

HAPPENINGS IN THE HIVE

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Simonds High Alumni Newsletter



Simonds High School
Home of the Seabees



A new sign has been mounted in the main office at Simonds High. It is bilingual and indicates Welcome in both official languages. It is nice to see this inclusiveness displayed at Simonds.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING??

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



Simonds Memorial Grove

In the Simonds High School Memorial Grove, trees are planted in memory of a student, teacher, group, friend or family member or to celebrate a certain grad class. Our Memorial Grove has been growing and looks awesome! In fact, the grove is almost full; only a couple more trees will be planted to allow space for the ones there to mature. The grove (of Princeton Golden Norway Maple trees) is located outside the gym and continues down the school driveway by the playing field. When the leaves are out, the golden colour of the leaves glistens in the sun; gold is one of the school colours. A new sign on the side of the school identifies the grove. Each tree has special significance and tells a story of a life cut short or a class remembered.

Individual alumni or classes planning future reunions are invited to consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. It is such a beautiful way in which to remember a classmate/friend/family member. To commemorate each tree, a plaque with name plates honors those remembered. In addition, a picture and short biography will be placed in our Wall of Remembrance along with the plaque. The display case for this remembrance is in the lobby across from the school theatre. With fluctuating prices and availability, the cost of a tree will be market value. If you wish to donate a tree, please contact Judy Chapman (judychapman44@gmail.com) or any member of the SHS Alumni Committee (on page 1). Thank you to all who have donated trees in memory of friends and family. We appreciate your support of the grove!



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Old Yearbooks!

Still searching for that memorable gift for a friend, relative, or even yourself? The Simonds Alumni Committee has yearbooks from most years (only a few years are sold out). What a special gift that would make! Where else can you get such a unique gift for \$35.00. Also, if you have any yearbooks with which you are willing to part and donate to the alumni, we would be happy to accept your gift. For more information, or to see if your year is still available, please contact Judy Chapman at judychapman44@gmail.com.

Simonds High Scholarship Fund

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Travel Opportunities - Journeys with Judy

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

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

Lisbon, Seville, Madrid & Barcelona - May 20-June 1, 2023

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

I invite you to join us in visiting some of these exciting destinations. Itineraries and pricing are available on my microsite: www.grouptoursite.ca/judychapman. Please be in touch if I can answer any questions:

judychapman44@gmail.com or 506-847-3241. I would love to have you join our group of travelers!



High School Transcripts

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

Retired Simonds Staff Members

Are you a former staff member - teacher, secretary, custodian - from Simonds? If so, we invite you to join us for a monthly lunch date.

The group of retired teachers and other staff members from Simonds meet for lunch and socializing on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (throughout the school year) at 12:30 PM. Our lunch date locations vary each month. Be sure to email us and attend a few of our get-togethers. We are still an integral part of the Simonds family and enjoy reminiscing and keeping caught up. This group is still caring and compassionate about Simonds students; monthly, they donate funds to assist with the breakfast program there. They work with the Simonds alumni and the school on this worthwhile initiative. If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald (ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca). Luncheons for the retired Simonds teachers will resume once it is safe to do so (after covid-19).



WHAT'S HAPPENING??

Teacher Appreciation

Each year in February Staff Appreciation week is celebrated in New Brunswick schools. This year we have so many reasons to celebrate and honour our teachers who have had to pivot between in-class and online teaching on short notice and sometimes have done both at once. This has been the teaching reality to be done while wearing masks and dealing with masked students, while dealing with absenteeism due to occurrences of covid and while dealing with other covid protocols. This year both the PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) and the Simonds High alumni provided gift cards for the staff. Draws were made to award these cards. On behalf of the alumni, Jane Buck, our talented president, made appropriate bee cards to hold these "treats". The alumni sincerely thank the staff of Simonds who have gone above and beyond to teach, help and be compassionate to their students during these challenging times.



Countdown to Christmas Shopping Expo 2022

On Saturday, November 5th, Simonds alumni will be hosting their annual Christmas sale in the Simonds cafeteria from 10 AM - 2 PM. We are excited to be back with a great line-up of local vendors and craftspeople. It will be a nice opportunity to get a start on your Christmas shopping with unique gifts for all. Vendors who wish to have a presence at the market should email Tammy (Vautour) Conley at tamkilp@yahoo.ca or contact her on Facebook messenger. Please mark the date on your calendar and come out to shop, to see your friends and to support your Simonds alumni.

