



# HAPPENINGS IN THE HIVE

Simonds High Alumni Newsletter  
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Some Friends from the Class of 2017



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Each day, for four years, students came to this brick building. It was often hot in the fall and spring and cold in the winter, but the climate was just perfect for making friends and gaining knowledge.

As part of the Alumni, we all know the excitement of graduation and the fear of what lies ahead. Simonds has taught us all how to be ready to take that next step in our life's journey. I we want to take this opportunity to wish all the 2017 graduates of Simonds High School the best of luck in all their future endeavours.

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## 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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# WHAT'S GOING ON?

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

## Simonds Memorial Grove

Several years ago, the Simonds High School Memorial Grove was created as a partnership between the Simonds High School Alumni and the current school Environmental Club, Team Green. Donated trees are 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 entrance road by the playing field. Alumni donate the Princeton Golden Yellow maple trees which are planted by members of Team Green. As the grove matures, it is hoped to add some benches between the trees. Gold is one of our school colours; when the sun shines on these lovely trees they just glisten and can be seen not only from Hickey Road, but also from Loch Lomond Road. They do look beautiful and have enhanced the school grounds!

We invite individual alumni or classes who are planning future reunions to consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. What a beautiful way in which to remember a classmate/friend/family member. To commemorate each tree, a plaque with name plates honors those remembered. This fall, a large showcase in the lobby across from the school theatre and gym will be developed into a Wall of Remembrance. In that case, the plaque will be displayed along with pictures of many of those remembered by the memorial trees.

The current approximate cost of a tree is \$150. Thank you to all who donated trees in memory of friends and family. Please message Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or any member of the SHS Alumni Committee if you would like to make a donation and be a part of this worthwhile initiative to give back to your school. This year's planting of memorial trees will take place at the end of the summer.



## Scholarship Fund

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

## Simonds 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 who made the school what it is and who have pride in our school. Our SHS Alumni Committee meets approximately once a month from September until June. Our goals are to provide support for the students and teachers at Simonds, to keep in touch with alumni and provide opportunities they may stay connected to each other and to their school. We try 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. Our alumni has several committees: Recruitment / Membership, Fundraising, Communication (Newsletter, PR, etc) and Events. Events is composed of two subcommittees - one for events the students / community and one for events for the alumni. We invite you to join us on one of the committees; we welcome and 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. Such things could be some assistance with the Breakfast Club, collecting donations of suitable teen clothing for our Seabee Boutique, or making treats for the drama dress rehearsal dinner that we host, etc. If you are willing to help out, please contact one of us listed on Page 1 of this newsletter or do a shout out on our Facebook page. 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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or anyone on the Alumni Committee!



# WHAT'S GOING ON?



## SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

Our Spotlight on Alumni will resume in our Fall issue. If you have a suggestion of anyone you would like to see featured, please contact Judy Chapman at [chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca)

### Landscaper Wanted

The Simonds High School Alumni are seeking the services of a member of our alumni who is involved in landscaping in the Saint John area. We are hoping to renovate a small outside space at the school and would like to consult with a professional on this project. If you are interested, please contact any member of our current alumni committee. Contact email addresses are listed on page 1. Alternately, we invite you to reach out to us through social media - on our Simonds High School Alumni Facebook page or through Twitter. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

### Disaster - The Musical

In late April, Simonds High Alumni volunteers were busy supplying and serving a pizza supper to all those students, teachers and other volunteers involved in their musical production, Disaster. It was served after their technical rehearsal for the show. These students worked extremely hard to prepare for their very successful musical; they really appreciated being treated to a pizza supper and we appreciated the opportunity for the alumni to connect with current students in this way. The alumni have committed to making this an annual service.

### SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPO

The third annual Countdown to Christmas Shopping Expo will take place in the **Simonds High cafeteria on Saturday, November 4, from 10AM - 2PM**. Vendors who would like to book tables at this event should contact Judy Chapman at [chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) or Joleen Elder at [jsearle@unb.ca](mailto:jsearle@unb.ca) or message us on Facebook through the Simonds High School Alumni site. Last year, we had approximately 50 vendors with a wide range of products - lots of unique handcrafted items, small home businesses, etc. The shopping expo is a fundraiser for the Simonds High Alumni. We appreciate your support in being involved as a vendor or as a customer / visitor to our sale.

### 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!

### **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 for Simonds students. They work with the Simonds alumni and the school on this worthwhile initiative. They work with the Simonds alumni on this worthwhile initiative. If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald**

# WHAT'S GOING ON?



Simonds High  
**Breakfast Club**

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



## Breakfast Club A Hot Breakfast

During the second semester at Simonds, a Breakfast Club was initiated to address that need. A Breakfast for Learning grant, and some donations of kitchen appliances helped get the program started. In a designated, centrally-located classroom breakfast was offered to anyone who wants it from 8:15 - 8:45 AM every morning. To date, breakfast for most students has been "grab-and-go" as students picked up yogurt, cheese, granola bars, juice, fruit, toast or cereal on their way to class. Donations of homemade healthy muffins or banana bread were also appreciated. As the weeks progressed, more and more students became aware of the Breakfast Club and have been taking advantage of it. Many days, 50-60 students have some form of breakfast in the classroom now used for this purpose. Some students are now even staying to eat there and socialize in a safe, welcoming atmosphere. The group of retired teachers from Simonds (who still have a heart for the school and its students) have also donated funds regularly to support to this program; these funds have been used to supplement popular breakfast foods. The Fundy Duplicate Bridge Club made a donation to assist. At one point, the Culinary Tech class in the school baked healthy muffins for students taking advantage of the breakfast program. This is a great idea - students helping other students (and, of course, learning to cook in the process)!

The organizing committee for this breakfast program decided to initiate a hot breakfast occasionally. With that purpose in mind, the Simonds High Alumni donated the funds to kick off this endeavour. Volunteers cooked sausages, pancakes, fruit and juice for hungry students on May 30th. On that day, 75 students were served! The students were very appreciative! Some teacher volunteers also assisted with the serving. It turned out to be a very successful breakfast. Students headed to class full (instead of hungry) and ready to learn. Alumni volunteers found this to be a very heartwarming venture that they would like to repeat. In fact, at their June SHS Alumni Committee meeting, it was decided that the alumni would provide the funds and volunteers for **at least two of these hot breakfasts per year**. It is hoped that this partnership between the school and the alumni for the breakfast program will grow. Other community members and individual partners are invited to participate and help sustain this necessary program. Students cannot learn when they are hungry. If you would like to assist in any way (from donating homemade muffins to cooking the next hot breakfast to making a donation to this worthy cause, please contact Linda (Green) O'Brien (linda.oblenis@nbnet.nb.ca) at the school or Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca) on the Simonds Alumni Committee. Your support is appreciated.

**European Travel:** Has one of your travel dreams been to go to Europe, but you are daunted by all the planning? Are you looking for a hassle-free travel experience?

Judy Chapman is now planning for 2018. A 12-day tour to Croatia and Slovenia departing on September 6, 2018 is now available. Croatia and Slovenia are absolutely beautiful and reasonably-priced! Their cities exude Old-World European charm. Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic may be recognized by its massive stone walls that encircle the old city. Split, a beautiful town on Croatia's Dalmatian coast is known for its beautiful beaches and Diocletian's Palace erected by a 4th century Roman emperor. You will also visit delightful Ljubljana, Slovenia's largest city and some smaller towns like Zadar where you can view the one-of-a-kind Sea Organ. In the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Centre, you will get to explore the lush scenery and numerous waterfalls resulting from 16 terraced lakes.

