

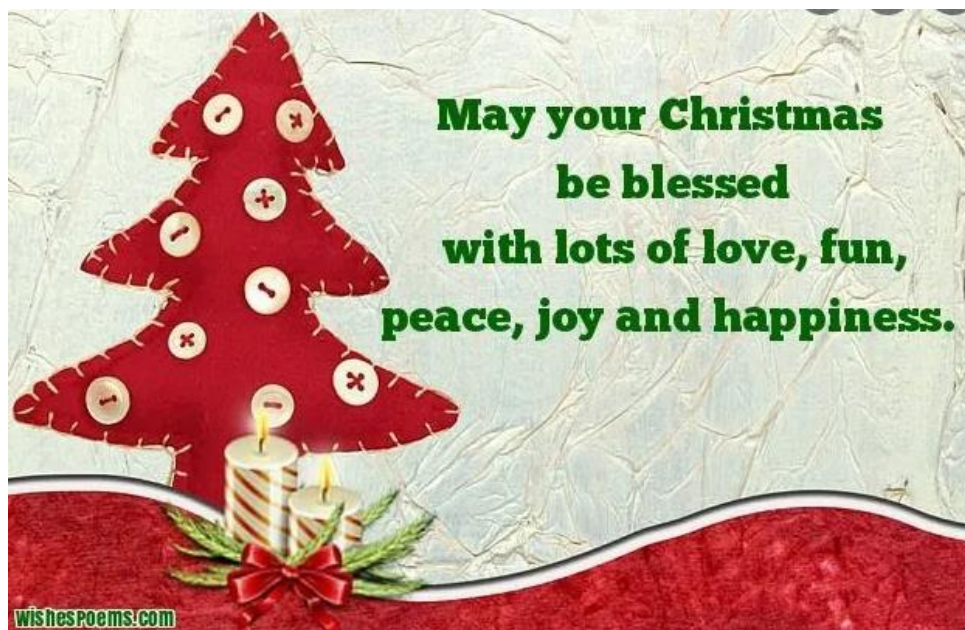
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WHAT'S HAPPENING??

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 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 and looks great! In fact, the grove is almost full; only a couple more trees will be planted to allow space for the ones there to mature. The grove is located outside the gym and continuing down the school driveway by the playing field. Alumni have donated the Princeton Golden Yellow maple trees. A lovely new sign on the side of the school identifies the grove. This past June, four new memorial trees were planted. Accompanying this article is a picture of the Melvin family beside a tree in memory of their son, Ryan, who passed away sadly in February 2019 at the age of 32. In the picture are Ryan's parents, Diana and Ross Melvin, wife Jessie, daughter Amadea, and sister Erica with her husband Mike and son Logan. Each tree has special significance and tells a story of a life cut short or a class remembered.

Individual alumni or classes planning future reunions are invited to consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. It is such 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 biography 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. The current approximate cost of a tree and planting materials is \$180. If you wish to donate a tree, please contact Judy Chapman (judychapman44@gmail.com) or any member of the SHS Alumni Committee (on page 1). Thank you to all who have donated trees in memory of friends and family. We appreciate your support of the grove, which also serves to beautify the Simonds' property.



The Melvin Family



Old Yearbooks!

Still searching for that memorable gift for a friend, relative, or even yourself? The Simonds Alumni Committee has yearbooks from most years (only a few years are sold out). What a special gift that would make! Where else can you get such a unique gift for \$35.00. 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??



Megan Cook, a student at Crandall University and a 2019 Simonds graduate has made an excellent video about Simonds High School. The school is a community school, has a huge multi-faceted campus, excellent teachers and students. You are invited to check out this video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD1UiOoqNt8>

Please share the Seabee love with family and friends.

Travel Opportunities - Journeys with Judy

With the world slowly beginning to open up again for travel, people are excited to get back exploring! There may be some uncertainty as things open up so travelling in a group may be appealing and comforting to you. For a couple of decades, I have organized group travel with a well-respected global company with a great reputation. With offices and Tour Directors in most countries and major cities world-wide, they will take care of all the small details of your trip and ensure that any new safety protocols are in place. Regardless of your tour destination, your safety is their number one concern; their tours will only run if all safety protocols are in place and the traveler will get the best tour experience. If there are any unexpected obstacles or extra paperwork with which to deal or documents to provide, the company, their experienced Tour Directors and I will take care of that or assist travelers in doing so. I have rescheduled my tours to a time when travelers will hopefully feel more comfortable getting on an airplane and experiencing a foreign country. My upcoming tours are as follows:

Lisbon, Seville, Madrid & Barcelona - June 4-16, 2022

Food & Wine of Northern Italy (plus the Italian Riviera & Venice) - September 3-16, 2022

Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Saltzburg - September 15-28, 2023

I invite you to join us to one of these exciting destinations. Itineraries and pricing are available on my microsite: www.grouptoursite.ca/judychapman. Please be in touch if I can answer any questions: judychapman44@gmail.com or 506-847-3241.

