

Simonds High Alumni Newsletter June 2016



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Congratulations Graduates (our newest alumni) Simonds High Class of 2016!!

You've worked hard to achieve your goals and now you're on your way to seek new vistas, dream new dreams, embark on who you are, embrace life with passion and keep reaching for your star.

As a student, today is a proud moment for you to graduate. May your graduation be the beginning of many more wonderful achievements in your life.

**Congratulations!
From your Simonds Alumni!!**

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Few of our 2016 Graduates

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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!



Old Yearbooks!

Still searching for that special gift for a friend, relative, or even yourself? The Simonds Alumni Committee still has yearbooks from most years (only a few years are sold out). What a memorable gift that would make! Where else can you get such a special gift for \$35 and up (no tax) for yearbooks up to and including 2014? For more information or to see if your year is still available contact Judy Chapman chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca or anyone on the Alumni!

Simonds Memorial Grove

In June 2016, six new golden maple trees were planted in the Simonds Memorial Grove. This Memorial Grove was created by a partnership between the Simonds High School Alumni and the current school Environmental Club, Team Green. Each year, new trees are donated by a grad class (or individual) for a certain class year, or in memory of an individual or group with connections to the school. After their very successful 50-year reunion last summer, the Class of 1965 donated two trees in memory of their classmates. One tree was donated by the Class of 2005 in memory of those (Tashia Phillips and Irvine Eatmon) lost from their class. Two trees were donated to remember deceased longtime Simonds teachers – Al Dodge and Ralph Black. Team Green also made their annual donation of a tree from funds they raised. The Grove is growing around the school premises and is looking very good. The students and some teachers, under the supervision of teacher Michele Banks, plant the trees each year. In the next couple of years as these trees grow and their root systems stabilize, it is hoped to add some benches between the trees. Eventually there will be a backdrop of green climbing vines on the side of the school that will showcase our green and gold school colors. We invite individual alumni or classes who are planning reunions for this or upcoming years to please consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. What a beautiful way in which to remember a classmate/friend/family member. Inside the main entrance to the school, there is a plaque with name plates honoring 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 Alumni Committee if you would like to make a donation and be a part of this worthwhile initiative to give back to your school. The next planting of memorial trees will occur in the spring of 2017.



In memory of Simonds teacher Ralph Black - in picture are from L to R - his colleagues Larry Josselyn, Dianne Cunningham, Cathy MacDonald & Judy Chapman



In memory of Simonds teacher Al Dodge - in picture are from L to R - Al's wife, Linda Dodge, and Al's colleague, Mark Murchison



Remembering those lost from the Class of 2005 - in picture are Terry, Drake & Brenda Phillips, family of Tasha Phillips



In memory of those lost from the Class of 1965 - in picture are Eldon & Margaret Dubee and Simonds Team Green teacher, Michele Banks



Team Green Pic - Harold Stewart, Simonds teacher & Team Green members who planted the 2016 memorial trees

Retired Simonds Staff Member?

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 usually meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 PM for lunch and socializing. Our lunch date locations are changed up each month and a great time is had by all! 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. If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald (ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca).



Little Shop of Horrors

The Simonds High alumni was again involved in supplying and serving a rehearsal supper to all those students involved in their Little Shop of Horrors musical in late April. These students worked extremely hard to prepare for their very successful musical; they really appreciated being treated to a pizza supper.



Remember When...

In each issue, we will include a picture or two 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 tamkilp@yahoo.ca or Judy (MacKnight) Chapman at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca. The following is a pic from one of the games Simonds played IN THE SNOW at Rugbyfest in 2002. It was quite the Rugbyfest - lots of injuries recalled! Do any of you remember this?



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 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!

