

HAPPENINGS IN THE HIVE



Simonds High Alumni Newsletter April 2019



Breakout Party - You're Invited!

The Simonds High Alumni are hosting their first Breakout Party and all Simonds alumni and their friends are invited! The party will be on Thursday evening May 16th at Breakout Saint John at 212 McAllister Drive. There will be two time slots available - at 6:00 PM and at 7:15 PM. At each time slot, there will be 5 Breakout Rooms available. Please follow this link to view the choice of rooms: <https://www.breakoutsaintjohn.ca/rooms/>. The rooms can handle as many as 8 people each. The Party Room on site will be open from 5:30 and stay open until 9 PM. Please come early or stay behind after your breakout to chat with other alumni and friends and enjoy some munchies. We invite you to put together a team or challenge another grad class and come out to join us. Guests are invited to come solo, with a couple of friends or family members or with an entire team!

To reserve your spot and room, please contact Jill Eckstone at JEckstone@gmail.com or send a private message to Jill (Vincent) Eckstone on face book. The cost of this event is \$22 / person and includes your room reservation and a few munchies. Once you have reserved your room with Jill, you can pay by e-transfer to simondsalumni@gmail.com (use the password breakout) to secure your spot. Reservations are on a first come - first served basis, so be sure to gather your friends and make your reservation ASAP. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MAY 9TH. We look forward to seeing you there to have fun and demonstrate your breakout skills!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING??

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!



Simonds High School
Home of the Seabees

Simonds Memorial Grove

In the Simonds High School Memorial Grove, 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 have donated the Princeton Golden Yellow maple trees. Last spring, five new trees were added to the grove. So far, two memorial trees have been reserved for the May / June 2019 planting.

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. In addition, a picture and short bio will be placed in our Wall of Remembrance along with the plaque. The display case for this remembrance is in the lobby across from the school theatre and on the way to the gymnasium. The current approximate cost of a tree and planting materials is \$180. If you wish to donate a tree this year, please contact Judy Chapman (judychapman44@gmail.com) or any member of the SHS Alumni Committee (on page 1) **before May 10, 2019**. Thank you to all who have donated trees in memory of friends and family. We appreciate your support of our expanding grove.



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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 judychapman44@gmail.com.

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!



WHAT'S HAPPENING??



Simonds High
Breakfast Club

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

Simonds Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club at Simonds is one of the initiatives which the Simonds Alumni and other groups assist in promoting and sponsoring. In its third year, it serves 40-50 students each day. To support the program, there is a grant from Breakfast for Learning, generous donations of food and supplies from the Simonds retired teachers' group and donations of cereal and two hot breakfasts/year from the Simonds alumni. A true gift of the heart is the regular donation of homemade healthy muffins by "the muffin lady", a 1975 Simonds High grad.

The breakfast room is supervised by teachers for 30 minutes before school each day. Some students enjoy a "grab and go" breakfast while others linger and chat over cereal. Breakfast options vary, but usually toast, bagels, cereal, yogurt, cheese, breakfast bars, fruit and healthy muffins are provided. Linda O'Blenis, a Simonds teacher and 1982 grad does a lot of the organizing and clean up from each breakfast.

The Breakfast Club is a very worthwhile program available to all students at Simonds. Students cannot learn if they are hungry. We invite other community and individual partners to join us and the school to sustain this important endeavour.

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 judychapman44@gmail.com. If you have a new email address / changed internet providers, etc, don't forget to update us as well. Thank you.

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Staff Appreciation

The Simonds High Alumni would like to thank Jane Buck and Janet Irvine for the wonderful array of treats they arranged on behalf of the alumni for the staff of SHS. This beautiful and tasty array of snacks was to commemorate Staff Appreciation Day in February. The alumni would like to sincerely thank all staff at Simonds - teachers, administrators, custodians, office personnel, etc - for their devotion to the students and to the school.





WHAT'S HAPPENING??

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY – JOURNEY'S WITH JUDY

"We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us."

