

Happenings in the Hive

Simonds High Alumni Newsletter
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Welcome!!

It's hard to believe that another school year is among us. Do you remember your first day of High School? Were you nervous? Excited? Did you have a lot of friends waiting for you when you arrived or did you make new ones?

We would like to welcome back returning Seabees and a special welcome to all the new grade 9 students!

The 2013-2014 is going to be a busy year. With the start-up of school activities, sports, social clubs and our 2014 Graduates getting ready for their big day!

The 2013-2014 year is also the start of a new Alumni year and we are looking for your input! What kind of events would you like to see this year? We would love to have some ideas for social events, sports, family-oriented, etc. You can contact anyone on our Alumni Committee or you can send an email to

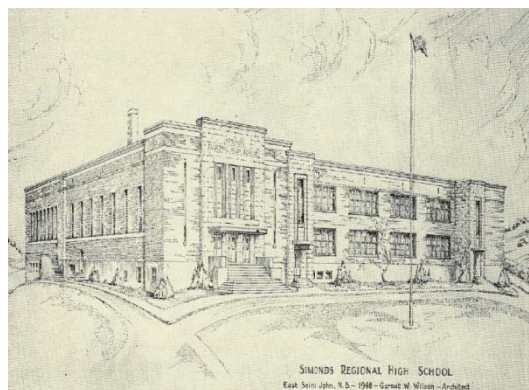
simondshighalumni@gmail.com with your ideas! We also have a Facebook page where you can connect with other graduates and keep up on what's going on! Find us under "Simonds High School Alumni".

Our next committee meeting is going to be held on Sunday, Oct. 20th @ 7pm if anyone is interested in joining our team!

Wishing everyone a great year and looking forward to being involved, once again, with the greatest high school in Saint John!!

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Class of 2003



The class of 2003 held their 10 year reunion at Bourbon Quarter restaurant on June 30th, 2013. The restaurant generously donated their entire space along with a "Seabee" inspired cocktail. We enjoyed great food and conversation all evening long in this trendy uptown restaurant, whose menu and atmosphere is inspired by Cajun culture. The rain came down, but it didn't dampen our evening. Thanks to all 90 grads who were able to attend this fun and well-organized reunion.

Class of 1978

The 1978 Simonds High Graduation class celebrated their 35th reunion on July 20th at the Thistle Curling Club. There were approximately 70 grads in attendance with 13 guests. We also had a few teachers that made an appearance. Fun was had by all!!



Class of 1983



The Class of '83 held their 30 Year Reunion the weekend of August 17, 2013. The Saturday night event was held at the Rothesay Avenue Billiards with 75+ grads and guests attending. It was a fun-filled evening starting with a Casino with Prizes for the top 2 "Funny Money Winners". Many of the prizes in the gift baskets were donated by the Class of 83, including a painting by Lana Langille-Doucette. The party continued on with a DJ & Dance. The grads enjoyed snacks and could treat themselves to the signature drink of the evening the "Simonds Stinger". Sunday morning, the

"early-birds" met again for breakfast at the 3-Mile Steakhouse and Pub to reminisce about the previous night and high school memories. Many thanks to the grads who attended for making our reunion party so much fun! We can always count on you! We hope to see everyone at our next reunion! Also many thanks to the calling team: Karen (Gray) Noftell, Suzanne (Gautreau) Allain & Kathy Garnett-Demerchant. A big Thank You to the organizers, Jacki Smith-Nesbit, Dana (Steeves) Thompson, Christine (Ranson) Smith, Pam McIntyre & Elizabeth Horgan.

Class of 1993



On Saturday, August 17th the class of Simonds High School 1993 held their 20 year reunion. About 40 members from the class of '93 attended the reunion, held at the Canterbury Lounge in uptown Saint John. It was a great evening, with lots of laughs and a fun time was had by all! Looking forward to our next reunion in another 10 years.