Hosting International Students

Have you ever thought about welcoming a student from another country or culture into your home? If not, perhaps you might consider this enriching experience. As part of Atlantic Education International (AEI), the New Brunswick International Student Program (NBISP) was created to provide world class educational opportunities to the global community through the New Brunswick Department of Education. Through this program students are invited to experience an English language immersion program in a public school for a semester, for a year or for a 4-12 week stay. People in the community are invited to share their home and offer guidance to a visiting international student. The student would attend high school (Simonds High School) in the area and participate in activities with the school, with their host families and with other international students in the area. These opportunities assist them in developing their English language skills, while they are developing friendships and connections with others in their home, school and community. Some of the countries from which these students originate are Mexico, Columbia, Brazil, Chile, France, Germany, Switzerland, Turkey, North & South Korea and China.

Host families are screened to ensure the needs of the student will be met. The host family will involve their student in family and community activities so they can truly experience our culture. Coordinators endeavour to carefully match the international student with a host family and host school. Consistent communication ensures a good experience for the student, family and school. If you decide to become a host family, you will receive monthly assistance with food and utility costs. The host family would have to offer the student a private bedroom, internet service and three nutritious meals a day. You would also have to be on a school bus and / or public transportation route. It is hoped that you would treat your international student as one of your own.

Simonds High has been pleased to enrol some of international students from this program in the past few years. Host families espouse that bringing an international student into their home and family has been an incredible and enriching experience for everyone. Please be assured that host families receive lots of support from a school coordinator, from the principal and the school district, from AEI and NBISP support staff and from other host families in the area. One Simonds alumna, Erin (Kelly) McPhee has hosted a couple of international students each year for the past several years. She declares it has been a fantastic experience for her and her family, for the school and for the students! Lasting friendships have been created.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please check out the website for Atlantic Education International (www.aei-inc.ca) or email them at aei@gnb.ca for more information. On their website be sure to peruse their testimonials and photo gallery pages. Alternately, you may wish to speak to someone at AEI about this opportunity. In Saint John, you may contact the International Student Coordinator, Lynn MacDonald at (506) 658-3019 or by email at lynn.macdonald@nbed.nb.ca or the Homestay Coordinator, Sara Nearing at (506)757-2918 or by email at sara.nearing@nbed.nb.ca. Be sure to investigate this amazing opportunity!

Simonds Alumni Committee Needs YOU

Everyone who went to Simonds High School is automatically a member of our alumni. We also include all teachers, secretarial staff, custodial staff, etc. We are all part of the Simonds family. Our SHS Alumni Committee meets approximately once a month from September until June. Our aim is to provide some activities for alumni and to produce a newsletter to keep alumni in touch with each other and abreast of current happenings with alumni activities, class reunions and events at the school. We also are working on creating a better liaison with the school for former grads. We invite you to join us on the committee; we need your assistance and ideas. If you cannot commit to regular meetings, perhaps you would be willing to be on our call / email list and donate an hour or two to some event or project - perhaps an hour to decorate for an alumni dance or to assist with some project we are doing in collaboration with the school. If you are willing to be on our call / email help list, please send your name, telephone number and preferred email address to Erin McPhee at erin1@nbnet.nb.ca. Even if you do not live in Saint John and surrounding area, you could contribute by sending an email or doing an enquiry for us. Thank you for your help and for giving back to your alumni and your school.

Snacks for Students

Snacks for hungry students have been available through the Simonds guidance department for the past couple of years. This semester, the Simonds alumni has been very pleased and grateful to partner with the retired teachers from Simonds to fill the snack containers with lots of goodies. Thanks go out to the retired teachers' group for their assistance with this initiative. Their kindness and concern for students has continued even after they departed from the halls and classrooms of Simonds.

Simonds High School Social Awards

The Simonds High School Social Awards evening took place on May 19th this year in the school cafeteria. Students involved in the various clubs, drama, etc attended along with their parents and teacher advisors. After the presentations, there were light snacks and munchies provided by the Simonds High Alumni and the school staff. It was a nice opportunity to partner with the school to recognize many students for their dedication and giving back to the school in non-sports related activities. (NOTE: The Sports Awards ceremony is a separate event.)



Easter Egg Hunt

Simonds Alumni worked in partnership with the school's Helping Hands group to carry out a successful Easter Egg Hunt in late March 2016. The hunt, followed by mini-cupcakes for the kiddies, was enjoyed by all.