High School Transcripts

Some alumni members have contacted us about how to acquire a copy of their high school transcript. If you are a recent graduate, you should contact the Simonds High School office directly. You may do so by phone (506-658-5367) during their hours of operation which are 8 AM - 4 PM on weekdays. If you are not a recent graduate, you will probably have to contact the district office for Anglophone School District - South. The person you should contact there is Lily Kinnear. She may be reached at 506-658-5300 or by email at lily.kinnear@nbed.nb.ca. When you inquire, you will be asked for your full name, your school (Simonds High), year of graduation, birth date and contact information.

Homestay Families

Simonds High is seeking families who would be interested in hosting a homestay student for Second Semester (end of January until the end of June 2022). Financial compensation is provided to host families. If you are interested and would like to find out more about the program, please contact Angela Calder at angelacalder78@gmail.com

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). Luncheons for the retired Simonds teachers will resume once it is safe to do so (after covid-19).



WHAT'S HAPPENING??

The Missing Provincial Banners

Ferdie Forgey from the Class of 1958 was a member of three New Brunswick championship teams for Simonds Regional High School. Those teams were Track & Field in 1954, Basketball in 1955 and Soccer in 1955. Astutely, Ferdie noticed that there was only a banner for one of those provincial winning teams - the Track & Field one - hanging in the Simonds' gymnasium. Doug Deering, the current SPR of Athletics was contacted; when he checked with the NBIAA (New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association), they did not have records of that. However, Ferdie proudly went to the school with his scrapbook of newspaper clippings to prove those accomplishments. At present, new banners are being created for those winning teams! Once the new banners are received, it is hoped that Mr. Forgey will be present to unveil them! What a huge honour and tribute that will be to the hard work of those soccer and basketball team members as well as their teacher coach Mr. Art Pottle! A sincere thanks goes out to Doug Deering for his assistance and to Ferdie Forgey for great records of the team memorabilia! Mr. Deering also intends to place pictures of all three teams in the sports display cabinet at the school. Attached are pictures of those provincial winning teams. As well, there is a picture of Ferdie proudly holding his Simonds jacket with the three provincial team crests, which he, in fact, was asked to design! What a "good news" story as part of our Simonds' history!



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.

Tammy (Vautour) Kilpatrick (1992) became Tammy Conley on September 17, 2021 when she married longtime partner Ron Conley. Their family consists of 3 daughters and 1 son, all of whom are Simonds graduates! Tammy is employed at Source Atlantic while Ron works at Sunbury Transport.

Joe Woytiuk (2017) graduated with his Bachelor of Business Administration from Acadia University in the spring of 2021; he was awarded one of eight Golden A's for his contribution to student life while maintaining academic excellence (was on the Dean's list). He is now employed at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia as a Residence Life Coordinator.

Madeline (Kilpatrick) Quinlan (2015) married **Sheldon Quinlan (2012)** on August 14, 2021 in Upham, NB. Madeline is the General Manager of Runway Convenience and Sheldon works at J-Mar Interiors. They reside in Saint John.

Joseph Bourque (2006) and **Julie (Moore) Bourque (2006)** were married on June 10, 2021. They have two girls Ruby, born on January 21, 2021 and Rachel, age 8. Joe works as a Resource Officer at TD Insurance and Julie works as a Customer Support Lead for Roche Canada. They live in Saint John.

Ryan LeBlanc (2012), of Saint John, has two reasons to celebrate! He married his wife Mackenzie on October 16, 2021. They have a new daughter, Amaleah, born in July 2021. Ryan is a machinist at Maritime Industrial Machining and Mackenzie is a Junior Accountant at Irving Oil.

Tiffany (Janes) Carr (2012) married Ryan Carr on September 10, 2021. Tiffany is an educational assistant in the Anglophone School District - South and Ryan is a travel consultant for American Express at Cloud 5. They have one son, Nolan, age 7. Tiffany and Ryan make their home in Saint John.

Susan (Carson) Brown (2008) and husband **Sam Brown (2003)** grew their family by one; their son, Evan Carson Brown was born on July 19, 2021. Evan is younger brother to siblings Mason age 6 and Sloane age 2-1/2. Susan is a diagnostic imaging technologist at the Sussex Health Centre and Sam works at TD Insurance. The happy family lives in Saint John.

Emily Duffy (2019) and **Shea Hickey (2020)** were named to the Atlantic University Sports Women's Rugby All-Star team this fall. Shea was also named Second Team All-Canadian for her accomplishments on the rugby field. Emily is a student at the University of Prince Edward Island; she was nominated for volunteer of the year by the New Brunswick Rugby Union.

