



HAPPENINGS IN THE HIVE

Simonds High Alumni Newsletter
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SPRING at Simonds means....**MUSICAL!!!** April 26 - 29, 2017



This spring, the Simonds High Drama Club will be presenting the musical **DISASTER!!!** Set in the 1970s, it is a take-off on the numerous big disaster movies of that era. Some alumni may remember a few of these blockbuster movies: Earthquake, The Swarm, The Poseidon Adventure, The Towering Inferno, Airport (and its many sequels), The Andromeda Strain, Juggernaut, Rollercoaster, ... the list is endless! These disaster movies flooded the screens for an entire decade; they focused on floods, shipwrecks, earthquakes, airplane crashes, asteroid collisions, worldwide pandemics and more. Larger-than-life characters and their families were followed through these disasters. This musical is a comedic tribute to those movies and to that entire decade. During the '70s, discotheques sprung up all over and dancers enjoyed a flood of new dance crazes: the hustle, the bump, the YMCA, the funky chicken, the bus stop, the electric slide, the robot or mannequin, and, of course, the signature disco finger dances from Saturday Night Fever (that celebrates its 40th anniversary this year!) This was an era of bell bottoms, platform shoes, jumpsuits, tie-dyed funky clothing, hot pants, maxi dresses, halter tops and wrap dresses. Loud polyester and chevron stripes were everywhere in these clothing trends. This hilarious musical comedy has fun, witty dialogue and features some of the most unforgettable songs of the 1970s. I bet many readers remember the tune or lyrics to I am Woman, Hot Stuff, I Will Survive, Hooked on a Feeling, Three Times a Lady, Never Can Say Goodbye, Ben, Sky High, When Will I be Loved, You're My Best Friend and other songs of that decade? If you do, and are already humming or dancing along to these songs, then this will be the perfect night out for you! Tickets for this show will be available at the school office or at the door.

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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 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. Eventually there will be a backdrop of green climbing vines on the side of the school that will showcase our green and gold school colours. 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. 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 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. The next planting of memorial trees will occur in the spring of 2017. The deadline for ordering a memorial tree for this planting will be April 30, 2017.



Simonds High Scholarship Fund

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

Simonds 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, making treats for the drama dress rehearsal dinner that we host, making treats for the Social Awards with which we assist, 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.

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 supply snacks and necessary school supplies for students in need. They work with the Simonds alumni on this worthwhile initiative. If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald (ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca).

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 Committee!



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Renovations at Simonds

Over time facilities deteriorate; so it has been with some facilities at Simonds. However, recently, the school district has shared some very good news with respect to capital-related improvements at the school on Hickey Road. In the summer of 2016, the gym was painted with our school colours of green and gold. The well-used gym bleachers will no longer look shabby as, this coming summer \$75 000 - \$80 000 will be spent on replacing them. As well, \$180 000 will be spent to upgrade school washrooms and the girls' changing room. During the summer of 2017, lighting will be installed between the school and the playing field and steps will be constructed from the driveway down to the new bleachers on our field. Although there are many other items on the "wish list", these announced improvements are welcome and will improve the look of the school. Thank you to the Simonds PSSC (Parent School Support Committee), the administration and the school district for pursuing and approving these expenditures.



Teacher Appreciation

In mid-February, there is a week dedicated to teachers to thank them for all they do for their students. During the 2017 Teacher Appreciation Week, the Simonds alumni committee recognized the Simonds High teachers by providing some snacks and sweet treats. It is just a small token of our appreciation for their hard work and caring of our youth. Thank you to all current and past Simonds teachers. You have been an inspiration in the lives of so many of your students. You may not always hear their "thank yous", but they are felt in their hearts and demonstrated by how they live their adult lives. You are appreciated.



Valentine's Dance

A fun crowd attended our Valentine's Dance on February 11, 2017. Chris (Frick) Wetmore of Alpha One Studios kept the dance floor hopping with music for all tastes and ages. The photo booth provided a lot of laughs too. Thanks to Norm Boucher at The Power Store, and the ladies in the Simonds High office and the alumni committee for selling tickets. Our sincere thanks goes out to everyone who attended.