Have you dreamed of traveling to Europe or other destinations, but are daunted by doing all the planning and research? Are you seeking a hassle-free travel experience, but a good quality tour? Now is the time to turn your dream into a plan. Judy Chapman is now planning two adult group trips for 2019 and two, for 2020. These tours are with a very reputable world-wide company with offices in Canada. Departure may be from any airport in the world. The Highlights of England, Scotland & Ireland for June 2019 is full. However, a few places remain on the July / August 2019 tour to Northern Europe. This tour begins in Amsterdam, and continues on to Hamburg in Germany, Copenhagen in Denmark, Stockholm in Sweden and ends in Bergen, Norway for a fjord cruise! In May 2020, there will be a tour to Portugal and Spain; travelers will visit Lisbon, Seville, Madrid and Barcelona. Foodies take note. There is a food and wine tour offered to Northern Italy and the Italian Riviera in September 2020! You will visit Turin, the Italian Riviera, Bologna, Verona and Venice. While there, you will make your own pasta, visit the producers of balsamic vinegar, Parmigiano-Reggiano and Prosecco. You will tour and dine at several vineyards where famous Italian wines are made. You will visit local markets, enjoy the scenery, take in the history and have an amazing time! There will even be an opportunity to attend the gelato school there! The full itinerary and pricing for each of these tours may be found at www.grouptoursite.ca/judychapman.

Judy has had lots of travel experience, having planned 17 Simonds student tours to Europe and 5 to New York; she has organized 7 adult tours so far. She would like to invite any interested Simonds alumni, their friends and family (you do not have to be a Simonds alumnus) to join the adult travel group. If you are interested any of these travel opportunities, please contact her at judychapman44@gmail.com or 847-3241 or on face book for more details.



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.

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). Christmas Luncheon Dec 18 at 12:30 at Riverside.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS SALE - Advance Notice

Please save the date of Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10 AM - 2 PM for the annual fall sale sponsored by the Simonds High Alumni; it will be held at the school. This is our primary fundraiser for the year. It is a great opportunity to purchase a variety of unique items for Christmas - both gifts and decorations - and for personal use. Local craftspeople, small local businesses, etc are invited to reserve a table. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Tammy Kilpatrick at alumnisecretary@outlook.com or any member of the alumni committee listed the first page of this newsletter. More details about this event will be available in our June newsletter. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

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 alumnisecretary@outlook.com or Judy (MacKnight) Chapman at judychapman44@gmail.com.

The Class of 1979 is planning a celebration for their 40-year reunion on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at O'Malley's Irish Pub. The organizing committee for this class has been quite active - contacting almost everyone in their large grad class and organizing excellent reunions every five years. They are hoping this milestone union will be a huge success! The following pictures are some glimpses back at what things were like at Simonds 40 years ago...



UNICEF

FRONT ROW: Valerie Covey, Sybil Mulhern, Silvia Mulhern, Mr. Little, Cheryl Johnston, Joanne Myles.
MIDDLE ROW: Kim Coleman, Dorothy LeBlanc, Sherry Gillen, Lorri McKay, Barb Woodroffe, Janet Leggett, Suzanne Weston, Anne Krumenacker.
BACK ROW: Angela Jones, Cathy Barrett, Rhonda Springer, Heather Armstrong, Sue McCue, Shelley Cooper, Shirley Fisher.



SOCCER

FRONT ROW: Scott MacDonald, Richard Irvine, Andy Crowell, Chris Fulton, Mike Gaudet, Rick Allaby, Tony Jones, John Boddington, Rodney McIntyre.
BACK ROW: Larry McGillvary, Ed Blanchard, Earl Bawn, Barry Logan, John Doucette, Malcolm Blair, Bill Daley, Rob Carruthers.



WINTER CARNIVAL

FRONT ROW: Karen Blois, Mike Foley, Andy Crowell, Laurie Chittick.
SECOND ROW: Darlene Marsh, Ellen Nofzell, Cathy Wisted, Katrina White, Janes Leggett, Kim Coleman, Lucy Caines.
THIRD ROW: Ann Morrissey, Susan Bettle, Nancy Hannah, Barb Woodroffe.
BACK ROW: Silvia Mulhern, Joanne Myles, Karen Hartin, Cindy Cole.