Living in Prince Edward Island, **Janelle (Baxter) Milley (2007)** and husband **Rob Milley (2007)** added to their family on August 14, 2021. Taylor Patricia was born and is little sister to Janey age 2-1/2. Rob is a police officer in Summerside and Janelle is a teacher.

Megan Richard (2012) and partner **Ronnie Hooper (2005)** have a new son Colt Ronald Hooper, born September 21, 2021. Colt has a big sister Bella age 3. Megan works at Horizon Health network and Ronnie works at the Irving Refinery. They live in Saint John.

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/>

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Matthew Kilpatrick (2013) married **Samantha (Desylva) Kilpatrick (2013)** on July 3, 2021. They live in Saint John where Matt works at Irving Wallboard and Sam works at Sobeys.

Candice (Gallant) Burns (2010) and Matt Burns were married on June 26, 2021. Candice is a teacher in Anglophone School District - South and Matt works at Irving Blending and Packaging. They live in Baxter's Corner, NB.

Luke Arseneault (2010) married Kate (Burns) Arseneault on September 4, 2021. Kate is a registered Massage therapist at Forfitness and Athletics and Luke is a lobster fisherman. The happy couple lives in Willow Grove, NB.

Lindsay (Millett) Legere (2006) and husband Jamie Legere welcomed son Luke Jamie Legere on September 27, 2021. Luke has a big sister Maddison age 4-1/2. Lindsay is a teacher in Anglophone School District - South and Jamie works at Ultimate Windows and Doors.

Kristen (Duplessis) O'Neill (2008) and Kale O'Neill were married at Tangled Garden in Wolfville, NS on August 7, 2021. Kristen, who completed her Kinesiology degree at Memorial University and her MBA at UNB is a heart health quality leader for the Nova Scotia Health Authority. Kale is a medical resident at Nova Scotia Health.

Jeremy Blizzard (2007) married Eileen (Creamer) Blizzard on September 18, 2021. Eileen is in the Bachelor of Nursing program at the UNB Moncton campus. Jeremy works for Loblaws at the Kennebecasis Valley Superstore as an Assistant Store Manager. The couple lives in Saint John.

Megan Ougler (2011), a twin, and partner D. J. Wilson are estatic to announce the arrival of their twin daughters Raya Annabelle and Raven Lily on September 1, 2021. D. J. is a teacher in Anglophone School District - South. Megan is a Behaviour Consultant with Autism Intervention Services. The happy family resides in Saint John.

Erin (Nobles) Crook (2009) and husband Evan Crook have a new son, Calvin John born on October 29, 2021. Evan is a police officer while Erin works as a therapist at Family Plus. The couple lives in Willow Grove, NB.

Becky (Hosford) Curnew (2002) and her husband Craig welcomed a new baby Lexi on November 22, 2021. Lexi has an older brother Seth age 10. Becky is employed at Envision Saint John and Craig, at Irving Oil. The happy family makes their home in Saint John.

Keith Sproul (2007) and wife Caitlin had son Anders on September 7, 2021. Keith is a mechanical engineer at Point Lepreau and Caitlin is a nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital. The family lives in Saint John.

Alisha (Sherwood) Cochrane (2008) and husband Steve Cochrane have a new son Sawyer, born on June 14, 2021. Kennedy, age 3, is his proud big sister. Alisha is a manager at Sport Chek and Steve works at JD Irving. They live in Saint John.

On October 2, 2021 **Lacey (Sherwood) Morand (2012)** and Kyle Morand were married. Residing in Moncton, Lacey is a respiratory technologist at Quality Respiratory Care and Kyle works at JD Irving.

Wayne Beresford (2011) and wife Brittany have a new son Grayson Brandon born on October 6, 2021; the middle name Brandon is a tribute to Wayne's close friend and Simonds graduate Brandon Jefferson, who passed away in 2015. Grayson has a big sister Callie, age 2. They live in the state of Washington where Wayne is with the Canadian Forces.

Taylor (Deuvuille) Phillips and husband **Drake Phillips (2009)** are thrilled with the arrival of their daughter, Milena Mae Tasha Phillips (Milly) on November 15, 2021. Drake and Taylor work at TD Insurance and reside in Rothesay, NB.

Erica (Forward) Tibbo (2008) and husband Chad added daughter Tessa Joy to their family on November 9, 2021. Tessa has a big brother Weston age 1-1/2. Both Erica and Chad are dentists.

Josh Forward (2009) and wife **Vanessa (Baxter) Forward (2010)** have a new son, Liam James, born on September 13, 2021. Vanessa is a nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Josh is a teacher at Simonds High School. The happy couple makes their home in Quispamsis.

Dylan Robertson (2010) and Megan (Hodd) Robertson were married on August 14, 2021. Dylan works at Atlas Structural Systems and Megan works at Working NB. They live in Quispamsis, NB.