These tours are with a very reputable world-wide company with offices in Canada. Judy has had lots of travel experience, having planned 17 Simonds student tours to Europe and 5 to New York; she has been organizing adult tours since 2013. She would like to invite any interested Simonds alumni, their friends and family (you do not have to be a Simonds alumnus) to join our adult travel group. If you are interested in this travel opportunity, please contact her at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca or 847-3241 or on face book for more details. It is not too early to plan your 2018 travel adventure! Just picture yourself there!

## Volunteers for breakfast



Teachers Linda O'Brien, Jen McFadden,  
Stacey Downey



Janet Irvine, Jane Buck, Harold McInnis



Judy & Brian Chapman



# WHAT'S GOING ON?

## Class of 2007

The class of 2007 celebrated their 10-year reunion on June 17 2017. There were 50 grads in attendance who came from across New Brunswick, from Prince Edward Island and even as far away as Edmonton, Alberta. The night started with a reception at Yuk Yuks comedy club in uptown Saint John. There, grads reminisced and helped themselves to appetizers and Moosehead products. The reception was followed by a comedy show (which kept grads in stitches) and later to the Five and Dime record bar for some tunes. The night was a huge success with lots of new memories made! Simonds Pride Continues with the class of 2007!

Submitted by Vanessa Trindade



Janelle Baxter, Julie Anna MacNeill, Vanessa Trindade, Kathleen Boyle



Anthony Debly, Jared Wilson, Keith Whipple, Derek Hilchie



Aaron Keating, Vanessa Trindade



Rob Milley, Janelle Baxter

### **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](mailto:tamkilp@yahoo.ca) or Judy Chapman at [chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto: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.



# 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.

Please address any entries to Judy Chapman ([chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca)) or Tammy Kilpatrick ([tamkilp@yahoo.ca](mailto:tamkilp@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.



**Katelyn Dobson (2010)** and **Jordan Legere (2010)** welcomed new daughter Khloe Dean Legere on April 17, 2017. Katelyn is a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Jordan works as a Natural Gas Technician at LeRoy's Heating Services Ltd. The happy family lives in the Saint John area.

**Lindsay (Millett) Legere (2006)** and husband Jamie are thrilled at the arrival of their daughter Madison Louise on April 7, 2017. Lindsay is a teacher in Anglophone School District - South and Jamie works at Ultimate Windows and Doors in Saint John.

**Melissa Marshall (2011)** and Douglas Voutour wish to announce the birth of their second son, Wyatt Jacob, on June 22, 2017. Wyatt will enjoy having 1-year old brother, Isaac, with whom to play. Melissa is delighting in being a full-time mom and Douglas works at JoAnn's Special Care Home. They live in Saint John.

**Stephanie Pollock (2000)** and Anthony Black were married on May 27, 2017. Stephanie is an RCMP officer who works out of Sussex and Anthony is a lieutenant with the Saint John Fire Department. They live in Kingston, NB with their two daughters Madison and Abby and son Dallas.

**Dana (Hicks) Whitenect (2008)** and husband **David Whitenect (2004)** are thrilled with the arrival of their daughter, Otilie born May 17, 2017. David is a steamfitter / pipefitter and Dana works at the YMCA.

**Mike Cuglan (2002)** and his wife Star announce the arrival of their son Vincent Edward Cuglan born on May 12, 2017. Vincent is a younger brother to Coral, age 3. Mike is happily employed by Wyndham Worldwide.

**Samantha Nickerson (2011)** and **Joseph Noftell (2009)** have a handsome new son, Desmond Donald Hugh Noftell, born December 17, 2016. Joe is a first-year mechanic at Canadian Tire and Sam is in the final term of a diploma in Natural Resources. They live in St. John's, Newfoundland.

**Laura (Love) Connors (2002)** is enjoying her new position as a member of the team at Wavelength Psychotherapy in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Dr. Connors is a clinical psychologist with a passion for assisting children, adolescents and young families. Laura's full-time practice is at the IWK Hospital, primarily in outpatient mental health and research. She is married to Derrick Connors, a teacher in Halifax, and they have one son, Jackson age 2.