REMEMBER WHEN...



FLOAT

FRONT ROW: Linda Waters, Rodney McIntere, Barb Ward, Eliane Buckley, Karan Blois.

MIDDLE ROW: Cyndi Bowers, Lorri Smith, Becky Kirkegard, Sybil Mulhern, Silvia Mulhern, Barb Woodroffe, Denise Richard, Kathy Quinlan.

BACK ROW: Chris Williams, Katrina Kirkgard, Don Bouchor, Cheryl Johnson, Don Nesbutt, Joanne Myles.



GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

FRONT ROW: Susan Collings, Janet Leggett, Joanne Day, Karen Chittick, Laurie Chittick, Katrina White, Nedra Boise.

BACK ROW: Mrs. Leland, Shelly Cooper, Joanne Myles, Venessa Childs, Susan Buston, Ann Morrissey, Barb Woodroffe, Heather Morrissey, Sandra Smith, Debbie Robinson, Monica Kirpatrick, Diane Buston.



TRACK AND FIELD

FRONT ROW: Bill Daley, Mike Gaudet, Mike Atkinson, Richard Irving, Mike Cosman, Chris Skinner, Kevin Murry.

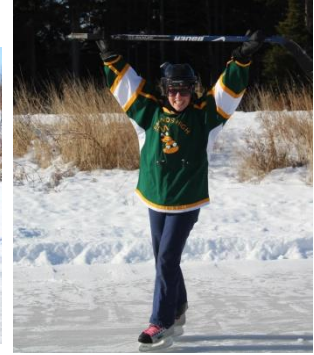
BACK ROW: Larry MacGillivray, Laurie Chittick, Ann Morrissey, Judy Flecknell, Heather Morrissey, Andy Crowell, Tim Ryan, Johanne Myles, Ellen Noftell, Karen Chittick, Joanne Day, Cathy Dube.



GRADUATING CLASS EXECUTIVE

Karen Vey
Suzanne Weston
Mike Ritchie
Claudette Landry

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TEAM GREEN POND HOCKEY EVENT

January 15 saw Game 1 of the “Team Green Pond Hockey” series here at Simonds Pond! Thanks to Madame Michele Banks and her environmental club students Team Green for organizing the event.

For those who missed out on the excitement ... here are a few highlights.

Before the game began, there was a friendly photo op of all the players by our own Jeff “The Shivering” Scott. Then the gloves came off!

It was a clean start with the “White Nameless Team” getting their first goal off a misdirected shot. White Nameless Team’s Don “Fast Feet” Fowler sent a blistering shot past Paul “Smiley” Doiron making it a 2-0 over the “Green Team Tripods”. Unfortunately, the game turned dirty ... when Brenda “Fancy Skates” Phillips took out Michele “Scrapper” Banks on the ice near the net, manned by Terry “the Wall” Langille. The “Wall” faced a flurry of shots and even bodies flying at his feet but still maintained a 2-0 lead. After the collision between Philips and Banks, Scrapper Banks got into a rumble with “The Wall” Langille ... resulting in a good goal.

“Fast Feet” Fowler snuck in, stole the puck from Sheilagh “Digger” Gillis and faced off again against “Smiley” Doiron. “The Wall” Langille made a flurry of saves that would make Carey Price blush!

“Smiley” Doiron sent the puck up ice to a waiting Peter “The Crusher” Woytiuk only to be stopped by the one and only ... Kelly “Defender of the Universe” Haughn Scott. All this excitement kept the refs ... Jenna “Lovely” LeBlanc and Zach “The Brave One” Stewart on their toes ... blowing whistles at every offside. Cheers could be heard from the cheerleaders ... the Pompom Girls, Sara “Bouncy” Linero and Kaja “The Rowdy” Brown who were shaking their tambourines, and shouting “Take ‘em out”.

The game came down to a nail biter ... a tie ... according to Scrapper Bank Rules even though White Nameless Team had a 3-1 lead. Final Minute Overtime ensued ... the winning goal was scored by Shelley “The Bulldog” Morgan. Seems like “the Bulldog” Morgan was so busy getting goals in both nets that it confused the final score...not to mention the other players.