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Mallory (Smith) Wilson (2012) married **Sean Wilson (2012)** on October 16, 2021. Sean is a foreman for NRB/ Dexter Construction and Mallory is the store manager at La Vie en Rose. They make their home in Saint John.

Michael Flecknell (2010) and Tiffany (Brown) Flecknell were married on July 24, 2021. They make their home in Saint John where Michael works at JD Irving and Tiffany works at the Business and Higher Education Roundtable.

Matt Estabrooks (2013) and fiancé Sarah Brookins have a new daughter Blair, born on September 5, 2021. Matt is a welding trainee at Acuren Group Inc and Sarah worked at Arby's.

On July 2, 2021 **Kelsey (Patterson) Bertolini (2011)** and **Adam Bertolini (2006)** were married. Kelsey is a LPN for the Horizon Health Network and Adam is a deputy sheriff. They make their home in Garnett Settlement, NB. with their children Hailey age 12, Hayden age 10 and their fur baby Bauer.

Allie Murchison-Maguire (2012) and Shania Murchison-Maguire were married on August 7, 2021 at Crystal Beach. Shania is a teacher at Anglophone School District - South and Allie is the Red Cross Communications and Government Relations Advisor for the Atlantic region.

Joe Sanford (2008) completed his family medicine residency in Montreal over two challenging years which included working on the COVID ward at the Jewish General Hospital. This summer, Dr. Sanford returned home to Saint John to establish his practice as a family physician. Joe has a son Luc, age 13.

Amanda (Baxter) Kirkpatrick (2000), her husband, Troy, and their 7-year old daughter Olivia, are overjoyed at the arrival of their son/ brother Levi Owen Kilpatrick, born on January 19, 2021. Amanda enjoys her career as an audiologist at Saint John Audiology and Troy works in the carpenter shop for the City of Saint John. The happy family lives in the Saint John area.

Angela (Cameron) Steacy (2011) and husband Dan added a new baby Mia, born on January 12, 2021. Other siblings include Abby age 7, Brooklyn age 5, Rosalie age 4 and Sophie age 2. They have a very busy happy household.

On August 7, 2021, **Emily (Martin) LeClair (2009)** and **Marc LeClair (2003)** were married. Emily is a behaviour interventionist and Marc works for the City of Saint John. They live in Forest Hills with their son Mathieu age 3-1/2.

Kate MacNeill (2004) and fiancé Aaron Parlee welcomed baby Fletcher Maxwell on August 1, 2021. Kate is a registered nurse in cardiac surgery at the New Brunswick Heart Centre at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Aaron works for Midland. The family lives in Quispamsis, NB.

Christine (Cox) Flecknell (1975) married Kevin Thompson on September 25, 2021. The happy couple lives in Saint John. Together, they have 3 sons, 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

Marc Hayward (2004) was married on May 15, 2021 to Lauren (Donovan) Hayward. Marc is a supervisor at Razor Contract Manufacturing and Lauren, a medical laboratory professional. The couple resides in Saint John.

Tanya Bartlett-Morris (2005) married Alex Morris on September 24, 2021. Tanya is a substitute teacher in Anglophone School District - South and a bartender at Boston Pizza. Alex is a Business Analyst at Cooke Aquaculture.

Jennifer (MacNeil) Wood (2005) and husband Caleb Wood have a new son Ethan Archie born on October 15, 2021. Big sister Hailey age 3 is thrilled! They live in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Matt Lamont (2006) completed his PhD thesis and oral defense in Pharmacology. With that he may now be referred to as Dr. Lamont, but Matt is also studying at Memorial University to be a medical doctor. He and his wife Danika live in St. John's, Newfoundland and have two children - daughter Alexia age 3-1/2 and son Thomas age 2.

Daughter Kira Rose Marie Sherwood was born in Vancouver to **Colin Sherwood (2010)** and wife Alysha Sherwood on October 12, 2021. Colin is the Operations Manager at Swingle Clinic.

In October 2020, **Jordan Fitzpatrick (2009)** married Meaghan (Smith) Fitzpatrick. Jordan works at TD Insurance and Meaghan works at TD Bank. They live in Rothesay, NB.



2021/22 Reunions



REUNIONS 2022

Class of 1970: Due to the prolonged pandemic, the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1970 has been postponed again. It is now scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2022 from 6 PM – midnight at the Riverside Golf Club in East Riverside. A grand celebration in honour of their 50+2 years will take place at that time. For more information, please contact simondsclassof70@gmail.com or join their Facebook page **Simonds High School Class of 1970**.

Class of 1971: The 50-year reunion of the Class of 1971 has been postponed to early in 2022. Organizers are hopeful that by then, it should be much safer to travel and to gather in a large non-distanced manner. Stay tuned for a class Facebook page and reunion updates as they become available.