Class of 1963



Over 40 classmates and teachers from the SRHS Class of '63 celebrated their 50th reunion this past July, some from as far away as Mallorca and the UK, and many from across Canada. Great fun was had and memories exchanged at the "Wine and Cheese" at the old Simonds on Friday evening, a Saturday breakfast, pool party, and evening dinner with entertainment, and a farewell Sunday BBQ at a classmate's home. The reunion budget allowed for a gift of 10 chairs to the renovation program in the original

auditorium; the plaques will read "Thanks for the memories.... Class of '63".



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!



Beautify the School!!

The Simonds High Alumni has committed to help with the process of beautifying the school grounds. Over the years many memorial and dedication trees have been planted and the school's environmental club, headed by teacher Michele Banks, are working hard to honor all of those who have generously made donations. More still needs to be done and with your help we can continue to work on this worthy cause. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact the alumni at simondshighalumni@gmail.com and we will contact you. Thanks!

Retired Teacher?

There is still lots to talk about! Why not get together with those you taught with for years?! Here is your chance!

The group of retired teachers from Simonds usually meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 PM for lunch and socializing. Lots of activities are planned and a great time is had by all. Be sure to call us and attend a few of the events. More information will follow in future newsletters!

If you are interested in further details, please contact Cathy MacDonald (ceileenm@nb.sympatico.ca).



Alumni Abroad

Ever wanted to travel overseas but had no one to go with you? Well turn back the clock and head across the ocean with your old classmates!

After returning from a successful first adult trip to London, Paris & Amsterdam in May 2013, Judy (MacKnight) Chapman (class of 1970) and long-serving Simonds teacher, is organizing another adult trip – this time to Venice, Florence & Rome (9 days) with a possible 2-day extension to Sorrento / Capri. Judy has organized 16 trips to Europe and 5 trips to New York for Simonds' students and is inviting any interested alumni to join our adult travel group. Italy is such a popular destination – so many icons from the Coliseum in Rome to a canal ride in Venice...and who doesn't LOVE the best pizza, pasta and gelato! The departure date will be early fall 2014. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Judy at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca or 847-3241 for more details.

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.

Jackie (Brown) Smith (2002) and her husband, Richard Smith welcomed their first child, Jocelyn Suzanne Smith on December 12, 2012.

Chris Morin (2000) and his wife, **Stacy (Doyle) Morin** announce the arrival of their second son, Maddox Michael Clayton Morin on September 10, 2012. He is younger brother to Makale. Chris is a physiotherapist at Fundy Physiotherapy.

Jennifer (Hill) Pallian (2002), a long-time resident of Vancouver, BC was married in the fall of 2012.

Tara Keeley (2005) and **Corey Jellison (2003)** welcomed their new arrival, Noah Robert James Jellison on October 3, 2012. Corey works at Independence Plus.

Paul D. Pitt (1985) passed away unexpectedly on May 23, 2013. He was a very popular school bus driver in the Saint John area. He was also a driving instructor and taught many young adults from this community how to drive. Paul had a beautiful singing voice and became a popular karaoke host at Noodles Pub and Somerset Pub.

Angie (Pridham) McLay (2004) and her husband, Jeff McLay, have a new daughter, Blayse, born in February 2013. Blayse is a sister to Jae.

John Chatterton (1962) received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal last fall. He continues to live in and contribute to his community of St. Martins. His wife, Bette Ann (Black) Chatterton, the mayor of St. Martins, also received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Julie (Kierstead) Pugsley (2000) and her husband, Matthew Pugsley welcomed their second child, Brynn Laura Pugsley on September 7, 2012. Brynn is a sister to Kai.

Richard Forrester passed away in Charlottetown on January 17, 2013. After teaching in England, Richard emigrated to Saint John in 1969 and became head of Physics at Simonds High School. He later became a principal of Rothesay Junior High School. Richard was very passionate about soccer and contributed for many years to the coaching, refereeing and development of this sport at all levels in New Brunswick.

David Warman (1969) passed away on January 10, 2013. He worked for Irving Equipment and Irving Oil in NB as well as Domart Energy and Rangeland Truck & Crane in Alberta. David had a great love for drag racing and raced regularly in Miramichi and Quebec.