Host Families Wanted

For many years New Brunswick families have welcomed international students in Grades 6 - 12 into their homes. Atlantic Education International's homestay program is well recognized and respected in our province and abroad. It has been an enriching experience for both students and their host families. Students love choosing New Brunswick for their academic and cultural experience; the warmth of families here enhances their school experience and their opportunity to improve their English language skills. International students reciprocate by adding to the experience of our local students. Lifelong friendships are made between the student and the host family, and among students. Hosts can share Canadian cultural experiences while learning about the country and culture of their host student. While hosting an international student, the host is provided with a fixed monthly stipend to cover expenses. Hosts and their students receive a lot of support from other local hosts, from the Atlantic Education International staff and from the school and school district. What an exciting adventure and learning experience for everyone! If you would be interested in becoming a host to an international student for a semester or a year, please reach out to Simonds principal, Jennifer Carhart at jennifer.carhart@nbed.nb.ca or Wendy Brooks at wendy.brooks@gnb.ca. (More information may be found at [https://aei-inc.ca/study-in-new-brunswick/why-study-in-new-brunswick/.](https://aei-inc.ca/study-in-new-brunswick/why-study-in-new-brunswick/))

SEABEES HOME & AWAY

Seabees Home & Away (or Milestones) is compiled from submissions from our readers who have submitted items by letter, email or phone as well as various public sources. These submissions will always refer to Simonds' alumni; they will generally be about family milestones (births, deaths, new job opportunities, marriages, moves, appointments, accomplishments, etc). We welcome your information for future newsletters. If possible, please try to include your graduation year with your submission.

Address any entries to Judy Chapman (judychapman44@gmail.com) or Tammy Kilpatrick (**alumnisecretary@outlook.com**). Alternately, entries may be mailed to Simonds High Alumni, 1490 Hickey Road, Saint John, NB, E2J 4E7 or sent as a message through our facebook group, Simonds High School Alumni.

Michelle Hanson MacLellan (2012) and Jordan MacLellan were married on December 31, 2021. Michelle is a laboratory technologist at Irving Oil and Jordan works at Gulf Operators. They live in East Saint John with 1-year old daughter, Sadie.

Tiffany (Janes) Carr (2012), husband Ryan Carr and big brother Nolan age 7 announce the birth of their daughter Nora, born on December 21, 2021. Ryan is a travel consultant for American Express at Cloud 5 and Tiffany is an educational assistant at Anglophone School District - South. The happy family lives in Saint John.

Marc Hayward (2004) and wife Lauren are thrilled at the arrival of their daughter Laughlin Juniper Karen on February 15, 2022. Lauren is a medical laboratory professional and Marc is a supervisor at Razor Contract Manufacturing.

Trevor Carson (2011) and wife **Megan (Porter) Carson (2016)** have a new daughter Jennie Elizabeth born on February 8, 2022. Trevor is employed by Pardy's Waste Management and Industrial Services while Megan is an educational Assistant in Anglophone School District - South. The happy family lives in Saint John.

Lee LaRocque (2003) and Angela Leger were married on May 7, 2022. Angela is a teacher in Anglophone School District - South and Lee is a respiratory therapist at the Saint John Regional Hospital. The happy couple makes their home in Saint John.

Dr. Maria Boyle (2011) and fiancé Dr. Rick Parisien, both chiropractors, have opened their own rehab facility, Station Street Health in Saint John. Dr. Rick also works at the Rehab and Performance Center in Quispamsis.

Chloe Hayes (2019) has accepted an Au Pair position in Madrid, Spain. She will depart for this year-long adventure in September 2022.

Justin Stewart (2006) and wife Beth welcomed son James Francis on April 6, 2022. He will be a great play buddy for big brother Eddie, age 2. Justin is an engineer at the Irving Refinery and Beth is a nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

Emily (Moran) Brown (2012) and husband **Hallie Brown (2012)** have a new daughter, Mae Etta Lynn, born March 31, 2022. Mae has older sister Lauren age 2. Emily is a nurse at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Hallie is an electrician at Gardner Electric. The happy family lives in St. Martins.

SIMONDS' SWAG!

Several alumni have been asking for T-shirts, toques, hoodies, sweatpants, etc. with Simonds logos on them. You are now in luck! The school recently opened an online shop for all your Simonds clothing. If you wish to have your spirit wear say "ALUMNI", you can customize it for just \$4 extra. There is LOTS of selection for men's, women's and youth clothing with several brand names. Shipping takes 4 - 7 work days and is FREE if sent to anywhere in Canada. Best of all, 10% of all purchases goes directly back to the school. Log in to the site, create your own account and pay for your purchase using a credit card. Receive 10% off your order with bonus code ENTRIPYSHOP510. Check out the online site at:

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

SEABEES HOME & AWAY

Justin Doyle (2010) and fiancée Cristina Bregel welcomed their son Henry on January 1, 2022. Justin is the accountant manager at Quorum Information Technologies. The family resides in Saint John.