Class of 1972: Organizers have begun planning for the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1972. It will take place in 2022. More details will be forthcoming soon.

Class of 1980: For reunion updates, you may check their Facebook page: **Simonds High School Class of 1980**.

Class of 1984: A 40-year reunion will take place on August 10, 2024.

Class of 1990: The Class of 1990 has rescheduled their 30-year reunion; they are hoping to have a get-together in August 2022. Details will be announced once they are available. You may follow the Facebook group **Simonds High School Class of 1990 (30th Reunion)** for more information.

Class of 2000: Due to the pandemic uncertainty, the planning committee for the Class of 2000 has decided it would be logical and safer to postpone their 20-year reunion. More details will be available later. You may follow that class in the Facebook group **Simonds High School 20th Year High School Reunion**.

Class of 2001: With concerns re travel and group gatherings, the grad class committee has decided it would be difficult to celebrate the way they would like. Instead of celebrating their 20-yr reunion this year, they have decided to celebrate 25 years in 2026! At that time, the class hopes to celebrate together without any restrictions.

Class of 2002: Please join the **Simonds High School Class of 2002 - 20 Year Reunion** Facebook page. As a date and venue are finalized, they will be posted there and on the **Simonds High School Alumni** Facebook page as well.

Questions have been asked re reunions for other classes. To date we have not received any details re plans for those reunions. At this time it has been difficult for reunions to be planned; everything is tentative. Please be patient with the reunion planners for your class. As soon as details become available, they will be advertised in this alumni newsletter and on our Facebook page **Simonds High School Alumni**.

The Class of 1958 celebrated their 63-year reunion on August 28, 2021, at the Queen's Buffet in Saint John. Thirteen class members and some spouses attended. With constantly changing covid protocols and previous commitments, some members who normally attend were unable to do so. Attendees were from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Ferdie Forgey, a member of this class, said that after a lovely lunch, class members lingered for a couple more hours reminiscing. The Class of 1958 used to have reunions every five years, but now enjoys getting together every year. They are all looking forward to gathering again in August 2022 for their 64-year reunion!

Front Row (L-R) - Edith Hunter, Giselle Bertin, Eleanor Marr, Kay Lucas, Arlene Kierstead, Marie Dempster
Back Row (L-R) - Gord Thorne, Helen O'Blenis, Alfie Smith, Ferdie Forgey, Marilyn Walker, Bill Harrington, David Fairweather



OBITUARIES

Edwin “Sonny” Leonard (1958) passed away on September 27, 2021. Sonny worked in accounting for the Royal Bank, Barnes Hopkins and MacKnight Motors. He was a longtime member of the NB Kennel Club and the African Violet Association. Ed is survived by sisters Irene and Brenda, many nieces and nephews and several awesome care-givers.

Daniel Riley (1960) Dan, a long time employee of Canada Revenue, passed away on October 20, 2021. He enjoyed having coffee with friends, socializing at the seniors’ dances and growing vegetables and prize-winning roses. Dan is survived by children David, Shannon and Daniel, as well as 3 grandchildren and brothers Robert, Phillip, Ronald, John and Patrick.

Margaret “Marnie” (Thomas) Wilcox (1960) passed away on October 14, 2021 in Lynchburg, Virginia. After marrying her childhood sweetheart Darryl, who joined the American Air Force, she enjoyed travelling with him throughout the United States and Europe. Marnie, an LPN, was very proud of her work in labour and delivery in Hahn, Germany, and work with the Drug / Alcohol Rehabilitation Commission in Sumter, South Carolina. She is survived by her husband, daughter Cheryl, son Darrin, 6 grandchildren and brothers Bob, Earle, Basil and Michael. As she was always a proud Canadian who loved time at home with her Canadian family. Marnie was laid to rest in Mispec.

Brian Morrell (1964) died on October 18, 2021. He worked as a machinist at Saint John Shipbuilding for many years. Brian was president of the Saint John Machine Craft Union, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and many other clubs. Owning a dozen horses, he enjoyed horse racing for four decades. As a member of the Alpine Senior Fastball Team, Brian was inducted into the Hall of Fame. He will be missed by his brothers Joseph, Jack, David and William.

Elsie (Hunter) Smith (1965) passed away on November 6, 2021. She enjoyed many hobbies such as knitting, crocheting, baking, playing guitar, painting, writing poetry and jogging. As she dealt with chronic health challenges throughout her life, she demonstrated resilience in bouncing back from acute illness. She will be missed by daughters Eve, Rebekah and Martha, 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren as well as siblings Phyllis, Andy, Austin, Bonnie and Reba.