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!



SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPO

The second annual Countdown to Christmas Shopping expo will take place in the Simonds High cafeteria on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 10AM - 2PM. Vendors who wish to have tables at this event will have the opportunity to book this coming August to hold your place. Shoppers can expect even more great shopping opportunities with our larger venue this year. The shopping expo is a fundraiser for the Simonds High Alumni.

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.

Please mark your calendars for another dance next February 4, 2017!

You don't want to miss it!!

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.

Please address any entries to Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or Tammy Kilpatrick (tamkil@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.

Mercedes Peters (2012) graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in History from Acadia University in Wolfville, NS. At graduation, she received the Dr. A. H. MacLean prize in History for the best honours thesis. In September, Mercedes will be moving to Halifax to continue her studies at Dalhousie University, where she has been awarded a Killam Pre-doctoral Fellowship to pursue her MA in History.

Jeff Driscoll (2012) will be spending his next two years between Montreal and Finland. He will head to Concordia University in the fall where he will be taking his M. Sc in Biology ; he will be researching reproductive ecology of reindeer in Finland. Jeff earned his B. Sc. from UNBSJ in May. While working in Finland, he will undoubtedly be adding to his travel bucket list from his high school trip and from his experiences during his exchange at the University of Birmingham in England.

Brandon Cosman (2010) graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. He is now residing in Halifax, NS where he is working as a sales engineer for Trane Canada, a world leader in heating and cooling systems for homes and businesses.

Emily (Moran) Brown (2012) and **Hallie Brown (2012)** have moved back to New Brunswick from PEI. Emily graduated in May 2016 with her Nursing degree from UPEI and has begun a job in the Intensive Care Unit at the Saint John Regional Hospital. Halle is currently working in security at the same hospital and will study in the Electrical program at NBCC Saint John commencing in September.

Kirsten MacDonald (2012) and Zach Ward have a daughter, Lainey Rae Kimberley Ward, born on April 13, 2016. Kirsten is an autism support worker at Stepping Stones Fundy Region Inc. and Zach is a welder; they live in the Saint John area.

Lindsey (Millett) Legere (2006) and Jamie Legere were married on June 4, 2016. Jamie works for Ultimate Windows & Doors in Saint John and Lindsey is a teacher.

Ben Bartlett (2004) and his wife, Sara Bartlett increased their family by two on June 14, 2016 when twins Isaiah James and Scarlett Lynn were born. Big sister, Faith, age 3, is thrilled! Ben is an Educational Assistant at Bayside Middle School.

Caitlin Robertson (2009) has been accepted into a Masters' Program in Applied Health Services Research at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. She will commence this program in September 2016 as a follow-up to her B. Sc.

Justine (Butler) Bailey (2002) and husband Frank Bailey have a son, 8 lb 6 oz Reid Edward, born June 8, 2016. Justine is a teacher and Frank, a surveyor / engineer at A. D. Fiander Associates Ltd in Fredericton. The happy family lives in Marysville, New Brunswick.

Tim Denton (2006) and Tina-Marie Cyr have a new daughter, Lilly Joanne, born May 25, 2016. Lilly will be a sister for Ashlyn. Both Tina-Marie and Tim work at IBM in Saint John.

Sheena (Donovan) Vandenbroeck (2001) and **Andrew Vandenbroeck (2001)** have a new son, Lawson Keith born in April 2016. Sheena is a senior accountant at Ocean Capital Investments and Andrew is a forester with Silvacom Ltd. After several years of living in Alberta, they now make their home in the Saint John area.

Christy Reardon (2000) and Russell Smith announce the arrival of their son, Crawford Joseph Smith who joined their happy family on May 13, 2016. Their first-born, pug Lily, now has to play second fiddle to the new arrival! Christy works in marketing at Irving Oil and Russell is a Senior User Interface Designer at Cvent. They reside in the Saint John area.