Brad Davis (2011) successfully defended his thesis for his Master's degree in Biology, which he will be awarded at the UNBSJ graduation this month. His side hustle is being a stand-up comedian.

Katharine (Armstrong) Cavan (2004) and husband Justin became a family of 5. Daughter Elouise Jean (Lou) was born on May 12, 2022. Big sisters Violet age 8 and Stella age 6 are excited. Katharine works at Dobson Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Justin is a firefighter for the City of Saint John.

Kevin Soontiens (1989), an electrical engineer has, since 2008, built his own engineering company, EmTech Consulting Engineering Limited. Through his company, he has been involved in some very amazing engineering projects! Kevin and his wife Nicole have two children - Courtney age 18 and Carter, 15. They make their home in Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia.

Ashley (Lee) Moore (2010), Wesley Moore (2010) and daughter Julia age 3 welcomed a new family member, Walker Kevin, born on January 18, 2022. Wesley is a power engineer at Colson Cove with NB Power and Ashley works at Costco Saint John.

Chelsea (Colwell) Pasch (2002) was awarded the 2022 Lady of Resilience Award at the Ladies of Influence Gala in Saint John. She is the President, Senior Archeologist and Project Manager of Colbr Consulting. She and husband **Mike Pasch (1998)**, who also works at Colbr, have two daughters - Sophie age 5 and Emma, 3. They live in Fredericton, NB.

Jason Harley (2002) and Ryan Pearson were married on August 19, 2021. They live in Calgary where Jason is a Compensation Advisor for Suncor Energy and Ryan works at Finning Canada.

Juanita Black, Changemaker

Juanita Black has been a longtime community activist and leader in Saint John. Perhaps some of her leadership skills began when she was at Simonds; she was the Student Council president in 1974 and an outstanding member of the Student Police. Juanita has been a committed volunteer and community organizer in her Crescent Valley neighbourhood. Over the decades she has been involved in everything from editing the Saint John Human Development Council's newspaper to initiating Crescent Valley's community garden. She worked with the New Brunswick Minister of Health to extend healthcare coverage for people who receive income assistance. She brought a "dose of reality" to the province's Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation. Juanita has also been a valued member of the Saint John Human Development Council. She has always taken pride in her neighbourhood and has brought her neighbours together to work for positive changes. Housing is one focus of her anti-poverty work. She has never been afraid to advocate for things in which she believed. The YMCA of Greater Saint John is recognizing Juanita's long and meritorious service, outstanding contributions and achievement by presenting her with the 2022 Red Triangle Award in May of this year. Juanita's volunteerism and perseverance have made a lasting difference in the lives of many in her community. She is an amazing caring soul whose life's work has offered hope and help to many. Her can-do spirit and humility are examples for us all. (Please check out the documentary celebrating Juanita and her work in the following documentary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7oA4LRyJ9M>.)

2022 Reunions



REUNIONS 2022

Class of 1970: The twice-postponed 50-year reunion for this class has been cancelled. On June 20, 2025, a reunion will take place to celebrate their 55 year reunion. To keep up-to-date on class members and future reunion activities, please contact simondsclassof70@gmail.com or join their Facebook page **Simonds High School Class of 1970**.

Class of 1971: The 50-year reunion of the Class of 1971 was postponed until 2022 due to Covid restrictions and uncertainty. More details should be available soon.

Class of 1972: Planning has begun for the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1972. It will take place on September 17, 2022 from 6:60 - 11 PM at the Barrack Green Armouries. For more information, please email simonds1972grads@gmail.com.

Class of 1980: As their reunion was cancelled, they will instead celebrate their 45-year reunion in 2025. For reunion updates, you may check their Facebook page: **Simonds High School Class of 1980**.

Class of 1982 - The 40-year reunion of this class is planned for July 9, 2022 from 6:30 PM - 1 AM at O'Malley's Irish Pub on Rothesay Avenue. Please check the Facebook group **Simonds Class of 1982 Reunion** for more information.

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

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

Class of 2002: This class will celebrate their 20-year reunion on August 13, 2022 at SIMONDS HIGH SCHOOL! For grads coming from out-of-town, a block of rooms is being held at Chateau Saint John for August 12-14. Please join the Simonds High School Class of 2002 - 20 Year Reunion Facebook page for more details.

Class of 2012: Details re your 10-year reunion should be available soon. Stay tuned to the **Simonds High School Alumni** Facebook page for details.