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.



WHAT'S GOING ON?



Simonds High
Breakfast Club

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



Breakfast Club

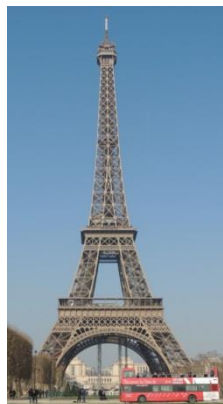
The need for a breakfast program has existed at Simonds for a while. Some teachers have tried to address the issue in various ways from bringing in granola bars to making grilled cheese sandwiches. Last year, a committee of concerned individuals from the school and the Simonds Alumni applied for and received a grant from Breakfast for Learning to initiate the program. In addition, necessary items have come from a variety of other sources. A member of the Class of 1972 donated a microwave, toaster and other items. The school is grateful for funds from the Fundy Duplicate Bridge Club and the Simonds Retired Teachers' group that have supported this initiative. Donations of food (homemade muffins, banana bread, etc.) and the commitment of additional funds have come from the Simonds Alumni. Other community and individual partners are invited to help sustain this necessary program. Students cannot learn if they are hungry.

A refrigerator, storage containers, tablecloths and food (juice, granola bars, cheese, yogurt, fruit, etc.) were purchased to kick off the opening of the Breakfast Club for the beginning of Semester 2 in February. A centrally-located classroom in the school has been dedicated to the club. Some ambitious Educational Assistants volunteered to paint bulletin boards in the room to give it a fresh look. Healthy eating posters now decorate this room as well. In the short time the Breakfast Club has been in operation, the number of students served has been increasing. As more students become aware of its existence, it is expected numbers will continue to rise. As it is for high school students, the club is generally self-service and, at present, has mainly "grab and go" items. It is hoped to offer some other options such as bagels, cereal and even pancakes occasionally as the project progresses.

European Travel: Have you dreamed of travelling to Europe, but hesitated because of all the planning? Looking for a hassle-free travel experience? Then, you are in luck! Although the September 2017 tour to the Greek Islands is full, Judy Chapman is now planning **two** new tours for 2018. For travelers who are beginning their adventures to Europe, there will be a trip to the iconic cities of **London and Paris** departing on June 2, 2018. This is a 9-day tour during which you will see the highlights of two of Europe's leading capitol cities; some of those highlights are Big Ben, the London Eye, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Eiffel Tower, L'Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Louvre. In addition, there will be some optional excursions to Windsor castle, Stonehenge, Oxford and the Palace of Versailles. You can opt to cruise and dine on the Seine, visit Monet's Garden in Giverny, or indulge in a wine tasting and dinner at Montmartre in Paris.

Another interesting tour will be offered for travelers seeking some new destinations. It will be a 12-day tour to **Croatia and Slovenia** departing on September 6, 2018. 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. 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 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!





WHAT'S GOING ON?

The Outdoor Classroom at Simonds

Simonds High School is the only high school in Saint John to have an outdoor classroom on site. What a wonderful opportunity that is for their students!

In February, Simonds students headed outside to learn and have fun on World Wetlands Day, a day devoted to raising awareness about the world's wetlands. The area in which most of the outdoor activity occurred was the area around the man-made Simonds Pond. (In 2014, this wetland project was begun with the assistance of Ducks Unlimited Canada - memorial funding from Donald Biddington - and other community organizations.) Events for this day were organized by the school's Team Green environmental club supervised by teacher Michele Banks. Representatives from various provincial conservation organizations were invited to be involved. The day consisted of primarily outdoor activities that provided a different environment for the students from being in the classroom all day. Over 500 students were engaged in various stations set up around the school. Students learned how to tie fishing flies. A representative from Ducks Unlimited taught students how to construct nesting boxes for songbirds. Ian Smith, a project manager for Parks New Brunswick guided students around the property, including the Simonds Pond area. His focus was on animals and their habitats; he discussed how animals survived in the wintertime and how they retained heat during the cold weather. In an interactive game, students became animals trying to find food in an ecosystem; the goal this time was to learn about food chains. Many students donned snowshoes and headed into the woods around the school. While there, they actually observed some birds and other creatures living there. Although it was a very cold winter day, students got a taste of living things in their environment and learned how to preserve them, while enjoying the outdoors. How amazing is that for the students that this opportunity exists right on the Simonds campus! This experience and initiative (which has been open to younger students in the community as well) will surely grow. Kudos to Simonds and Team Green!