John Connolly (1968) passed away on January 10, 2013. John enjoyed spending time with his family, contributing to his community, entertaining friends, singing & playing piano and travelling.

Erin (McGovern) McGrath (2009) and **Patrick McGrath (2009)** were married on April 27, 2013. They continue to reside in the Saint John area.

Terry Crowe (1980) died on April 23, 2013. Terry had worked at Crowe's Auto Body and was a well-known local DJ. He was a great Montreal Canadiens fan and animal lover.

Josh Forward (2009) received a special Student Leader Award at UNBSJ in 2013 during the culmination of his BA degree. He aspires to be a teacher.

Rebecca Van Snick (2011) has been chosen by UNB to do her 3rd year of her B. Sc. degree in Birmingham, England during the 2013 – 2014 academic year.

Dean Hitchcock (1974) Dean was recently (2013) inducted into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame. He has received numerous honours in his long sporting career. He was a driving force behind the Canadian Senior Volleyball Team from 1977 – 1984, helping the team win a bronze medal at the Pan Am Games in Puerto Rico. He was inducted into the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame in 2001 and the Volleyball New Brunswick's Hall of Fame in 2012. He is a member of the Simonds High School Wall of Fame and the Saint John Sports Hall of Fame. The "Dean" of Volleyball earned numerous medals as he travelled to many countries while playing for the national team. His sister, Monica, also a Seabee, is a highly celebrated and decorated volleyball player as well, having received many of the same awards for the sport at which they both excelled. (She captained the Canadian Volley Ball Team at the Olympics in Los Angeles).

David Campbell (1960's) spent his last 5 years at Cosy Manor. He passed away on April 23, 2013. In his younger years, he was very active in the Simonds Air Cadets. David was a lover of classical guitar.

Neema 'Josh' Barati-Stone (died March 31, 2013 in Halifax).

Philip (Flipper) Huttges (died May 30, 2013) – longtime resident of St. Martins

Join the Alumni

Take a moment and be certain you register your email address with simondshighalumni@gmail.com. Be sure to include your full (maiden if applicable) name and the year you graduated. This email will be the primary way we will communicate information and events with you. Don't delay, send the email today and get your name on the list.

Always looking for new members of our Alumni Committee! If you can volunteer some of your time, we would love to have you onboard!

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Message from the Alumni President

My Fellow Seabees...

HELLO! We have started a new year with new Alumni from June – CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES CLASS OF 2013!!

I know that life has just started for you but you have a huge family here at Simonds that won't forget you. All you have to do is keep in touch via Internet and SHS will be but a click away. In saying that, I would like to extend an invitation to everyone who reads this to get involved! Just a little time goes a long way.

The Alumni wants people and their ideas to join in, to have a way to help our school improve, to grow, to always be there for future students. Our committee is a small, dedicated group that wants to help our School. We need your input to make this a bigger palate, so that the bigger picture can be envisioned.

Remember back, when you walked the halls of Simonds...your books in your arms...gabbing with your best bud...planning the weekend together...Then remember being in the classroom... the teacher teaching you a subject you couldn't see the value at that time (but now you do)...passing notes (texting) or trying to get some friends attention without being caught....the buzzer goes off and so does the volume in the halls.....the cafeteria.....gathering for the chow.....sports or the meetings at noon for that passion you had.....it is all memories for us now.....but it was life!

Our School has changed with the times, suffered at times, and rejuvenated to be the Best the east has to offer! The students today have different challenges and stressors.

We, at the Alumni level, want to continue the quality of life at Simonds, we want to pay-it-forward. WE NEED YOU!! to be a color on the canvas. To have fun but make things better at Simonds. If you think you could offer an hour a month, 10 months a year, and could be a voice for YOUR grad year, YOUR generation....then come to a meeting and see what we do. It is an hour worth your time and for the future of your School!

Green & Gold Forever,

Erin McPhee
SHS Alumni President