**Joleen (Searle) Elder (2005)**, husband **Adam Elder (2005)** and son Gaige welcomed baby Owen to their family on May 17, 2017. Joleen works at UNBSJ in the Promise Partnership Program while Adam works at Hickey Bros Disaster Services.

**Emily (Hamm) Sherwood (2009)** married Spencer Sherwood on June 10, 2017 at Ticklebelly Hill. Emily works at Mrs. Dunster's in Sussex and is still enamoured with horses. Spencer works at the Saint John Fire Department.

**Peter Dalton (1997)** and **Tiffany (Hamilton) Dalton (2005)** are excited to announce the birth of Ella Ann Dalton, born on March 31, 2017. Peter is a teacher at Simonds High School and Tiffany works for the City of Saint John.

**Tom Edwards (2005)** and Nicole (Kadatz) Edwards were married June 6, 2016 in Edmonton, where they reside. Tom works for Chicago Iron as a safety inspector and welder; they build oil tanks. Nicole is an x-ray technician at Edmonton University Hospital.

**Alicia Bridges Yeo (2010)** and **Tyler Jordan (2006)** are thrilled about their new daughter, Adelyn, born on March 30, 2017. Alicia is an early childhood teacher at the YMCA.

**Matt Lamont (2006)** married Danika Leger in Punta Cana on April 25, 2017. Matt completed his BSc. (Hon) in Psychology at UNB. Then he went to Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland and completed his MSc.Med in Neuroscience. At the same institution, he is presently completing his PhD in Pharmacology and working as a teaching assistant. For his doctorate, Matt was awarded the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Alexander Graham Bell Scholarship. His research focuses on the long-term effects of binge drinking during adolescence. His wife, Danika, works for Caregivers NL, a private home care company. The couple live in St. John's.

**Natalie Boyle (2007)** and **Tyler McLennan (2007)** were married on June 2, 2017 in Renforth, NB. Natalie works at TD Insurance in Saint John. The couple lives in the Saint John area.

**Rebecca (Bartlett) McAllister (2009)** and husband Charles McAllister became the parents of a bouncing baby boy, Samuel Charles on March 21, 2017. The family resides in Sussex where Charles works at the Sussex Machine Shop.

**Jaclyn (Brewer) Gibson (2000)** and Matthew Gibson were married April 21, 2017 in Alberta. Jaclyn works as an Engineering Research Technologist for Natural Resources Canada. She continues to be active in women's football as a member of the Edmonton Storm. Matthew works as a Mechanical Engineer in the energy sector. The couple reside in Leduc, Alberta.

# ***OBITUARIES***

**Sandra (Welton) Langlais (1966)** passed away on April 3, 2017 in Saint John. Sandra worked for many years in the cleaning industry and in senior care. She loved Gospel music and enjoyed singing in the church choir. She is survived by her husband Paul, sons Trevor, Troy and Timothy, brother Wayne Welton sister Kim Doucet, seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Sandra was pre-deceased by sisters Charlotte Polley and Linda Bamford.

**John Jellison (1972)** passed away on April 17, 2017. After working 37 years at Moosehead Breweries, John retired in 2010. He was an avid sports fan and coach. He received the Founder Award from the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame for being the founder of womens' softball in Saint John and a lifetime volunteer award from Softball New Brunswick. John was the coach for East Saint John Minor basketball, Simonds High School Basketball and East Saint John Girls' Softball. He was a member and the coordinator of the Thistle St. Andrew's Sunday Night Curling League and the Moosehead Softball team. John is survived by his children Danielle, Corey and Carl, brother Steven, sisters Judith Wilson and Marie and two grandsons. He is predeceased by his first wife, Diane.

**Michael McIlwraith (1972)** passed away on June 4, 2017 at Bobby's Hospice in Saint John. He is survived by sisters Annette McIlwraith and Hilda Foster and brother Bill McIlwraith.