SHS teachers Kelly Haughn Scott,
Michele Banks





SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI



Simonds Alumna Exudes Canadian Pride

In this year of celebrating Canada's sesquicentennial, it is heartwarming to encounter an alumna who is constantly brimming with Canadian pride. Denise Dow (1976) has worked in the Information Technology sector for four decades. She was employed as a Project Manager for IBM and now does freelance work in the same field. In her spare time, she pursues a sideline that is her true passion.

Several years ago while visiting her American cousins, she was struck by how patriotic they were and how symbolic the American eagle was in that pride. This inspired her to do some soul-searching as to what was a patriotic symbol for Canadians. She found her answer in the maple leaves in her own back yard. It resonated that the red maple leaf identifies Canadians worldwide. Denise combined three maple leaves with the caption "Strong & Free" from our national anthem and commissioned a resident of Notre Dame to create a prototype for a plastic plaque. From this start in 2007, her Strong & Free enterprise has grown. Canadian Tire was the first business to carry the plaques; now they stock similar decals which are very popular.

Denise's enterprise continues to grow. Stanfield's is a licensee of Strong & Free; next month, they will be releasing a new line of apparel (t-shirts, hoodies, onesies, touques, ball caps and pants) with this patriotic logo. New Brunswick's Aitkens pewter is the licensee for key chains, belt buckles and pins. Watches and rings displaying this emblem are licensed by the Bradford Exchange. Not only do some local and national businesses (such as Home Hardware) carry these patriotic-themed, Canadian-made apparel and household items, but Denise has recently established a storefront presence herself with her Strong & Free Headquarters shop 1 Princess Street near the waterfront in Saint John. Although it is usually in operation just on Saturdays, she is always open during cruise ship visits to the city. Many of the sales for Strong & Free merchandise occur through her website:

<http://www.strongandfreeemblem.com/>. There are links to the various products and their respective licensees on that site as well. In this era of social media, there is also a presence on face book, Twitter and Instagram (@strongandfreecanada).

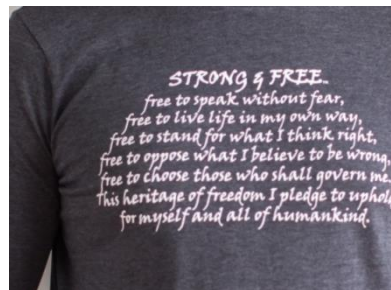
To promote her Strong and Free enterprise, Denise has a 35-foot RV sporting the commemorative logo. She drove this van from New Brunswick to Whistler, BC in 2010 to have a presence at the XXI Olympic Winter Games. By following her blog and the CBC posts, many patriotic Canadians enjoyed this memorable trip along with her. This same vehicle is often seen in parades with Canadian veterans. The RV will hit the road again at least twice this year. This spring, there will be at a Strong & Free themed dealer market hosted by Home Hardware in Ontario for about 10 000 entrepreneurs and, you guessed it ... Denise and her signature van will be there! Of course, the big event at which Denise and her RV will have a presence this year will be the celebrations for Canada's 150th birthday in Ottawa on July 1st. Canadian patriotism at its finest will be on display then. As well, Strong & Free will be showcased in an article in the July issue of Our Canada magazine.

Denise's credits her mom as her inspiration to forge ahead with her entrepreneurial idea. She says her mom instilled in her that she could do and be anything she wanted. She believes this is one of the fundamental beliefs with which Canadians grow up and in which they have great pride. If she could offer advice to any budding student entrepreneurs, Denise said it would be to follow your dream. She cautions that, although it is exciting working for yourself, it takes a lot of hard work and takes longer than you think to "get established". It is an expensive journey that usually has to be self-funded, so she suggests one should always have a "Plan B". It is crucial to be assertive but always humble in the process.