Tawnya Fanjoy (1992) completed her doctorate in Education (Curriculum & Instruction) from Liberty University in New York in May 2016. Previously, she received her BA in Psychology from UNBSJ and her MA in Counselling Psychology from Yorkville University. Tawnya is currently an online professor for Yorkville University. She teaches Masters level students pursuing their degree in Counselling Psychology. She is appreciative of the encouragement and support from her parents and husband, Ross Britton, throughout her academic career. Tawnya lives in Quispamsis, NB

Tammy Moore (1989) practiced family law for in Saint John for 10 years prior to joining the Faculty of Law at UNB Fredericton. Recently, she accepted a three year appointment as Associate Dean of Law there. Dr. Moore teaches Professional Conduct, Trial Practice, Children's Law and Legal Research and Advocacy. As well, she has recently been student advisor to law students. Tammy holds a B.A., LL.B., M.A. and PhD; she is a member of the Canadian Bar Association of New Brunswick and the Law Society of New Brunswick. Tammy is a well-respected and well-loved law professor. Her husband, Don Cullinan, is also a lawyer. They and their two daughters, make their home in the Saint John area.

Colleen (Templeton) Boyd (2004) married her high school sweetheart, **Colin Boyd (2004)** on June 10, 2016. Colleen is employed at TD Insurance while Colin works for the City of Saint John in the water department. They make their home in Upham, NB.

Susan (Hicks) Herrington (1977) was the recipient of the Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award in recognition of "her passion and the exceptional work being done with new Canadians in the diverse area she runs". Sue was the only one of 60 000 CIBC employees to receive this award. Susan and her husband, Grant Herrington, have two daughters and a son and live in Toronto, Ontario.

Whatever Happened to....

Maria Batiz lives in Rothesay N.B after graduating in 1985. She is not married, works in Rothesay and has a daughter and son. Maria loves going to New Hampshire for the Nascar races. Her most embarrassing moment of high school was getting sick from drinking too much at a school dance! Her favorite teacher was Mr. Noel Horgan. Her biggest accomplishment was having her two wonderful children. Maria has some great memories from high school. She has all she needs....family and love!

Florence Cyr Garnett lives in Saint John, NB after graduating in 1971. She is currently on extended sick leave from work due to her battle with cancer. She is married with 1 child. The furthest Florence has travelled is Campbellton, NB. Her favorite teacher was Miss Senna. Her biggest accomplishment since leaving high school was having her son. Her favorite memory of high school was her graduation.

Sherry Doucet lives in Saint John after graduating in 1976. She works in customer service, is widowed and has two boys ages 38 & 26. One of her favorite trips was to Cuba and the Dominican. Her most embarrassing moment of high school was the first day they changed signs on bathrooms and she went into the boys bathroom instead of the girls! Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Hale. Her biggest accomplishment was having her children. Her favorite memory of high school was her friends. Sherry says she doesn't "do wild and crazy", but she has an amazing group of friends!

Cindy Hatfield lives in Saint John after graduating in 1976. She is retired, engaged and has 3 girls, 2 boys and 2 granddaughters and 3 grandsons! Her favorite teacher was Mr. Branscombe. Her biggest accomplishment is surviving 5 kids! Cindy's greatest memory of high school was getting to see her friends every day. Even though her wild and crazy days are kind of blurry, she can't wait to see how wild and crazy her reunion is going to be this July!

Bev Moore lives in Fairfield and graduated in 1983. Working as a Diesel Mechanic (graduated college prep) he is happily married with 2 kids! Bev has travelled to Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico and much of the US. His most embarrassing moment of high school was missing 60+ classes in drafting & catching up in two classes! His favorite teacher was Paul Mathieson, "The Beatle" google him! His greatest memory and wildest adventure was hosting the 2012 grad class party (both our efforts are SHS grads!)

1. Where do you live?
2. What year did you graduate?
3. What are you doing now?
4. Have any children?
5. Married?
6. Traveled anywhere fun?
7. Most embarrassing moment from high school?
8. Favorite teacher?
9. Biggest accomplishment since leaving high school?