Barbara (Smith) Woollven (1967) died unexpectedly on August 27, 2021. Barb worked for a number of years at NB Tel before retiring to care for her family. She was active in Silver Falls United Church, especially in their choir. An accomplished pianist, she accompanied young singers at the New Brunswick Music Festival and the Empty Stocking Fund, as well as played at numerous weddings. Barb is survived by her husband John, daughter Sarah and brother, Douglas.

Steve Lewis (1968) lived a life of adventure with moves to Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, and a return to Halifax. Although he was a “Bay Street Banker” with the Royal Bank, he embraced fun camping experiences with his wife Janie, son Colin and daughter Katie. Steve was also a legendary cook, having won numerous RBC Head Office Toronto Corporate Banking bake-offs. Another of his passions was motorcycles; he joined the Central Chapter Nova Scotia Harley Owners Group and enjoyed many fun adventures and strong friendships through them. With motorcycle friends, he and his wife enjoyed twenty years of special bike weeks, and lengthy trips through many states. When diabetes weakened his kidneys, time was spent re-living these adventures with his friends before his final journey, the opportunity to die with dignity through MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying). In addition to his wife, son and daughter, Steve is survived by his sister Jennifer and 4 grandchildren.

MaryEaster (McCarty) Kennedy (1969) died unexpectedly on October 11, 2021. She was a dedicated member of the Jervis Bay Legion Branch 53, having served with the Canadian Forces as an electrical engineer. MaryEaster is survived by children Troy, Timothy, Selena and Wayne, 12 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, brothers Edward and Vernon and sisters Ella and Katherine.

Wayne MacKenney (1969) unexpectedly passed away on September 27, 2021. He owned and operated King of Windows and was past president of the New Brunswick Insulators Association and president of Great White North Trading. He enjoyed travelling, collecting antiques, attending sporting events and reading or watching anything to do with History. Missing Wayne are his wife Diane, son Jamie, daughter Tracey, 3 grandsons, and siblings Kathy, Neil and Kevin.

James Garnett (1970) passed away on April 1, 2020. He was a long time Woolco employee and travelled for work to many places throughout Canada. In his retirement, he did beautiful carpentry and hunted for rare collectable spoons. James had a lifelong love of all things Toronto. He is survived by his mother Mitzi, daughters Jennifer, Jillian and Jamie-Lee, many grandchildren, and sisters Katherine, Tracy and June.

Paul Oliver (1971) died on July 28, 2021. He was employed by Saint John Shipbuilding for over 25 years and by Bourque Industrial. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, playing computer games and being a chess master. He was passionate about Karate and won many national championships. He became a karate coach and master instructor, including the Canadian National Coach for World Championships in Japan and the first Canadian to ever win the Soke Cup and Grand Champion. He has been named Male Athlete of the Year for the City of Saint John, and in 2000, was inducted into the Saint John Sports Hall of Fame. Paul received numerous other national coaching awards for his dedication to karate. Left to mourn him are his wife Wendy, and children Luke and Tara Lou.

Kevin Yateman (1973) passed away on May 14, 2021 in Hamilton, Ontario. He was a programmer with Nortel, until he took an early retirement due to ill health. Kevin was very musical and loved to play his guitar and sing with family and friends. As a teenager, he performed in many local variety shows and at other venues. The last surviving member of his immediate family, he will be mourned by several cousins and friends.

OBITUARIES CON'T...

John Ford (1983) passed away on June 25, 2021. A pressman for most of his life, John worked for Quebecor followed by the Pictou Advocate, prior to leaving on a disability. He is survived by his wife Mae, children Devon and Melissa, 3 grandsons and sister, Pam.

William Knox (1984) died on July 30, 2021 in Saint John. Bill served in the Canadian Forces for 11 years. He was a kind and considerate man who enjoyed catching up with friends, reading, playing with his pets and investigating genealogy. Bill is survived by his parents, wife Valerie and sisters Tina and Mindy.

Pat Power (1997) passed away in Clarenville, Newfoundland on July 11, 2021. Cherishing his memory are his mother Mary, father Bernard and brother Derrick.

Patrick Kilfoy (2007) died unexpectedly on November 2, 2021. Patrick had worked with Atlantic Towing, and since 2013, with Irving Oil Ltd. Canaport Offshore. He loved 4-wheeling and entertaining friends in his garage. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his precious baby daughter, Penny (his "Lucky Penny").

Courtney Hebert (2016) passed away unexpectedly on November 1, 2021. She dedicated her life to assisting others and was actively pursuing her master's degree in Experimental Medicine at McGill University. Her community involvements include being treasurer of the Psychology Society and being a swimming instructor and lifeguard for the YMCA and head lifeguard and swimming instructor at Fundy National Park. She volunteered as a Medical First Responder with St. John Ambulance, was a mentor with the "Promise Partnership" at UNB and was a swimming instructor for Swimming with a Mission Canada. Courtney will be greatly missed by her twin sister Kendra and parents Heather and Mark.