OBITUARIES



Michael Jacquart (1987) died on May 10, 2022. An employee of Ocean Steel, he will be remembered for his kindness and generosity. Always the life of the party, Mike's most cherished times were ones he spent with his family and close friends. He is mourned by his wife, Natalie, children Austin and Mikayla and brothers Ron and Paul.

Paula Yorke (1987) succumbed from her year-long battle with cancer on January 4, 2022. She was a WalMart employee for over 25 years. Paula was also an avid reader and a Maple Leaf's fan. She is survived by brothers Tom and Paul and sisters Laurie Drew and Heather Yorke.

Sharon (Gray) Ives (1993) passed away unexpectedly on April 8, 2022. She had a very kind heart and loved her family and feline friends. Sharon is missed by her mother, husband Les, sons Bobby, Calvin, Jacob and Dominique, 2 grandchildren and siblings Debbie, Lorianne and Jillian.

Dale (Walton) Fraser (staff) died on December 27, 2021 after a brief battle with cancer. Dale taught for several years at the Bayside Drive location of Simonds High. She was well known for her musical and gardening talents. She served in several ministries in Saint John as pianist and choir director. Dale enjoyed horseback riding, car trips through the US and family genealogy. Left to mourn are her husband, Terry, sons Jon and Joel and five grandchildren.

Noel Horgan (1953 + staff) succumbed to a lengthy illness on January 25, 2022. He graduated from Simonds and returned to that school in 1956, after teaching for 3 years at St. Stephen High School. Noel had a passion for amateur acting and directing and shared that gift with his students as well as with local theatre groups in Saint John and the Kennebecasis Valley. Mr. Horgan was a beloved teacher of numerous Business courses and Business Department Head. After retirement, Noel and his beloved wife, Margie, spent many winters as snowbirds in Florida and enjoyed their new friends and lifestyle there. Left to remember and mourn Mr. Horgan are his daughters Jennifer and Natalie, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and his many former students and colleagues from Simonds.

Del O'Brien (staff) passed away on January 24, 2022. After graduating from Fredericton High and doing post-secondary studies in Fredericton, Del moved to Saint John; there, he taught at 3 different schools, meeting his wife at one of them. He spent several years at Simonds where he was very patient with his Work Study students. Del was an avid baseball and hockey fan. He travelled to Fenway Park for 39 years in a row to see the Red Sox play and he volunteered as an off-ice official for the Saint John Flames and Saint John Sea Dogs. He was very involved in politics, the Saint John Y's Men's Club, the St. Patrick's Society, the UCT and his church. Del had a great storytelling ability and an infectious laugh. He will be missed by his wife Marion, stepsons Terry and Tim and 2 grandsons.

OBITUARIES CON'T...

Mary Lou (Wiggins) Northrup (1953) passed away on February 27, 2022 in Saint John. After graduation from Simonds, she worked as a bookkeeper. Later, she moved to Coles Island (where she enjoyed country life), and then, to Quispamsis. She and her husband loved music, kitchen parties, square dancing, and wintering in Florida. Mary Lou enjoyed cooking, decorating, sewing and entertaining. She is survived by her husband Clinton, stepchildren Curtis, Murray, Claudia, Cynthia and Lee, 9 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and brother Douglas.

Melvin Mofford (1955) passed away on December 14, 2021. Mel was a carpenter by trade and the owner operator of many businesses in the Saint John area. He was a member of his church choir and played trumpet in the Shriners Band. He enjoyed lawn bowling both in Florida (where he spent his winters) and in NB; in that field he participated in the Canada Games in Vancouver and supervised the construction of three lawn bowling greens in our province. Mel will be remembered by his wife Vangie, daughter Shelley, sisters Lorraine and Lynne and grandson Ben.

Judith Meinert-Thomas (1958) succumbed on March 21, 2022 in Saint John after a brief illness. She began her long and fulfilling career as an Elementary School teacher in 1959; through her teaching, she inspired many young lives. Judith was a strong advocate for many community groups and for those on the margins of society. She was involved with Project Ploughshares (a peace-centred group), People to People (a refugee support program), AIDS Saint John, PFLAG, and the New Brunswick Black History Society. With her strong faith, Judith was a lay ministry graduate and was involved with the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception. In 2012, she was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Award in recognition of her community activism. She will be fondly remembered by her husband, Ralph Thomas, siblings Marlene, David and Wayne, children Cathy, Chris and Terri Lynne, two step-sons, many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Donna Steele (1959) died on January 10, 2022. For many years she worked at National Drug and Courtney Drug. When she retired she enjoyed life in the Belleisle where she fished, watched the ferries and enjoyed country drives. Donna especially loved watching curling and the Patriot's football games on TV. She is survived by her brother Gary, sisters Carolyn and Lynn, and special friend Sharon Jeffrey.