Like many of us, Denise recalls Canada's previous milestone centennial birthday in 1967. She remembers singing the Canada song and witnessing numerous celebrations on TV and in her community. The sense of Canadian pride was everywhere! Since then patriotism has come in waves. As our country celebrates its 150th birthday, Canadians are becoming more aware and proud of the many freedoms we enjoy and the people to whom we should be grateful for those. Denise sincerely hopes that by providing Canadians with a symbol of what it truly means to be Canadian, they will wear or display that symbol with continuing pride in being Strong & Free. Let each of us ensure that proud legacy is shared with the next generation.

(By the way, if you remember and are already humming or singing Bobby Gimby's C-A-N-A-D-A centennial song. It will bring back memories and put a smile on your face. Do a little reminiscing and check out the song and videos at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=18-oRTLIe3I





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) or Tammy Kilpatrick (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.



Jessica Purcell (2008) graduated from St. Mary's University in 2012 with a double major in Biology and Psychology. To celebrate, she backpacked through Thailand and Vietnam that summer! In 2015, she hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. During the summer of 2015, Jessica moved to British Columbia where she is now studying Medical Laboratory Technology at the College of New Caledonia.

Stephanie Purcell (2005) graduated from Dalhousie Medical School in 2015 and is presently completing her general surgery residency. Thus, she basically lives at the hospital in Halifax now! Steph reflects on the fun time she had hiking with Jess & friends in Peru and hopes to take more adventure travels once she is finished her studies.

Wayne Beresford (2011) and Brittany (Mellor) Beresford were married on January 3, 2017. Wayne lives in Kingston, Ontario where he is completing his studies in Psychology at the Royal Military College.

Alyssa (Irwin) Bennett (2005) and **Mike Bennett (2004)** welcomed new daughter, Brooke on January 8, 2017. Allie is an auditor / consultant at the Office of the Comptroller for the province of New Brunswick. Mike is a shaft miner at Oyu Tolgoi and Redpath Mongolia LLC. They live in Fredericton, NB.

Danial Smith (2003) married Monique Babineau on December 31, 2016. While completing his studies in Science at UNB, Danial studied abroad in Australia. Currently, Danial is employed at Toronto Dominion Bank and Monique is a nutritionist at the Saint John Regional Hospital. The happy couple have traveled extensively and now reside in Saint John.

Julie (Godwin) Kobrynovich (2000) and husband Mike, welcomed their second daughter, Mila Marie in December 2016. Mila is little sister to Aria. Julie is a physiotherapist and Mike, an investment consultant with Sunlife. They live in Oshawa, Ontario.

Julie (Keirstead) Pugsley (2000) and her husband, Matt were 2017 recipients of the Saint John Business Entrepreneurship Award at a Faces of Fusion event. They are the owners of Breakout Saint John, a fun entertainment game complex with six escape rooms. Matt is a teacher in the Anglophone School District - South in the Saint John area. Julie, a former teacher, now manages Breakout full-time. They live in Quispamsis, NB with their three children Kai, Brynn and Addisen.

Cindy (Cogswell) Donovan (1981) has been awarded a 2017 Proudly UNB award; this award honours University of New Brunswick alumni who distinguish themselves through outstanding service to their alma mater, their communities, province, country - and beyond. Cindy, CEO of Loch Lomond Villa has devoted much of her profession toward improving the lives of seniors and promoting positive aging in her community. A 1985 BN graduate, she came to Loch Lomond Villa about 15 years ago after nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital, the Church of St. John and St. Stephen Home and Rocmaura Nursing Home. In 2016, she received a Lieutenant Governor's award for Excellence in Aging; she has also been awarded the Rotary Vocational Award and the Canadian College of Health Service Executives Quality of Life Award. When Cindy introduced the person-centered care model, Planetree, to Loch Lomond Villa and the province, the Villa became the only location in New Brunswick and the largest continuing care organization in the world to achieve this designation. This dynamic health professional was involved in the initiative of bringing nurse practitioners into the province and has been appointed to the Council on Aging, responsible for writing a 10-year aging strategy for New Brunswick. Cindy, her husband Bob, and daughter Alicia are a vibrant part of the Saint John community.