Paul James (Staff) passed away on November 10, 2021. A teacher in the Humanities Department at Simonds in the 1980's, Paul was a well-read history enthusiast. In his youth, he was an avid ball player in the north end. He loved his neighbourhood and baseball so much that his public funeral service was held at St. Peter's Ball Field. Paul is mourned by his wife Peggy, sons Emlyn and Frank, 3 grandsons and brother Billy.

George Pottle (Staff) passed away on November 18, 2021. After 11 years working as a draftsman at McAvity & Sons, George became an Industrial (specializing in drafting) and Math teacher at Simonds where he taught for 35 years. He loved basketball - as a player, a coach (he coached some provincial championship teams at Simonds) and a provincial basketball referee. His students remember his excellent teaching, quick wit, patience and caring nature. George's impeccable drafting penmanship adorns the award certificates of many Simonds students. He will be missed by his wife Frances, sons Carl and Andrew, daughters Gwen and Janice as well as step-children Alan, Alison, Andrea and Annette, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Bacon (Staff), a charter member of the staff of Simonds Regional High School on Bayside Drive, continued her career at the Hickey Road location. She passed away on December 8, 2021. A Beaverbrook scholar, Dot studied at UNB and taught in a one room school house prior to her career as a high school Math teacher extraordinaire. She had a quiet, kind, patient, encouraging, but strict manner with her students. Miss Bacon was a gifted, bright and well-respected Math teacher and Department Head who had a huge impact on many East Saint John students; she made Math seem easy and opened doors for many youth to pursue careers in Science, Engineering, etc. Her legacy lives on through students privileged to have her as their teacher. Miss Bacon enjoyed travelling, camping, classical music, plays and concerts. She left teaching early to care for elderly relatives. Dot rescued numerous dogs and cats and loved them all. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

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.

SIMONDS NOW!



Simonds has had a very busy and exciting fall in spite of all the challenges of continuing to educate students in pandemic times. Large yard card Welcome signs set the tone both at the beginning of the school year and after schools reopened after the CUPE strike. Pink Day was fun and popular. Students planted trees on school property in cooperation with Atlantic Coastal Action Program (ACAP) SJ. Several theme weeks (including ones for Halloween Spirit and Christmas) took place. A fun event was "anything but a backpack" day during which students carried their supplies in all kinds of interesting and unusual containers from suitcases to laundry baskets, strollers, pizza bags and even a microwave! Truth and Reconciliation Day was observed with education and discussion as well as a mural and new crosswalk. Many Simonds fall teams participated in the fall season. The Christmas Entrepreneurship market took place. They celebrated with Friyeh TikToc dances and little white lie T-shirt day. Students collected food for needy families. There has been lots of school spirit at Simonds!

Simonds Now – Tree Planting

ACAP Saint John came to Simonds in October to do some tree planting with Ms. Sheilagh Gillis's biology classes, Peter Woytiuk's Applied Tech class (supervised by Josh Richards) and Katherine Miller's class. This is part of an initiative to plant 10000 trees over the next few years. It was a beautiful day for students to get outdoors, have some hands-on fun and play their part in helping our planet!



SIMONDS NOW!



Pink Day 2021

Simonds students will fondly remember commemorating Pink Day. Students and staff are encouraged to dress in pink to bring awareness to breast cancer. Often, this day was followed by a group from Simonds participating in the Run for the Cure walk. Unfortunately, each person undoubtedly knows a friend or family member whose life has been affected by cancer. Usually, a group shot is taken outside the school of everyone dressed in pink; this year, due to covid restrictions, gathering in such a large group was not feasible. However, students and staff still donned their best whackiest pink finery to bring awareness to this disease, and to have a bit of fun.

National Truth & Reconciliation Day

On September 30, 2021 Canada marked the first National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Simonds marked that day in several respectful ways. Students and staff wore orange shirts to honour the experiences of the Indigenous Peoples. There were discussions and educational videos in each class of the day. The Essential Skills students painted a wall mural with the logo Every Child Matters. In addition, there was a stunning new crosswalk painted at the entrance to the theatre / gym lobby. On the orange background are 7 feathers recognizing the 7 grandfather teachings: Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. Well done Simonds! You continue to make us proud as you educate students to be more understanding and inclusive.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Anica! She's Got Talent!

Katey (Wilson) Day-Reick (1987) is a lady with multiple amazing talents! She has had many different jobs / careers in her life so far, but the rock song in her heart has always been the background music.

