position as a Senior Draftsman for Custom Fabricators and Machinists. Over the years, Fred played drums for several bands, the most notable being the band "Night Shift". He was also a devoted supporter of Saint John's hockey teams. He will be missed by his wife, Susan (Lee), daughter Amelia and mother, Ruth Bailey.

Barbara O'Hara (1992) passed away unexpectedly at the Loch Lomond Villa on January 17, 2018. Barb was a graduate of Compu College. She was a kind and gentle person who adored cats and was an avid collector of angels. Barb is survived by her parents, Richard & Mary O'Hara, her sons Evan and Matthew O'Hara, granddaughter Kaia and brother James.

John Armstrong (1977) fought a courageous battle with cancer until his passing on January 28, 2018. He worked as a foreman in the Works Department of the City of Saint John for 38 years. Outside of work, he found joy in family, friends, flowers and fishing. John is survived by his wife Darlene (Laviolette) Armstrong, son Andrew, daughter Kaitlyn, brother Darrell Armstrong and sisters Karen Boudreau and Diane Armstrong.

Paul Carruthers (1985) passed away suddenly on January 7, 2018. A passionate sailor, he was a teacher at Dalhousie Regional High School. Paul is survived by his wife Anick, daughter Gabrielle, son Calvin, mother Margaret, sister Maureen and brothers Brian, Robert and John.

Matt ("Bucky") Chiasson passed away unexpectedly on January 30, 2018. As a mechanic, he especially loved working on dirt bikes and three wheelers. Matt is survived by daughter Kennedy, girlfriend Kristen Bacon, sister Melissa Greenlaw, brother Mitchell Chiasson and his parents Harven Chiasson and Joanne (Howe) Latimer.

Marcus Finch (2018) passed away in a tragic car accident on March 1, 2018. He was very mechanically-inclined and aspired to study to be a mechanic after graduation this June. Marcus loved cars (especially muscle cars), BMX biking, video games, music and dancing. He is survived by his parents Douglas Finch and Amy Bourque, grandparents Sally & Michael Bourque, great grandmother Betty Rodgers, sister Madison Bourque - Murchison, and brothers Ethan Mortimer and Thane Irving.

New Email Address?

Are you receiving this newsletter which has been graciously forwarded by a friend or family member? Why not let us add your name to our Simonds Alumni distribution list so you may receive it directly? Please send your name (including maiden name), grad year and email address to Tammy Kilpatrick at tamkilp@yahoo.ca or Judy Chapman at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca. If you have a new email address / changed internet providers, etc, don't forget to update us as well. Thank you.



SIMONDS NOW!



Current SHS team in gold and alumni in green uniforms



Current SHS team in gold and alumni in street clothes

Annual Alumni Basketball Games

For several years, annual alumni versus current team basketball games have taken place at Simonds. This year was no exception. On February 19th, two games (one for boys and one for girls) were played at the school. It was a split decision this year! The alumni won the boys' game, but lost in a squeaker (53-52) to the current girls' team. Thanks to all who came out to play on the teams and those who were out cheering for them. Congratulations to the current Simonds teams, the Athletic Department and alumni for continuing this basketball tradition.

Jersey Day

Many Simonds High students and teachers wore their jerseys on April 12, 2018 in support of the Humboldt Broncos Hockey Team from Saskatchewan. Their team lost 16 members in a horrific crash between their team bus and a semi-trailer in early April. Many Simonds students have traveled on team buses before and can relate to this type of travel across our vast country to play the sport they love. Our sincere prayers go out to the friends and families of those lost and injured. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.



Spring Musical

At the end of April, Simonds students will be performing Back to the '80s: The Totally Awesome Musical. This musical is filled with songs from that decade that we all know and love. Do you still remember the tune and lyrics to Wake Me Up Before You Go Go, Footloose, Love Shack, The Man in the Mirror, Walking on Sunshine, Material Girl, Total Eclipse of the Heart or Eye of the Tiger? If you do, plan to attend one of the shows which will take place on April 24, 25, 26 and 28 at 7PM and a matinee on April 29 at 2 PM. (Please note there is no performance on Friday, April 27.) Tickets are \$10 (what can you do these days for a mere \$10?) and can be purchased at the school from 8AM - 4PM. If you are unable to pick up your ticket then, why not call the school (658-5367) and reserve a ticket at the door. If they are not sold out, tickets may be purchased at the door. Join the cast in singing, humming or even dancing along to those great '80s songs! (Please check out the awesome trailer that teacher, Jeff Scott, and the cast produced for this show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8uDO8dwQZo&sns=f> b).

SIMONDS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



April 24, 25, 26 7pm
and
April 28 7pm 29 2pm

Tickets \$10 at Simonds High





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What I enjoy most about working with the SHS Alumni Committee is connecting with our alumni and building relationships with our teachers and remarkable students in an effort to make their Simonds High School years memorable ones.

We have a few activities coming up over the next few months and we would love for you to be a part of them! For example, our Annual Meeting will be held soon and we would love to see some new faces and hear some new ideas for the coming years. We will be electing our chair persons at this time and if you ever thought you might like to be onboard....then we would love to have you!

We have also been given permission to help clean-up and beautify around the school. Our first project is going to focus on the area near the entrance to D lobby by the theatre / gym. If you have a green thumb or like to play in the dirt....then we need you! Plans to dig out the current greenery in this area and replace it with something more appealing are in the works! If you would like to volunteer to get your hands dirty, please contact one of our members (see page 1) for more details!

These are just a few examples of what our small group does. Being involved does not take a lot of our time and we are always looking for more ways to connect alumni with students. We have a huge impact on the lives of our current students. Whether it's by offering our time, making donations, serving breakfast, offering advice or helping a few students out with their future by awarding two scholarships per year, we make a difference! We can positively transform someone's high school experience, just as so many did during our time here. I encourage and welcome you to reach out and do the same.

Sincerely,

Tammy Kilpatrick
Simonds High Alumni Committee