**Michael Oram (1972)** passed away unexpectedly on February 4, 2017. Michael was an electrician, working for Jacob's Catalytic at the Irving Oil Refinery for the past twenty years. He coached Simonds Minor League Football. Mike will be remembered for his great story-telling around the bonfire. He is survived by his daughter Chantel McLaughlin, one grandson, brother Patrick and sister Mary Jane McGrath.

**Craig Culley (1992)** passed away by accident on April 8, 2017 at his home in Edmonton, Alberta. He was an adventurer – a serious mountain-climber and skier. He will be missed by his wife Nicole, daughter Michaela, parents Bonny Culley and Larry Culley and brother Marc.

**Barbara Lordly (staff)** passed away on April 6, 2017 in Saint John. She was a highly-respected member of her profession, teaching Home Economics at schools in Dalhousie and Sackville before joining the staff at the "new" Simonds High School, from where she retired in 1984. The students of Simonds held a special place in her heart. Barbara was active with the Canadian Federation of University Women and the Photography and Travel Clubs. Barbara is survived by her brother Donald, nephews and nieces.

**Janetta "Jean" (Bruce) Paley (1972)** passed away on February 26, 2017 following a courageous battle with cancer. "Mama Jean", as she was affectionately known worked for Connors Brothers in Blacks Harbour for many years. She enjoyed bingo, stock car races and time with family and friends. Surviving Jean are her husband Ken, daughters Shellie and Amy, son Ronnie, two grandchildren, two step-daughters Debbie and Pam, four step-grandchildren, brothers Harold and Eric Bruce and sister Cathy.

**Charles McIntyre (1973)** passed away on May 12, 2017. Originally from England, Charles worked as a millwright at the Saint John Drydock until it closed. Then he worked at various jobs for his union until illness forced him to take an early retirement in 2014. Charles loved to fish and to go for drives. He will be fondly remembered as a great story-teller. Charles leaves behind his wife Lynne, children Charity, Leigh and Sophia, six grandchildren, siblings Helen Stewart, Sue Cole, Bernard McIntyre and Theresa Blizzard.

**Asied Debly (1977)** passed away unexpectedly on May 21, 2017. He was the owner and operator of Cedar Tree Contracting. For many years Asied enjoyed judo and was passionate about old cars and Hot Rods. He was the Canadian Bench Press Champion and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world for drug-free bench pressing. He will be missed by sons Louis, Anthony and Raymond as well as daughter Tamina and two grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers Majid, Habib, Louis, Kemal, Wesley, Peter and Joseph. He was predeceased by brothers Raymond and Anthony.

**Robert Norris (1977)** passed away suddenly on May 21, 2017. Rob is survived by his wife Cyndi, sons Craig and Cory and brother Randy.

**Lorie Pitt (1978)** passed away on April 7, 2017 at the Saint John Regional Hospital after a life of difficult medical struggles. Lorie, a graduate of NBCC's Business Administration program, enjoyed going to the theatre and spending time with friends and family. She is survived by her parents Peter and Lorraine Pitt, daughter Stefanie Richard, sisters Susan McKinnon and Linda Tremblay and brother Mac Pitt.

**Norma Bishop (staff)**, wife of former Simonds Principal Bill Bishop, passed away on April 20, 2017. Norma taught English at Simonds for several years prior to her retirement in 1964. She was very active in the Germain Street Baptist Church, where she was the first woman moderator. She was also on the board of Acadia Divinity College and involved with the Coverdale Board. Norma enjoyed gardening and golfing and was an avid artist. In addition to her husband, she is survived by son Andrew, daughter Lorna, sister Shirley Hiltz and three grandchildren.

**Jean (Day) Murphy (1972)** lost her battle with cancer on January 17, 2017. She is survived by her husband Rick, son Ian, daughter Erin, sister Mary Savoy and four grandchildren.



## 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 tamkilp@yahoo.ca or Judy (MacKnight) Chapman at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca.