After receiving a Christmas gift of a guitar when she was 12, Katey first began to perform in paid gigs in Market Square in Saint John when she was 13. She sang in school variety shows, but her real journey into singing came at the age of 19 when she was a member of the local group Windjammer. She was a musician and booking agent for that group for 14 years, touring the Atlantic provinces and Maine. This trio opened for groups such as Trooper, Jeff Healey, April Wine and Great Big Sea. When the band broke up, she moved to Halifax and did solo gigs, including being a personal musician with Bruce Guthro. Later she ventured back to New Brunswick, settling in Moncton where she was a member of another band for several years.

Katey plays several instruments including guitar, bass, harmonica and mandolin. However, her voice with so much depth and power is her main instrument. She has sung different musical genres including folk and jazz and blues, but rock music is her forte.

While singing solo or in groups in clubs, bars and other venues, Katey gleaned experience in several other careers to pay the bills. In Saint John, Halifax and Moncton, she was employed by radio and TV stations; she did reporting, made commercials and hosted morning shows. Several years ago, she wrote, directed and performed in her own rock musical, Deception; it played in 5 locations in the Maritimes.

In 2019, Katey won the Canadian Karaoke championships and then represented Canada in the World Karaoke Championships in Japan. At that event, she came in second.

After performing for three decades, her big break into the music scene occurred this past year when she was asked by America's Got Talent to audition again. She sent in videos, did interviews and then was invited to Los Angeles to audition on their live show. Under the stage name, Anica (a pet name from her younger years), she belted out Janis Joplin's "Piece of My Heart". Howie Mandel and Heidi Klum gave her a standing ovation! A majority of judges felt she deserved to go on to the Quarter Finals. Again she was flown to LA; all expenses were paid and she was given the red-carpet treatment. For her second performance, she sang a riveting powerhouse cover of Bishop Briggs song, "River". After rocking the house, she received standing ovations from Howie, Heidi and Sofia Vergara, as well as praise from Simon Cowell. Not just her talent, but the sincere bubbly personality she exudes won over the judges and audience. Although she did not advance beyond that, Katey is thrilled to have performed on the biggest stage in the world and to have met the judges and Terry Crews.

Since her AGT performance, Katey has accumulated a massive fan base worldwide. Entertainment media has been enthralled with her energetic and powerful voice. Her life has been a whirlwind! She has been offered several interesting opportunities to showcase her incredible voice. Fremantle Entertainment, associated with AGT and sponsored by several networks, has invited her to join their team of Highnotes. Only 70 artists are part of this group of entertainers; Katey is on the same roster as the Bare Naked Ladies, BTO and Walk off the Earth. Her hope for the future is to have the contacts and financial backing to reboot her rock musical, make it more professional and in digital format ... and perhaps even get it on Broadway. She continues to chase her lifetime dream!

Since returning to her home in Grand-Barachois, NB, Katey has settled back into her life as a very busy and successful real estate agent. She, and her wife Katie, are realtors together. They enjoy their family life with daughters Baylee and Jessie. They delight in helping out others in the community, especially during the difficult times people have experienced recently. Katey is admittedly a workaholic and multi-tasks with great enthusiasm. Nonetheless, life after AGT is not quite the same. When out in public, now everybody knows her and asks for her autograph or a picture! She is very appreciative of the support from her home province.

Although the multi-talented Katey has so much of which to be proud, she humbly says she is most proud that she is just a good person - that she has not compromised her integrity to attain her goals. Katey, many Seabees, and New Brunswickers in general, watched and applauded your performance on America's Got Talent. We are proud of the talented person you have become, are excited to see what your promising future holds and wish you the very best!



We would like to introduce you to the new Simonds High School principal, Jennifer Carhart. Mrs. Carhart, a Haligonian, completed her Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education and Master of Education in her studies at St. Thomas University and UNB. She has held various teaching positions over the years, including a couple of Vice Principal roles. Jennifer spent the past 14 years as principal at Hazen-White/St. Francis and Princess Elizabeth School. She feels that being a school principal is a privilege and said she is blessed to be a part of the lives of so many families. Mrs. Carhart finds it rewarding to support students, families, staff and communities. We welcome her to our Simonds family and community.

Happy Holidays to our Alumni from The Hive! The year has started out wonderfully and I couldn't be more proud of the work that our students, staff and community have done to welcome me to the Seabee family. Together we have weathered some ups and downs from Covid and CUPE job actions and as a family we are stronger for the experiences we've had together.

As we look to the future we are working on many projects and initiatives in the building and outside of the building. Any support any of our wonderful Alumni is able to provide in helping us achieve our goals of working on the courtyard in the spring and smaller revitalization projects inside the school please email Jennifer.carhart@nbed.nb.ca

I am a proud new Seabee and am looking forward to meeting you all and working with you all as supporters of our wonderful school. I encourage you all to follow us on Twitter @Simonds_HS to see all the unique things happening daily in The Hive!

Have a safe Holiday Season and thank you for your continued support and pride in the Seabee community.

Mrs. Carhart