Mary (Marsh) Hatto (1961) died on January 14, 2022. Mary was a meticulous worker. She worked as a unit clerk at the Saint John Regional Hospital for many years. As well, she took a position with Killam Properties as Property Manager. Mary was a fun outgoing woman who loved laughing, dancing, playing Bingo, travelling and sharing dinner with friends. In addition to her fiancé Eric, she is survived by children John, Cindy, Sherri, Darren, Jocelyn and Rebecca, 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and siblings Mort and Joanne.

Ray Moore (1963) passed away on February 1, 2022. He worked for almost 40 years at Coastal Bearings (Canadian Bearings). He enjoyed playing cribbage and going to the local dances. He especially enjoyed his time at his cottage at South Oromocto Lake - listening or dancing to fiddle tunes or riding the trails with his wife. He often reminisced about his years of fiddling and travelling with Winston Crawford and The Old Tyme Fiddlers. Ray will be missed by his wife Liz, children Karla and Kim plus Gail, Troy, Timmy and Kara, 9 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, brother Bev and sisters Marilyn and Irene.

Norma (Sullivan) Perry (1965) passed on January 9, 2022. She will be missed by her husband George, sons Timothy and Andrew and grandchild Parker.

Tom Mullin (1968) succumbed on January 7, 2022 after a brief illness. He was a hard worker and faithful employee of Downey Ford for 42 years. He was devoted to his church and taught catechism for many years. Tom doted on his family and helped coach his daughter's sports teams. He is cherished by his wife Anna-Marie, daughters Tricia and Heather and 3 grandsons.

David Young (1965) passed away in St. John's, Newfoundland on March 13, 2022. Dave pursued a career in banking with the Bank of Montreal; that career choice led to numerous moves around the Atlantic Provinces. After 24 years in banking, he began a new career with Ultramar, for which he and his family moved to Halifax. Upon retirement, they settled in St. John's. Dave loved golf, curling, playing the piano, solving crossword puzzles, watching comedies and playing with his grandchildren. Left to mourn him are his wife Winnie, daughters Shari and Lana, 4 grandchildren and brothers Paul, Stephen and Andy.

Tiina Runkla (1968) passed away on October 10, 2021. Of Estonian heritage, she is survived by half brothers Jaan and Juiri and their families in Estonia. Tiina was gifted in music and won numerous awards at NB student music festivals. Her beautiful voice and piano talents were showcased on the Simonds High School stage. After pursuing music degrees, health issues intervened, so Tiina found a new passion in her study of speech pathology. Her diagnostic ability and compassion were respected by patients and colleagues in her career at the Saint John Regional Hospital, both as a pathologist and head of the department. Although she struggled with rheumatoid arthritis, and retired as a result, she found joy in little things like creating complex origami models or beaded jewelry, or in time spent with her beloved dog.

Malcolm (Mac) Northrup (1970) passed away on February 21, 2022 in Victoria, BC. He, and his wife, Pat, moved to British Columbia in 1971 and enjoyed a successful life in the fitness business. Although he loved the sun and snowless winters in BC, Mac enjoyed his visits home to the east coast. In addition to his wife, he is survived by son Mattie, daughters Sarah and Emma, 2 grandchildren, mom Kay, and siblings - Karen, Linda, Cathy, Patty, Debby, Wayne, Stephen and Chris.

David Ebbett (1971) lost his battle with cancer on May 6, 2022. David was well-respected and loved his career at the Irving Oil Refinery. In his early years, he loved playing hockey, four-wheeling, hunting and spending summers with family at the camp. When David retired, he and his wife moved to Gagetown and enjoyed home renovating and boating on the Saint John River. He is missed by his wife Gail, daughters Jennifer and Lindsay and 4 grandchildren.

Pam (Evans) Lucas (1971) died on March 4, 2022. She worked in special care at the Caring Manor for 26 years. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking, shopping, reading, and going on long drives. She particularly loved spending time with friends and family at Three Bears Campground, where she camped for 34 years. Left to mourn Pam are her husband George, daughters Andrea, Amanda and Karen, step-sons George Lucas and Colin Lucas, siblings Albert, Terry and Patricia, 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Francie Wheaton (staff) succumbed unexpectedly at home on February 2, 2022. Mrs. Wheaton was a gifted teacher; she listened to, educated, inspired and genuinely cared for each of her students. She had a very successful career at Simonds over several decades teaching Biology, Chemistry, History and English. Francie enjoyed reading, gardening, watching movies and listening to music. She had a passion for animals and adored her feline and canine companions. She will be deeply missed by her daughter Danielle, brother Lewis and best friend and colleague Corinne Devlin. Her legacy will live on through her students.