OBITUARIES

Larry McGrath passed away March 30, 2016. During his 35-year teaching career, Larry spent some time at Simonds both as teacher and as Department Head of History / Social Studies. He finished his career with a long tenure at St. Vincent's High School. Larry enjoyed spending time on the Saint John River, playing music in various locations, officiating as softball umpire or operating his snow clearing business. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. Larry was survived by son David McGrath, daughter Ann Boyle and grandsons Donnie and Adam Kerr.

Colleen (Alward) Hamilton (1970) passed away on May 31, 2016 after a long struggle with kidney disease. Colleen was very active in her church, where she served in several capacities. She was a piper in the Heather Society Pipe Band. Colleen loved swimming, travelling and spending time with family. She is survived by her husband, Robert Hamilton, sons Kevin, Trevor, Jeff and Matt and seven grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Lorraine Crawley and Cathy Thibodeau.

Kevin Beman (1987) passed away in Saint John on June 12, 2016. Kevin, a baker at the Millidgeville Superstore, enjoyed fishing and spending time with friends. He is survived by his parents, his significant other, Evelyn Penman, stepsons Jason and Kenny McGrath, brothers Dan and Rick Beman, sister Lisa Vienneau and one granddaughter.

Kevin MacVicar (1991) passed away unexpectedly on March 6, 2016. A firefighter for the Saint John airport, he was an avid outdoorsman; he enjoyed boating, building things and four-wheeling. Kevin is survived by his wife Charity, children Scarlett and Vaughn, brother Andrew MacVicar, sister Amy Peters, and several nieces and nephews.

Rebecca Bennett (2011) passed away on March 20, 2016. Rebecca was very social and outgoing and enjoyed spending time with her friends and family - especially her daughter, Cambria. She is survived by her daughter, father Russell Keeping, step-mother Pamela Chiasson, step-brother Kyle Chiasson as well as grandparents, cousins, nieces and nephews.



Alumni With a Big Heart Opens Home

In early May 2016, wildfires roared through northern Alberta, causing more than 80 000 residents of Fort McMurray and surrounding area to evacuate their homes with little notice. We have all seen the terrifying videos of roads jammed with evacuees driving through walls of fire to escape the city. About 10% of the city (about 2400 structures - homes and businesses) was destroyed and more than 80 000 residents fled. Most had no idea when they would return...and to what they would return. Such a frightening experience!

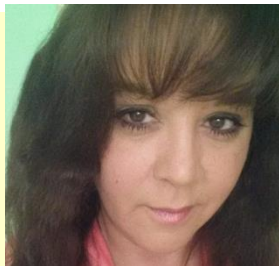
Upon hearing this news, Simonds alumni, Heather (Brideau) Lapointe (1985) posted ads on face book offering her basement as a temporary home for evacuees. (Heather and her family reside about 4 hours from Fort McMurray in Gibbons, a small town just outside of Edmonton.) The first response she received was from a family of 5 who arrived at 1:30 in the morning after fleeing the burning city. Heather offered them shelter. Although these complete strangers were at first shy, it did not take them and Heather`s family long to bond. They cried together while her new friends shared their story of driving through the fire while surrounded by flames. The next day, her new house guests received a call from their Fort Mac neighbours who also had nowhere to go. Again, Heather`s family opened their door to another family of 8 - including 5 children. Both families had originally moved to Fort McMurray from the Philippines about 10 years ago.

The 13 new guests stayed with the Lapointe family for almost a month. Heather offered her new friends shelter, meals and support. Family, friends, neighbours and complete strangers who heard about the evacuees donated food and other supplies to help out. In return, the house guests cooked some Philippine meals so their hosts could try new food and hear about their culture. It was an experience the host family will never forget!

One of the children was to celebrate her 14th birthday the day the family was fleeing the fire. Hearing that, Heather again made a face book post in her community group. Within an hour, friends and neighbours had secured a teen centre, decorations, food and gifts and the child was able to celebrate the most wonderful birthday she ever had. A grateful smile said it all!