Great fun! Thank you to all the players, the refs, the cheerleaders and to the fans from the breezeways! See you at the next grudge match!!
Keep your sticks on the ice ...

Mme Banks and Team Green

NOTE: For a great short 2 minute video of this game, please check out Jeff Scott's You Tube post at <https://youtu.be/oCnyzlj8VHE>



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 (judychapman44@gmail.com) or Tammy Kilpatrick (alumnisecretary@outlook.com). 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.

Kara (Nobles) McCann (2005) and husband, Jeff McCann welcomed their daughter Marion Amelia McCann on April 16, 2019. Marion is a baby sister to big brother, Nolan, age 4. Kara is a nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Jeff works at Gateway Operations. They make their home in East Saint John.

Dana (Hicks) Whitenect (2008) and husband, David Whitenect (2004) have a new addition to their family. Cassidy Jane Whitenect was born on April 14, 2019; she will be a great friend to sister Otilie, age 2. Dana works at Tender Tots while David works at the Irving Refinery. They live in Baxter's Corner, NB.

Jared Goodman (2013) recently moved from Moncton to Fredericton to accept his new position as digital marketing officer at the New Brunswick Community College in the capitol city. Having studied at Oulton College and worked at various marketing firms in Moncton, Jared is excited about this new challenge!

Sharidan and Ross McLean (2005) added a son to their little family. Conan Thomas McLean was born on March 7, 2019. Conan has a big sister, Claire, age 3-1/2. Sharidan is a teacher in Anglophone South School District in NB while Ross is an engineer with Bell Canada. The active family resides in East Saint John.

Alexis Haines (2010) and fiancé Cory Defazio have a new daughter Rowan Calla Defazio, born on April 12, 2019. Big sisters Blake, age 7 and Hayden, age 5 will be looking out for their younger sister. Alexia works at Bell Canada and Cory works in construction for NRB through Dexter's. The happy family lives in Willow Grove, NB.

Janelle (Baxter Milley (2007) and hubby Rob Milley (2007) have a new baby; daughter Janey Anne Milley was born on March 30, 2019. Rob is a policeman in Summerside, PEI while Janelle is a teacher.

Pat McGrath (2009) and wife Erin (McGovern) McGrath (2009) welcomed new baby girl Everly Rose McGrath on January 30, 2019. Everly has two big brothers - Rowan, age 3 and Sawyer, age 4. Pat works at Car Quest in Saint John while Erin works at Loch Lomond Villa.

Rikki Lee Arseneau (2009) and Brad Webster (2009) were married in Varadero, Cuba on April 9, 2019. Rikki Lee is a respiratory therapist at the Saint John Regional Hospital and also teaches Respiratory Therapy at the New Brunswick Community College in Saint John. Brad works for Form Rite Concrete in Quispamsis. The happy couple resides along the Hammond River near Hampton.

Courtney (Thompson) Bietz (2010) and husband Craig Bietz (2006) have a sweet new daughter, Madelyn (Maddie) Mae Bietz, born on February 23, 2019. Courtney recently earned her Chartered Professional Accountant designation; she works as an accountant at Irving Oil. Craig is an electrician and firefighter at the Saint John airport.

Rachael Moran (2016) has just completed a semester abroad in connection with her Bachelor of Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources degree from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. She was studying Environmental Management in Thailand. Rachael will be entering her fourth year at UNB next September

Mindy (Campbell) Hiebert (2009) and Brent Hiebert announce the arrival of a baby boy, Max, born in July 2018. Mindy and husband Brent both work at Costco in Saint John; she is a pharmacy technician at and her husband Brent is a manager. They reside with Max and their two fur babies in the Saint John area.

Chelsea Colwell- Pasch (2002) and husband Mike Pasch (1998) announce the arrival of daughter, Emma Winnifred Jean Pasch, on December 3, 2019. Emma will be little sister to Sophie aged 2-1/2. Chelsea owns her own archeological business, Colbr Consulting Inc and Mike runs his own property development company, Pasch Enterprises. After living in Australia for a few years, they currently live in Fredericton

David James (2004) and fiancé Amy Marriott are thrilled with the birth of their son Nash Edward James, born on March 24, 2019. David is the laboratory director at Perennia Food and Agriculture and Amy is the pension and benefit specialist for Jazz Aviation. They live near Halifax, NS.