Prom 1996



Simonds Grad 1979 - Rodney McIntyre, Michael Foley, Andy Crowell



## REUNIONS...

**Class of 2008** - The Class of 2008 is already making plans for their 10-yr reunion in 2018. If you can assist, please contact Nick White on facebook.

**Class of 1992** - Due to insufficient numbers, the 25-yr Class of 1992 "Meet & Greet" scheduled for July 8, 2017 at O'Malley's Pub is cancelled. A huge 30-year reunion will be planned for 2022! Please follow their class face book page (Simonds High School – Class of 1992) for updates.

**Class of 1987** – A 30-year reunion for this class is tentatively planned for the fall of 2017. Once more information is available, it will be posted on our alumni face book page and their class page: Simonds High School Class of 1987.

**Class of 1977** - The planning committee for the Class of 1977 has been meeting regularly for several months to organize their 40-year reunion. Friday night, July 14, 2017 will be for grads-only (also open to people who would have graduated with them) at O'Leary's Pub from 7PM onward. This will be followed by a grad and spouse / friend dance in the Simonds cafeteria on Saturday, July 15th from 8PM until midnight. Music for the dance will be supplied by DJ Chris (Frick) Wetmore of Alpha One Studios and the bar will be taken care of by the Simonds High Alumni Committee & friends. If you graduated in 1977, please send your name and email information to simonds1977grad@gmail.com and join their face book group Simonds High School Class of 1977. Sue Silliker (the "class detective") posted an extensive list of grads on the Simonds High School Alumni face book page; most members of their class of over 350 grads have been located!! Cost for the reunion is \$30 per person and payment may be made by cheque or by e-transfer to simonds1977grad@gmail.com. The registration form for the reunion is available on the class face book page. At least 150 people have already registered for this event! It certainly will be a grand celebration!

**Class of 1972** – A committee has been working on plans for a 45-year reunion for the Class of 1972. This grads-only event is planned for June 23 from 6:30 – 11:30PM at the Barrack Green Armouries in Saint John. Cost for the evening is \$15. Grads wishing to register may contact Donna (McWhirter) Hennessey at 847-0808 (hennedon@gmail.com). Check their face book page (Simonds High School 1972 Graduating Class) where you can find updates and photos from their 40-year reunion.

### **Class of 1968**

The Class of 1968 is in the early stages of preparation for their 50th High School Reunion. A tentative date of June 16, 2018 has been set, so grads can "Save the Date". A venue has not yet been determined. Anyone interested in serving on the organizing committee please contact Beth (Thomas) Roy at bethroyiam@gmail.com. A meeting will be held in the fall. Please spread the word to all fellow graduates. Stay tuned for further details

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





# SIMONDS NOW!

Simonds High School showed its support by attending the " Walk and Roll" in beautiful Uptown Saint John. We were the only school in attendance and were very proud to be there. Students from TADD, SRC and We Got Your Back gathered to attend this event. We are very fortunate this year to have had two pairs of siblings at SHS that walked and rolled together. Miranda & Mykela Wortman and Mallory & Cassidy Ross lead the way as Simonds pride continues to be seen. We are already talking about next year's event so stay tuned.



## McCain Scholarship

Luke Murchison, a 2017 Simonds grad has been awarded the Harrison McCain Scholarship valued at \$16 000. Luke will be attending Mount Allison University in the fall. (He is the son of 1976 Simonds grad and long-time Physics teacher, Mark Murchison.)



## Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship

Allyson Lamont, a 2017 Simonds grad, has been awarded a \$40 000 Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship from the University of New Brunswick. This fall, she will be attending UNBSJ to study Science, with the eventual thought of pursuing Medicine. She was the valedictorian at her graduation this June. Allyson was also selected co-president of her grad class. She has been very active in Simonds musicals, the Christmas float committee and the Helping Hands charity group. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

## Did You Know?

The Simonds High School Alumni donate at least two scholarships each year for Simonds grads. To date, they have been funded primarily by our fundraising events. The scholarships are awarded each year at graduation. It is always good to "pay-it-forward".