Lauris Leahy (staff) passed away on May 5, 2022. He enjoyed both teaching and coaching his students. He was passionate about music, reading and nature. Lauris will be missed by his children Lauris and Maggie, 2 grandchildren and siblings Cindy, Roderick, Richard, Lorne and Robbie.

OBITUARIES CON'T...

Alan Damon (1974) expired on April 12, 2022. After high school, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy for four years and was stationed in BC. Then, he returned to Hampton and worked for the family business, the Hampton Save Easy; eventually, he took over the business with his siblings. Alan enjoyed playing cards, fishing, hunting and being at the cottage. He was very community-oriented, giving back to businesses in the area. Alan is survived by his wife Alice, children Angela, Neil and Grae, 6 grandchildren, siblings Ann, Colleen and Tony.

David Dixon (1974) succumbed on January 8, 2022 in Saint John. In his early years, he enjoyed body building. Dave had a lifelong passion for stock car racing and created memories there for his children. In later years, Dave and his family settled in for summers at Grand Lake where boating was enjoyed by all. Dave was a hard-working millwright by trade, but had other skills which enabled him to build a new family home in the Belleisle. Motorcycle trips with his friends to Laconia were a fond memory. Dave is survived by his wife Ann Marie, son Keith, daughter Sarah, brother Andrew, sister Carol, and 4 grandchildren.

May (Wooden) Hayes (1974) passed away on April 15, 2022. She worked in office administration and property management. Going on road trips or to the beach and spending time with family were her favourite things. May is remembered by daughter Krista, son Thomas, special friend Ross Moczo, siblings Raymona and Raymond, and two grandsons.

David Randall (1974) died on April 19, 2022. In his youth, he was an accomplished hockey player. David made many wonderful memories with extended family at their cottage in Shediac. He is survived by several aunts and uncles and his grandnephew.

Larry Bowser (1975) passed away on January 29, 2022 in Sarnia, Ontario. Left to mourn are his wife Margaret, daughters Heather, Lauren and Katie, sisters Marilyn and Faye, brothers Charlie and Mike and 6 grandchildren.

John McNamara (1976) succumbed on April 24, 2022. He began his career at Tilden Rent-a Car and later became the Agency Operator of Avis Budget. John loved cars, guitars and motorcycle trips with friends. He loved big family gatherings and vacations, but his favourite thing was Sunday dinner with his immediate family. John is survived by his wife Sheelah, children Sean, Patrick and Katherine, and siblings Jean, Jim and Lynn.

Brenda (Huskins) Belding (1977) passed away on January 23, 2022. She was a passionate Educational Assistant for the Anglophone School District-South, where she was well-loved by the teachers and students. An avid photographer, she enjoyed capturing pictures of nature. Brenda will be missed by her husband Mac, children Beverlee, Laura, Emily and Kevin, step-children Malcolm and Marissa, sister Lana, brother Jody and 9 grandchildren.

Kevin Earle (1979) lost his battle with cancer on January 16, 2022. He was a dedicated manager for Tip Top Tailors for many years and enjoyed serving his customers. He loved loud music, bike rides and anything sci-fi. Kevin is survived by his children Joshua, Jessica, Gabriella and Victoria, brothers John and Jeffrey and sister Erica.

Stephen Hunter (1979) lost his battle with a brief illness in Chilliwack, BC on January 10, 2022. While a student in Saint John, he excelled in his weekend job at his family's business, Lord's Lobster. After graduation when he moved to Calgary, that skill in sales transferred when he worked at Billingsgate Fish Market. This was followed by a time working for Allkind Masonry, before returning to Saint John to rejoin and help grow the Lord's Lobster business. Stephen was a born salesman! He will be remembered by his former wife, Patricia, daughter Kallie, sons Mark and Jeff, 7 grandchildren, mother Jean, and siblings John, Marlene, Caroline and Jeannine.

Marie Spencer (1981) passed away on January 26, 2022. After high school, she studied drafting at NBCC, and then worked for NB Tel first as an operator, then as a cable cad, and eventually as a business service representative. Upon retiring she enjoyed babysitting, reading, astronomy and just being in nature. Left to mourn Marie are her sisters Anne and Janet and her stepmother Noreen.

Heather (McCumber) Clayton (1982) left this world on February 9, 2022. She will be remembered by her husband Murray, daughter Brandi, sisters Debbie, Cathy and Gail and brother Terry.