OBITUARIES

James (Jim) Connolly (1966), well-known in the golfing community for years passed away on January 15, 2017 after a 29-year battle with cancer. Jim was an icon at the Riverside Country Club in Rothesay, NB for almost 60 years. He had a passion for golf and was intent not only on playing the game, but also in teaching the game. He initiated the Little Swingers Club to teach golf to children as young as five; afterwards he enjoyed watching them develop into good golfers who enjoyed the game. His dedication earned him first Assistant Golf Pro, and then Head Professional at Riverside, a position which he held from 1978 until his retirement in 2015. Jim's commitment to the sport was illustrated far and wide. He served as Atlantic PGA President, President of the PGA of Canada and Captain of the World Cup Team in 1996. In that same year, he was awarded the Royal Canadian Golf Association's Outstanding Achievement Award, followed the next year by two awards - PGA Atlantic's Club Professional of the Year and Club Professional of the Year by the PGA of Canada. The year he retired, he was honoured as the inaugural recipient of PGA Atlantic Lifetime Achievement Award. Jim's dedication to the game and to Riverside was exemplary. He is survived by his wife Pam, sons Greg and Don, four grandchildren, brothers Don and Gerry and sisters, Agnes Richardson and Mary Hansen.

Brian Bawn (1968) of Quispamsis, NB passed away on February 22, 2017. Brian had been a devoted teacher and administrator, retiring from M. Gerald Teed School in 2007. He was very active in the larger teaching community, being involved for many years with the New Brunswick Teachers' Association and assuming the role of its president for a term; he seemed to always be advocating for and / or negotiating on behalf of the teachers of the province. Brian was an active volunteer at St. Augustine's Church in Quispamsis and a volunteer at Hampton Middle School. He was an avid sports fan - enjoying golfing, fishing and hiking. He also savoured travelling, photography and spending time at the summer camp in Cambridge Narrows. Brian is survived by his wife Paula (Yorke) Bawn, his daughters Alicia and Ashley, and brothers Terry and Wayne.

Joshua (Josh) Tobias (2010) passed away on March 4, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. He graduated from NBCC-SJ as Fuel Technician in 2013. He worked for the City of Saint John Parks & Recreation Department, the Post Office, and, recently, for Gateway Plowing. Josh loved anything involving the outdoors; he enjoyed hiking, kayaking and nature photography. He especially enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. Josh will be missed by his parents (Denise and Stephen Tobias), his brother Jacob and his many cousins.

Gerald Thomas (1969), a lifelong resident of Mispec passed away on January 15, 2017 at Bobby's Hospice. Jerry had worked at the New Brunswick Museum and later with Canada Border Services, retiring from that position in 2000. He was an avid reader and historian. Jerry is survived by brothers Robert, Earl and Basil, a half-brother Mike and sister, Marnie Wilcox.

James (Jamie) Morrison (1982), a Quispamsis, NB resident, passed away suddenly on January 3, 2017. Jamie was a Financial Analyst (CMA) and had worked for Willett Fruit, Irving Oil and most recently, for Bell Aliant. A devoted husband and father, he enjoyed watching his sons excel in sports like basketball, lacrosse and football. Surviving Jamie are his wife, Ramona (Murchison) and sons Daniel (12) and James (9).

William (Bill) Sangalang (1978) died on December 22, 2016 in Saint John. Bill worked for thirty years with the Port of Saint John Employers' Association. He is survived by his father Dr. Delio Sangalang, daughter Beverlee, grandson Max and brothers, Jim and Richard.

Donald Fairweather (1991) - Don, affectionately known as Duckie, passed away unexpectedly in Oshawa on January 24, 2017. Duckie grew up in the Hunter Lake area. He was a funny, kind, supportive and accepting friend to so many people. Duckie was a lover of music and photography. He certainly had a "heart of gold" and will be missed by his wide circle of family and friends.