Jessica (Richard) Holland (2000) and husband Jeff Holland (1999) have a busy life with three children - Callie 1, Isaac 3 and Ari 4. Jessica is a physiotherapist and owner of Complete Balance Physiotherapy in Rothesay, NB. Jeff works at Irving Oil. The happy family live in the Kennebecasis Valley.

Vanessa (Hunter) Giovannini (2006) and husband Sebastien Giovannini are ecstatic over the birth of their daughter Melodie Valentina Giovannini on March 13, 2019. Vanessa is an advertising photographer in her own business Vanessa Hunter Photography and Sebastien works as a pilot for Delta Connections. They make their home in Georgia, USA.

Jessica (Fisher) McGrath (2005) and husband, Mike McGrath (2004) have a third child, Casey, born appropriately on New Brunswick's Family Day, February 18, 2019. Also in their family are brother Kiernan, age 4-1/2 and sister Fiona, age 2-1/2. Mike works at JD Irving and Jessica works at Polka Dots and Bow Ties Daycare in Rothesay.

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 ENTRIPYSHOP510. Check out the online site at:

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



Upcoming Reunions...

Class of 1969: The 50-year reunion for the Class of 1969 will be held on June 22, 2019 from 7 PM - 1 AM at the Riverside Golf Club in East Riverside. From 9 PM onward Hunter Sounds will be supplying the music. For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Simondsreunion.2019@gmail.com. All payments should be received by May 15th.

Class of 1974: The Class of 1974 will celebrate their 45-year reunion on July 6, 2019. They have invited the classes of 1973 and 1975 to join them. Everyone is invited to get together for supper (at your own cost) at 5:30 PM at Vito's on Rothesay Avenue; please let June Darrah know in advance if you plan to attend so she can update the reservation. The party continues at the Simonds Lions Auditorium on Loch Lomond Rd for a social and dance from 7:30 until 2 AM. The cost for this will be only \$10 per person! To register, you can make an e-transfer to djcjall@nbnet.nb.ca (use the password **reunion**). Alternately, you may mail a cheque for that amount to June Allen, 12 Allen Lane, Belleisle Creek, NB, E5P 1K4. When grads register, they should indicate their grad year; as well, girls should give their maiden name. Hampton Inns & Suites (506-657-4600) have offered a discounted rate for those seeking accommodation; please use code GRA to obtain the discounted rate. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Rollins, Lori Degrace-Burnside or June Allen (506-485-2115). You may also contact them or check for updates on face book at **Simonds High 1973-75 Grad Group**.

Class of 1979: A 40-year reunion will be celebrated by the Class of 1979 on June 29, 2019 at 7PM at O'Malley's Irish Pub on Rothesay Avenue. Only a few of the over 300 grads remain to be located. Registration forms have been sent out by regular mail and by email. If you have not received yours, please contact Karen Hartin or Cindy Hampton by email at simonds.1979@gmail.com or through the class face book page: **Simonds High School Class of 1979**. Registration and payment of \$20 per person are due by May 17, 2019.

Class of 1984: The Class of 1984 will celebrate their 35-year reunion on August 10, 2019. As more details become available, they will be shared on the **Simonds High School Class of 1984** and **Simonds High School Alumni** face book pages and in our June newsletter.

Class of 1989: A reunion is contemplated for the Class of 1989, but details are not available yet. Any updates will be posted on our **Simonds High School Alumni** face book page.

Class of 2009: Saturday, July 13th is the date chosen for the 10-year reunion for the Class of 2009. The reunion will be held in the cafeteria at Simonds High School from 8PM until midnight, with a cost of \$15 per person. The Simonds alumni will be looking after the bar for the event, so all liquor prices will be very reasonable. For more details on registration deadlines, time of the class photo, etc., please check out the **SHS Grad Class of 2009** face book page where details will be available soon.