Roheet (Bob) Ummat (1982) passed away on December 31, 2021 in Ontario where he lived since early adulthood. Roheet was a bright, very caring, humble and generous person; those qualities enabled him to make friends easily everywhere he went. Bob enjoyed barbequing, napping, writing poetry and making people laugh. Surviving him are his wife Seema, daughters Reva and Shyla, his parents, sister Bandna and brother Alok.

Gerald Stack (1984) passed away unexpectedly in Montreal on March 29, 2022. He made lifelong friends and became a fierce union activist and leader during his 34 years at Moosehead Breweries. Gerald loved travelling, attending sporting events, playing golf, ATVing, kayaking, fishing and listening to music. He was a remarkable story teller with a great sense of humour. Gerald made lots of family memories while on camping trips and while being involved in his children's sports. He will be deeply missed by his wife Allyson, children Joshua and Lauren and sister Mary Elena.

Ernie Nolter (1967) died unexpectedly on April 19, 2022. After joining the navy, he worked at Canadian Tire and then Kingshurst Dairies. He later went west and worked at the Husky refinery in Lloyminster. He is remembered by his wife Wanda, children Tracey, Sean, Michael, Megan and Christopher, 4 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter and sister Sonja.

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.

MEMORY LANE

Winter Carnival Memories

For several decades, February meant Winter Carnival celebrations at Simonds. It was usually an entire week dedicated to fun events; carnival was a welcome respite during the long 6-month stretch of classes between Christmas and March Break. Over the years there were such events as snow sculptures, an outdoor tug-of-war, arm wrestling, hat day, a variety show, car rally, sock hop, root beer garden (complete with special souvenir mugs), student-staff basketball game, pep rally, pie-eating contest and chess tournament. Of course, there were the well-attended pancake breakfasts; staff cooked and served breakfast to the students in the cafeteria. A highlight of the winter carnival was always the Carnival Queen Pageant. The Queen and princesses were crowned at the Carnival Ball. About 1992, Winter Carnival became Spring Thaw, which lasted for a couple of years. When semestering arrived with classes that ran from September until the end of January and from February until June, Winter Carnival melted away. Many alumni have fond memories of those carnival days. We hope a few pictures from some of those carnival years will re-ignite those fond memories.



1966



1974



CARNIVAL QUEEN CONTESTANTS

Lisa Bennett, Kathy Garnett, Lori Ruddock, Victoria Thorpe, Kelly Brideau, Donna Lemieux.

1983



QUEEN PAGEANT WINNERS:

FIRST ROW: Second Princess Jennifer Cornish, Queen Michelle LeClair, First Princess Kim Field.
BACK ROW: Miss Friendship Eva Batiz, Third Princess Tracy Denton.

1990

MEMORY LANE



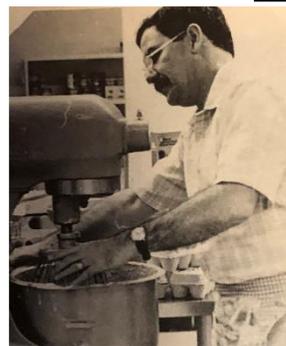
1985



1983



1983



1985



1965



Pancake
Breakfast

1983



1979

"Anyone for pancakes?"



1985



1983



1983



Beanie



SIMONDS NOW!



Black History Month Award

February is Black History Month. During that month the local community honours various leaders. This year Andre Dumas, a Vice Principal at Simonds, was an honoree. Off and on the basketball court, Andre assumed a big brother role. He went on to be the first black principal in Saint John. In his role as educator, Andre has been a gentleman and inspiration to many. "Dume", as he is affectionately called, always demonstrates kindness, caring and respect when dealing with both students and colleagues. He genuinely cares about / believes in his students and has touched the lives of many in the Saint John area. Mr. Dumas is an excellent administrator, educator and human being. Congratulations Andre on receiving this well-deserved recognition. Simonds students and staff thank you for sharing yourself with us.



Simonds Memorabilia Donated

Ferdie Forgey (Class of 1958) played on 3 provincial championship teams (track & field, basketball and soccer) for Simonds. He graciously donated his high school jacket with crests from all three teams to the athletic department of the school. Receiving the jacket from Ferdie is Simonds SPR of Athletics, Doug Deering.