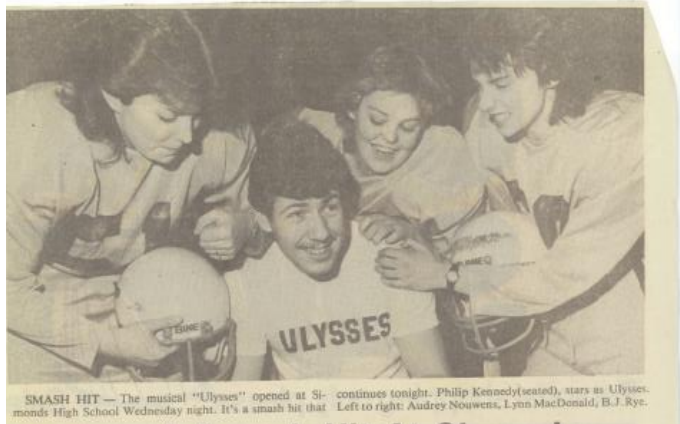
Daniel (Danny) Donovan (1973) - passed away in Saint John on February 5, 2017. He was employed with New Brunswick Liquor Commission since 1974. Danny enjoyed woodworking and many outdoor pursuits such as hunting and fishing. He was passionate about driving his motorcycle. Danny is survived by his wife Alice, son Daniel, daughter Amanda Kellow, step-daughter Kari Gautreau and two grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers, Ronnie and Leo and sisters Penny McNamee, Patty Donovan, Teresa Goldsmith, Lynn Ward, Martha Davidson, Peggy Ramsey and Anna Lamb.





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.



SMASH HIT — The musical "Ulysses" opened at Simonds High School Wednesday night. It's a smash hit that continues tonight. Philip Kennedy (seated), stars as Ulysses. Left to right: Audrey Nouwens, Lynn MacDonald, B.J. Rye.

Musical Directors: Tom Badiuk & Margaret Durst
Music Teacher: Gary MacKay
Set Design: Paul Matheson
Choreographer: Mark Stevens
Lead Role: Phil Kennedy

Mythology was never the same after this 1985 production of Ulysses hit the stage with the classic trials of a hero staged as a rock musical. The show was a smash hit with vaudeville staging, choreography, reminiscent of FAME, and a super company! There wasn't an empty seat in the house!!



REUNIONS...

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 1977

The planning committee for the Class of 1977 has been meeting monthly 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. 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") has posted an extensive list of grads on the Simonds High School Alumni face book page and their class fb page in an effort to locate some missing grads. To date, this class has been able to locate all but about 50 from a class of over 350! Please check out the list & see if you can assist. Cost for the reunion is \$30 per person and payment may be made by cheque or by e-transfer to simonds1977grad@gmail.com. Registration form for the reunion is available on the class face book page.

Class of 1987

A 30-year reunion for this class has been discussed. Once it is available, more information will be posted on our alumni face book page.

Class of 1992

The Class of 1992 will be holding a 25 year "Meet & Greet" on July 8th at O'Malley's Pub on Rothesay Avenue. There is no cost to go but we will be looking for donations to purchase and plant a memorial tree in memory of those who have passed from our graduating class. If you have any questions or need more details, please contact Tammy (Vautour) Kilpatrick or Tawnya Fanjoy on Facebook or you can check our Facebook page **Simonds High School – Class of 1992**

Class of 2007

The 2007 class will be holding their 10-year reunion at Yuk Yuks Comedy Club on Germain Street in Saint John on Saturday, June 17, 2017. There will be a reception there from 5 - 7 PM with a Yuk Yuk's comedy show to follow. Tickets will be sold starting on April 1st. If you are from that class, please check out their face book page: Simonds High Reunion 2007 Graduates; ticket prices and payment plans will be posted by the end of March.