The evacuated families have now returned to Fort McMurray. They, and so many others, have begun the long exhausting work of cleaning their property and rebuilding their lives. They are so thankful to Heather Lapointe and her family for opening their hearts and home to them when they needed it. The guests have kept in contact with the Lapointe`s and invited them to visit Fort Mac once things return to a more normal state.

Heather attributes her kind and giving nature to her dad and mom, Iris Brideau (who passed away this past December). They instilled in her that no matter how much or little one has, it is always good to share with those who have less.



Heather Lapointe



Heather's new family!

Awards for Teachers

The Simonds alumni would like to recognize and congratulate three Simonds teachers who have recently received recognition. Pat Laskey and Chris (Cummings) Roy were recipients of Canada's Outstanding Principals 2016 awards. Both teachers were on staff at Simonds High School for several years, but have since assumed principalships at local schools. Pat is currently the principal at Bayside Middle School where he has created many opportunities for success of their students; he has initiated a suicide prevention program, an apprenticeship program, a fidget toolkit and other collaborative approaches for dealing with student behaviour and success using a team approach by his staff. Chris is the principal of St. John the Baptist - King Edward School in the centre of Saint John. She reminds her staff that education and success at their school is always focused on the student. She adopted a collaborative model of problem solving for trauma-sensitive schools. Chris encourages training and coaching for her staff to deal with differentiation, interventions and behavioural and mental health issues. She and her staff celebrate positive student actions, provide highly-subsidized lunches and after-school tutoring, provide increased literacy support and ongoing engagement of families. Her staff regard her as a very inspiring principal.

Current Simonds staff member, Peter Woytiuk received the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick award for inspirational STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering & Math) teaching for 2016. The award recognizes Mr. Woytiuk's innovative teaching and his commitment to inspire students to succeed academically and have fun while doing so.

Class of 1976: Their 40-year reunion will take place on July 23, 2016 from 7 PM – 1 AM in the Simonds High School cafeteria. Lots of great memories will be shared. All graduates are invited to bring a guest. The cost is \$30 per person and pre-registration is required. The DJ begins playing the tunes at 9PM. For more information and registration details, please email Treva Colpitts at sh4oreunion@gmail.com

Class of 1981: Their 35-yr reunion will be on July 23, 2016 from 8PM – 2AM at Legends at the Three Mile Complex on Rothesay Avenue. Spouses and significant others are welcome. The cost is \$20 per person; you may pay by e-transfer to grantn@nbnet.nb.ca. Alternately, you may contact Kelly (Thomas) Brown at Shoppers Drug Mart in Quispamsis (506-849-1321), Cyndi (Kupkee) Train at Port City Pawn Shop (506-642-1671) or Karen (McKay) Neilson (506-849-2798). Further information is posted regularly on their face book page: Simonds High School – Class of 1981.

Class of 1986: The 30-yr reunion will be held on July 23, 2016 at O'Malley's Irish Pub, 621 Rothesay Avenue. They are having an '80s theme night and video dance party; new tunes will be played as well. At the reunion, there will be a big-screen PowerPoint presentation pics (of teams, events, class trips, parties) from your high school years. If you have any pics to contribute, please forward them to Lori Greer at couter98@hotmail.com. Stay tuned to the face book page (Simonds High School – Class of '86) for more details.

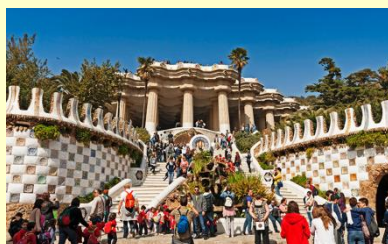
Class of 1991: Planning for a 25-yr reunion is taking place. For further details, please continue to follow the Simonds High School Alumni face book page..

Class of 1996: A 20-yr reunion will take place on July 16, 2016 at the Function Junction at the Three Mile Complex from 7PM – 2AM. The cost is \$10 per person. DJ506 will be supplying your favourite 90s tunes! You will be able to order from the regular menu. To purchase tickets in advance, please contact Robyn (Connell) McEachern on face book through the group page: SHS Class of 96, 20 Year Reunion.