Advanced Placement Courses at Simonds

Simonds High School, in cooperation with Fundy Middle and High School, Hampton High School, Rothesay High School and Sussex High School is honoured to offer a multitude of Advanced Placement courses never seen before in our District. These five schools are piloting a new AP project for the first time. Students within these schools now have access and the opportunity to enroll in all academic placement courses offered at any of the five schools. In past years, staffing and scheduling have made it challenging for students to enroll in AP Courses, but with this new pilot project, we are seeing enrollments increase substantially. Advanced Placement courses allow students the opportunity to receive a university credit at the high school level, and with no additional cost. There is no limit to how many AP courses students can take and, if they pass the AP College Board exam, they are awarded a credit. These courses are accepted at numerous universities in Canada, the US, and in other countries around the globe. Education is changing, and this is just one way in which Simonds High School (along with the other 4 schools) is leading the charge. Simonds Pride Continues.

Jill Eckstone
Simonds Staff
ASDS - AP Coordinator

Note: The Advanced Placement courses currently offered to Simonds students are: AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Comparative Government & Politics, AP Computer Science Principles, AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition, AP European History, AP French and AP Psychology. Please check out the You Tube video on AP at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNnWgl8pLB8>.

Kahoot Cup 2022

In mid March Simonds High School represented Team Canada in the Kahoot Cup 2022. Kahoot is an interactive multiple-choice game in which students answer questions (the current category was Pop Culture) in the fastest time possible. Simonds competed with 52 countries from across the globe, and over 700 students from those countries in all age groups and SIMONDS WON! Congratulations to Elli Halbig who came out on top! Simonds is so proud of each student who participated.

SIMONDS NOW!

East West Challenge

For many years Simonds High and Harbourview High Schools have competed in an East-West Challenge basketball game. This fun competition spawns lots of school pride, regardless of who wins. Prior to the big game at TD Station (Harbour Station), Simonds had a Green & Gold Day and their first school-wide assembly in the past two years (due to Covid restrictions). Although masks were still in abundance, they did not cover up all that Simonds pride! The assembly was a HUGE success and it was followed by a very good Simonds presence (even in a snowstorm) at the basketball game. Although Simonds girls lost their close game to Harbourview, the Simonds boys came back with a 75-73 win in a game that was a nail-biter tie only 35 seconds from the end of the game! What a great event for basketball, and as important, school spirit, for both schools!



Quad Rejuvenation

No, this is not the title of a Big Bang show rerun! LOL! It is a new initiative for our school! The Simonds alumni, in collaboration with Simonds High School, are embarking on a project to beautify the quad (grassy area) between the school buildings. The rejuvenation of the quad will include walkways, new benches and tables, planters and garbage cans. On the ground level, it will not only be a more inviting modern area for students to gather, but it will also serve as an outdoor classroom. A second phase will involve the updating and furnishing of the raised platform in front of it to create another outdoor classroom / stage, etc with overhead protection from the weather. To proceed, we will be seeking the support of alumni and local businesses. (Simonds has always been a community school.) To this end, we are creating a database of local businesses owned by alumni. We are proud of our entrepreneurs. As we create our list, we hope all alumni will support those businesses as well as this initiative. Can you please help us? Please let us know any local businesses owned by Simonds alumni. We will also welcome personal donations for this project. Donors will be recognized on a plaque on the outside of the school and with a charitable receipt from the school district. Thank you for your assistance in this exciting project!



Principal's Message

What an experience semester two has been for all of us in the 'Hive'! We returned from holiday break with some Covid-19 restrictions in place that required the staff to make some adjustments to their assessment and teaching to complete the first semester. This was successfully completed and we moved into second semester celebrating about 300 students who achieved honors and/or high honors. We started off second semester recognizing the accomplishments of these students and moved into a busy semester of Spring Fling Dances, Pep rallies, graduation and prom preparation.

We continue to focus on beautification of our school, taking note of things like garbage cans, flowers, improved seating and more! If you feel you'd like to help us in our endeavors to tidy up our large grounds, we welcome the help and support! Swing by anytime and you'll be able to enjoy the new flowers and planter boxes built by our very own Seabees!

Spring brings the excitement of graduation and all the pomp and circumstance that comes along with it. The plan is to showcase our beautiful property by hosting graduation outside with a garden party theme of formality and celebration.

As alumni, you are all aware that we boast a beautiful campus both inside and out! We offer our campus through community use of schools online as a rental facility. From our gym, theatre, cafeteria, pool and beyond we welcome our community to rent our facility anytime. Please feel free to spread the word that we welcome the opportunity to share our campus with our school community.

As alumni, we thank you for your continued support of our school and school community. We look forward to opportunities in the next school year to have you walk down memory lane through craft fairs, alumni dances and more. Our school is always open to you all, together in education we are all proud members of the 'Hive'!

Jennifer Carhart