Class of 2008

Plans are just beginning for your 10-year reunion to be celebrated in 2018. Stay tuned for more 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 kilpatrick.tammy@sourceatlantic.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 Open House

The annual Open House for Grade 8 students heading into Grade 9 in our community was held at Simonds on February 6, 2017. An assembly was held in the gym for students and their parents. Around the gym were booths from various clubs, teams and academic departments. From there, groups left to go on a tour of the different departments and view the facilities offered at Simonds. As usual, the Simonds Alumni had a table in the gym; we displayed some of our newsletters and recent partnerships (the Breakfast Club) and offered free cake!



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Annual Alumni Basketball Games

On February 27, 2017, the boys' and girls' current Simonds basketball teams played their annual games with our boys' and girls' alumni teams. Both games were excellent! The alumni came out as solid opponents with a 44 - 37 victory for the girls and a 94 - 82 victory for the boys! Congratulations to both the alumni and current teams! Simonds Pride Continues!

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:

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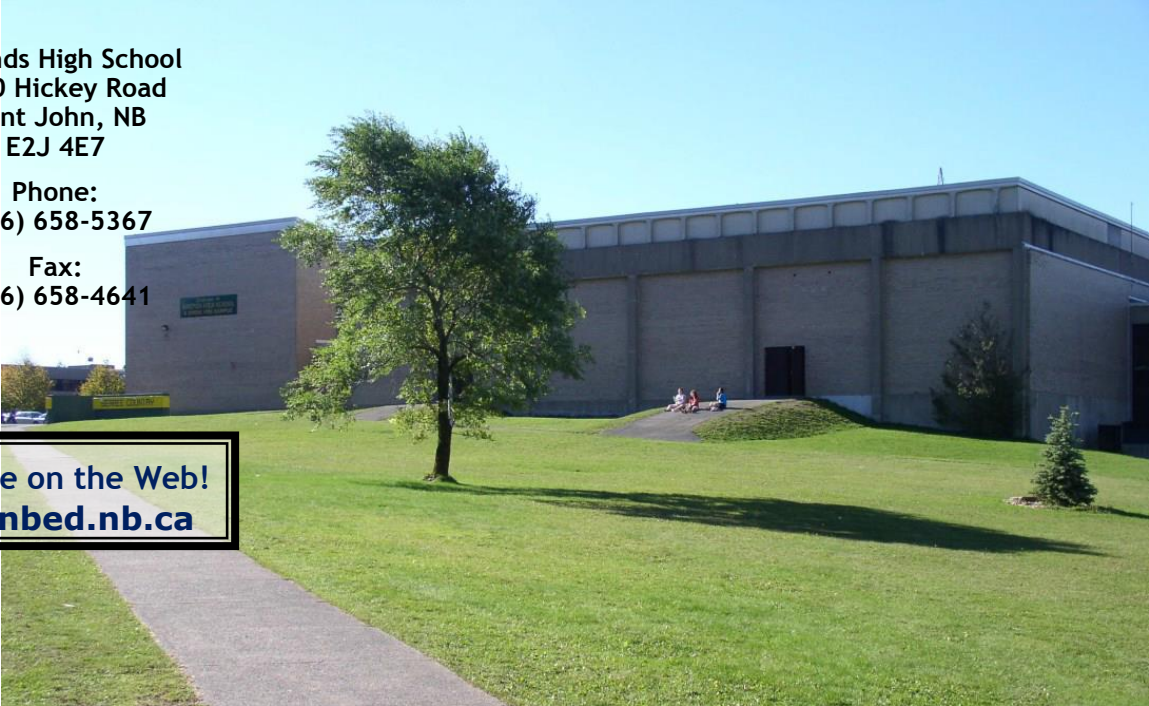


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Spring is in the air! Spring brings with it growth and new life. This is the focus of the alumni committee for the year. We are hoping to grow the size of our committee and ask all of you to consider becoming involved and help us to bring new life to the group. We hope to increase the number of people involved at all levels from committee members to those attending events. Our growth will have a positive impact on the community, the school and the students. It will allow us to increase the amount of assistance we can provide to students and programs that are already in place as well give us the ability to expand them. We currently aid in providing meals, clothing, supplies and scholarships to students. Your involvement would help us do more.

Be sure to contact us to learn more. Thank you all for making this committee what is today. I'm looking forward to seeing what's to come.

Kara McCann
Vice President