Joe Woytiuk with his trophy for Simonds High School Outstanding Student of the Year 2017



Mary Lee and Jack McMillan presenting the John McMillan Memorial Scholarship to Jessica Davis. This is one of four scholarships they presented in memory of their son, a Simonds graduate. The others were to Emily Johnston, Rylee Kinsella and Luke Murchison.

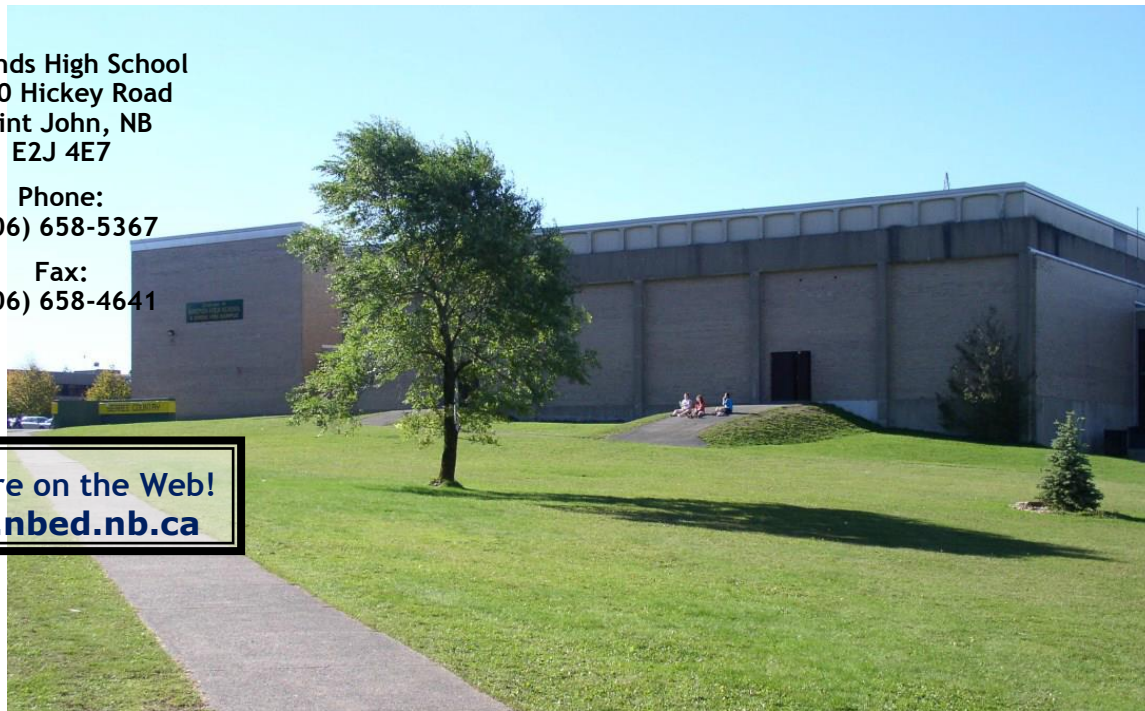


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Schools out for summer!! The alumni committee has had another amazing year of hosting successful events. We are looking forward to hearing about all the reunions that are planned for over the summer break.

I wanted to take a moment and thank all the volunteers for their dedication in helping the students of Simonds. These individuals donated their time to help with making breakfast for the students. They have organized and collected clothing and supplies for the Seabee Boutique, a place where students can get much needed items for free! We have been a part of many different events that have gone on throughout the year at the school, including the musical. Again, thank you for your countless hours spent helping the students along their journey through school life.

Be sure to stay tuned for what's coming in the new year! We have some big plans and we are going to need YOUR help!

Please keep in touch. We love to hear from our alumni!!

Kara McCann  
Vice President

**PS. Our next Simonds High School Alumni Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, August 26, 2017 at 7 PM in the alumni room in first floor B Building. We invite you to join us.**