OBITUARIES



Mark McNamara (1967) died unexpectedly on February 8, 2019. Mark first worked as a teacher and then became a chartered accountant. For more than 30 years he was an active member of the Saint John Power Boat Club. He was passionate about boats, boat building and restoring antique cars. Mark is survived by his daughter Caley and her husband and grandson as well as siblings Susan Scullion, Judy Murphy, Marilyn McNamara, Bonnie Salib and brother Michael.

John “Jack” Brown (1968) passed away unexpectedly in St. Petersburg, Florida on March 15, 2019. He retired from his job as an electrical contractor in 2018 and moved near St. George, NB. He enjoyed spending his winters in Florida. Jack is survived by his wife Patricia, daughters Jacqueline Derrah and Wendi Barrett and son Adam as well as five grandchildren. He is also leaves behind a sister, Nancy Hope and brother Ted.

Raymond Cormier (1968) died suddenly on January 24, 2019. One of his favourite enjoyments was karaoke. He also liked seeing people smile when he donned his Santa suit. Raymond was a man of strength and wisdom. He is fondly remembered by his wife Virginia Neily, sons Dana, Darren and Ryan, daughter Rayna and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jonathan Rutherford (1971) passed away on February 24, 2019. He worked as a welder in various places - with Saint John Shipbuilding, with Saint John Springworks and with Local 213 Plumbers and Pipefitters. Jonathan enjoyed many hobbies including painting cars, carving and tinkering in his garage. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Mary, children Jessica, Robin and Jacob, one grandson, brother Tom and sisters Melvina McAllister and Sandy Morris.

Stephen Fillmore (1977) died unexpectedly on December 26, 2018. He worked as a pipefitter for many years. In his spare time, he was a scout leader and enjoyed watching hockey, baseball and football (especially the Green Bay Packers). Stephen is survived by his wife Sandra, children Matthew, Kara and Jaelyn, two grandchildren and siblings Linda, Wayne, Doug and Brian.

Ryan Melvin (2004) lost his courageous battle with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) on February 1, 2019. Ryan loved adventures in the outdoors; he could often be found hiking or hunting. He did absolutely beautiful woodwork! Ryan loved his dogs and had a great appreciation for nature. He will always be remembered by his wife Jesse (Garnett), daughter Amadea, sister Erica Plagenz and parents Diana and Ross Melvin.

Kelly Anne-Marie (Krumenacker) Cochrane (1979) lost her battle with diabetes in Palliative Care on February 8, 2019. Kelly Anne worked as a paramedic for 10 years and taught CPR and First Aid. She was a Girl Guide leader for 6 years and was actively involved in many organizations in her Browns Flat/ Greenwich/ Westfield community. Kelly Anne loved to sing and play various musical instruments and won awards for her musical talents throughout her life. She is survived by her husband Stuart, daughter Amy, son Brent, six grandchildren, brothers Peter Gallant and Ed Doucette and sisters Brenda Blanchard, Barbie Cachagee, Francine Smiley and Donna Doucette.

Faith (Jones) Maber (1979) passed away suddenly on February 11, 2019 in Sussex. Faith was a Personal Support Worker in various private and public health care facilities. Kind and gentle, she was a very private person who loved music, swimming, gardening and spending time outdoors. Faith is survived by sons Keith and Kyle, brothers Gary and Barry and sister Mary-Kim McCluskey.

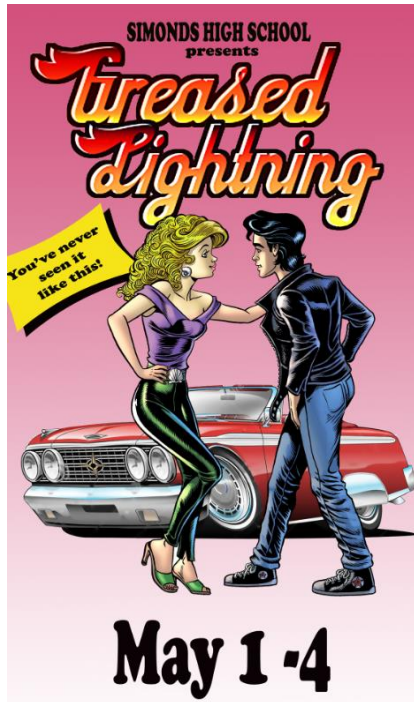
Angela “Angie” (O’Donnell) Fairweather (1984) passed away unexpectedly on February 4, 2019. Angie worked at Zellers and then, Dealermine. She loved animals, music and the countryside. Angie will be missed by her mother, daughter Cynthia, son Mackenzie, sisters Sharon Landry and Janet Little and brother Barry.