Class of 2006: Their 10-yr reunion will take place on Saturday June 25, 2016 at the Simonds High School cafeteria. At 6PM, grads will begin to gather for a pot luck dinner; the bar will open at 7PM. Music and other entertainment will follow. There will be a video of pics from your high school years; if you have any pics to share, please send them along before the 25th to Eric Muir or Meaghan Flecknell through the class face book group page : Simonds High School Class of '06 Reunion. Be sure to register on the fb event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1718741185060692/>.

For updates on these reunions, please check the **Simonds High School Alumni face book page** or the **Simonds High website under the alumni tab:**
<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/sh/Pages/Reunions.aspx>

European Travel: Have you dreamed about travelling to Europe, but were daunted by all the planning? Looking for a hassle-free travel experience? Then, you are in luck! Judy Chapman is now planning a new adult tour to Spain for fall 2016. On this 10-day tour, you will visit Seville, Madrid and Barcelona...with the option of taking a 2-night extension to beautiful Costa del Sol with beaches hugging Mediterranean coast. The tour departs on October 14, 2016 (just after the Canadian Thanksgiving) and is with a very reputable world-wide company. 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. Judy invites 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 in this travel opportunity, please contact Judy at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca or 847-3241 or on face book for more details. Stay tuned to see where the tour will be for 2017!!



SIMONDS AIR CADETS 65TH REUNION

During the last weekend in May, 527 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets celebrated their 65th anniversary at the school with the theme 'Remembering Our Cadet Veterans'. In December 1950 the squadron became part of the high school and since that time a few thousand Simonds High School students have been members of the squadron. The weekend activities included a Friday night social at which former cadets and graduates from the mid-1950s (as well as those from every decade in between) attended. On Saturday, former cadets, students and veterans met with the current cadets, provided lunch for them and helped them with their exhibits for the end of year inspection the next day. On Sunday Lieutenant Governor Jocelyne Roy-Vienneau was the inspecting officer for the cadets. At this event was one of the largest turnouts in many years with over 300 guests in attendance, including School Principal Gary Keating, and former Vice-Principal and former Cadet Commanding Officer Bev Harrison (class of 1960).

Simonds High School 527 Squadron continues to meet in the school. Cadets train on Wednesday evenings as well as on other nights and some weekends. This group continues to be an institution strongly associated with Simonds High School.

TRIVIA: Did you know that the car which carries New Brunswick's Lieutenant-Governor is issued a licence plate with an embossed crown? (shared excitedly by current Simonds Air Cadet, Sergeant Devon Richard - youngest recipient ever of the Lord Strathcona Medal)



Some of the audience at the Inspection



Bernard Cormier, Dave McLeod (class of 1974), Mrs. McLeod



Simonds alumni Wayne Caines, Starr (Craft) Caines & Bev Harrison



Current cadets getting ready for inspection

The Brag Corner

At, and prior to graduation each year, Simonds students receive awards from universities and other post-secondary institutions, from individuals and various community groups. (The Simonds High School Alumni also donate money each year for such scholarships / bursaries. In addition, several grad classes have donated funds for awards; often these are in connection with their reunion year. This year, scholarships will be given by the Class of 1965, the Class of 1976 + others.) Simonds graduates are very grateful for these awards. A couple of prestigious awards Simonds grads have received this year so far are:

Congratulations Chloe Dallon

**Chloe was awarded the
Primrose Scholarship,
valued at \$40 000.**



Arthur and Sandra Irving were so impressed with Chloe's considerable high academics, considerable community involvement and athletic leadership that they awarded her twice the normal value of this award. Chloe will attend UNBSJ for Science.

Congratulations Joshua Clarke

Joshua has been selected by the Canadian Armed Forces for the Regular Officer Training Plan. This is a full Scholarship valued in excess of \$120,000 to attend the Royal Military College of Canada.

His twin brother, who is graduating this year from Saint John High School, received the exact same ROTP scholarship!



Did You Know?