Stephen Brown (1984) passed away suddenly in Edmonton on February 19, 2019. He spent years in the construction industry. As well, throughout his life, he had many sea-faring jobs and sea adventures. He enjoyed the outdoors, was a great story-teller, had a fun-loving sense of humour and had a passion for music. Stephen will be fondly remembered by his wife Victoria Britain, and sisters Lorna, Karen, Linda, Ann-Marie and Cathy.

Ronald DesRoches (1986) passed away suddenly at his home in Fredericton on March 6, 2019. Growing up in Champlain Heights, Ronnie enjoyed his years at Simonds with his many friends. He had fond memories of his experience on the school trip to London & Paris in his grad year. Ronnie was a hard worker; he excelled at fixing things. He is lovingly remembered by the light of his life - his daughter Sydney, his partner Emily, brother Jonathan and father Eugene.

Jennifer Huttges (2003) passed away unexpectedly in January 2019. Jennifer was a lady of many talents; she was an avid swimmer, a great volleyball athlete, a brilliant photographer, a talented musician and singer and a fabulous cook! She was a passionate caring soul devoted to helping others. Her witty sense of humour and winning smile will be fondly remembered by her parents Bruce and Nancy Huttges and sister Natasha Parsons.

SIMONDS 2019!



Greased Lightning

This spring musical at Simonds this year will be Greased Lightning. The show will be a modern homage to both the musical and movie versions of Grease. It will feature a high school student who, with his friends, decide to stage the musical Grease - despite the fact no teachers will help them. During their journey in doing this they encounter production disasters, personal conflicts and cast quitting the show. The production will be a fun family comedy with all the classic Grease songs such as Hopelessly Devoted to You, You're the One that I Want, Summer Nights and, of course, Greased Lightning! The show will be staged at Simonds from May 1st - 4th, with tickets available at the door and, in advance, at the school office.



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Alumni Basketball Games

In February, the annual alumni versus the current SHS basketball games occurred. This year, it was a split decision! In the girls' game, the current team won while the alumni team were the champions in the boys' game. Thanks to everyone who came out and played the games to keep this tradition alive.

NOTE: In the pictures, the current teams are dressed in gold.



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There is a relatively new initiative the Anglophone South School District has taken on called “Celebrate what’s right with the world” and the Simonds High School Alumni certainly have a lot to celebrate! Our annual November Shopping Extravaganza was once again an amazing event for both Shoppers and Sellers! This is our big event each year and we are so pleased that despite the downpour of rain, Seabees and Supporters came out in droves to support our efforts. A special salute to all our vendors who bring us the best of the best products - THANK YOU!

We are looking forward to a couple of events coming up soon - a hot breakfast for current Seabees served by our incredible alumni volunteers, a pizza dinner for our talented Seabee actors about to perform on stage and a special night (May 16) of fun where Alumni Seabees get to BREAK OUT and enjoy great conversation and some munchie foods!

Although there are many reasons to celebrate, we want to pause for a moment and share our sincere sympathy to the families of Emma Connick, Logan Matchet, Cassie Lloyd and Avery Astle. These four young people who lost their lives in a tragic accident in the Miramichi on Easter Weekend are on our minds and in our hearts. On Tuesday, April 23rd, Seabees could be found wearing the colors green and gold (James M. Hill) and burgundy and white (North and South Esk Regional High School) in memory of the students who lost their lives. May their families find peace and take some comfort in knowing students, staff and alumni from across the province are mourning with them.

Jill (Vincent) Fckstone

Graduate of 1986
Simonds Alumni