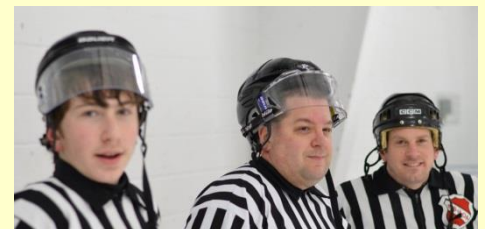
The Simonds High School Alumni donate at least two scholarships each year for Simonds grads. These are awarded each year at graduation. It is always good to "pay-it-forward".



Terry Langille, Simonds VP, presents the trophy to Chris Bartlett of the Alumni Team



Chris Bartlett & son, Mark Bartlett



Ryan Tobin, John MacDonald & Chris Tobin

SHS Alumni Cup & Family Skate

March 26, 2016 was the date of our first ever Simonds Alumni Cup hockey game and family skate. There was a good turnout at the Stu Hurley arena for the hour-long family skate. This was followed by the Alumni Cup hockey game between the players on the current Simonds High hockey team and several lines of alumni hockey players. The response for players for our alumni team was overwhelming! The alumni "oldies" won the game with a score of 11-6! Current Vice-Principal and Simonds alumnus, Terry Langille along with Athletics SPR Doug Deering presented the Alumni Cup. Players, spectators and their families were invited to a social /snack time upstairs in the arena afterwards. We would like to sincerely thank all the skaters, fans, hockey players and their families for their support in making this fun event. A special shout out to Jason Gee of XLR8NSOUNDZ who volunteered to spin the tunes for the free skate!

Alumni hockey players for our team were: Mike Boyle, Jared Steele, Don Daley Jr., Brandon Muenster, Fred Frigault, Chris Ewart, Blenis Noiles, Tom Johnston, Ted Arseneault, Mark Bartlett and Chris Bartlett. Thank you to our officials Chris Tobin, John MacDonald and Ryan Tobin and to Devon Richard and Owen MacDonald for running the time clock.

We hope to make this event an annual one, so please watch for it next spring. Details will be posted in our newsletter and on our Simonds High School Alumni face book group page.



Simonds Cafeteria Renovation

The cafeteria at the Hickey Road location of Simonds has remained pretty much the same as it was when that location opened in September 1970. Recently, a committee of Simonds teachers, have investigated renovating that space to make it more up-to-date and more student-friendly. Professionals have created some plans for the space. Round tables, stools, wi-fi, pool and foosball tables, lounges, big cheerful windows, etc. will make the cafeteria an inviting place to hang out. Unfortunately, a hefty \$30 000 price tag comes with such a reno. To that end, the school has undertaken two fundraisers so far. One was a sale of Christmas wreaths and the other was a shopping night at the book store Indigo. There will be other fundraisers in the future to make this exciting recreation happen.

Before the Makeover...



Before the Makeover...



The Plans



Wi-Fi

- Pool Tables
- Foosball tables
- New tables and chairs
- Lounge areas



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.

Congratulations

The Simonds High Alumni Committee would like to congratulate many of our alumni who have recently graduated from post secondary studies. We have alumni who have graduated from universities, colleges and other private institutions with degrees, diplomas, etc. Your hard work has paid off. Best wishes as you now pursue your various careers or continue with post graduate studies.

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On behalf of the Simonds Alumni I would like to congratulate and welcome our newest alumni, the graduating class of 2016! Good luck on the next step of your journey.

I cannot believe that another school year has come and gone already! Looking back, I'm so proud of what our alumni have been able to accomplish this year. The committee was able to have another successful Valentine's dance, a family skate, an alumni hockey game, and do some amazing work on the Seabee Boutique (just to name a few). I would like to thank all our current Alumni committee members for all your hard work and dedication! None of these events would take place without all your hard work. I'm looking forward to the future when our committee starts back up after the summer break and hope to see you all at our upcoming events. There are tons of reunions being held this summer and I cannot wait to hear all about them!

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Kara (Nobles) McCann
Vice President

If you're interested in taking part in some of amazing things we have planned for next year stay tuned and consider becoming committee members or a helper. Thanks!