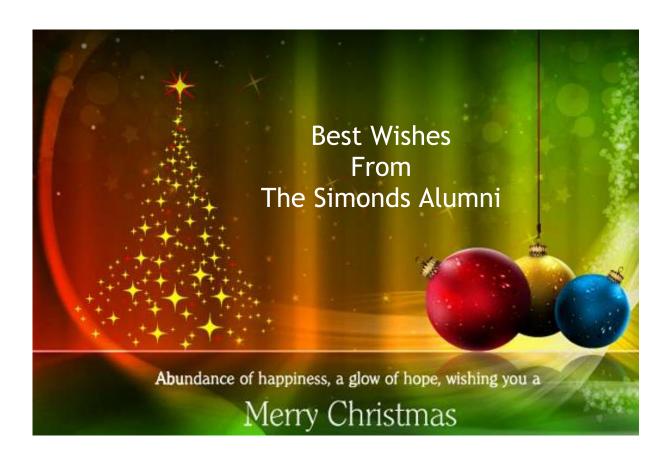


HAPPENINGS IN THE HIVE

Simonds High Alumni Newsletter December 2017



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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

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 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; it is located outside the gym and continuing down the school driveway by the playing field. Alumni donate the Princeton Golden Yellow maple trees which are planted by members of Team Green. As the grove matures, it is hoped to add some benches between the trees. Gold is one of our school colours; when the sun shines on these lovely trees they just glisten and can be seen not only from Hickey Road, but also from Loch Lomond Road. They look beautiful and have enhanced the school grounds! We invite individual alumni or classes who are planning future reunions to consider placing a memorial tree in the grove. What a beautiful way in which to remember a classmate/friend/family member! To commemorate each tree, a plaque with name plates honors those remembered. 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 (on page 1) if you would like to make a donation and be a part of this worthwhile initiative to give back to your school. Planting of the three memorial trees from 2017 has been delayed until next spring due to a local shortage of our special kind of tree. A new part of this project will be a large showcase in the lobby across from the school theatre and gym; it will be developed into a Wall of Remembrance. A new header board for that display has been made and the gold lettering is currently being done. In that display case, the donor plaque will be displayed along with pictures of many of those remembered by the memorial trees. A group of alumni from the Class of 1977 has graciously consented to set up this display once everything is ready.







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.

European Travel: Has one of your travel dreams been to go to Europe, but you are daunted by all the planning? Are you looking for a hassle-free travel experience? Judy Chapman is now planning adult group trips for 2018 and 2019. A 12-day tour to Croatia and Slovenia departing on September 27, 2018 is now available. Croatia and Slovenia are absolutely beautiful and reasonably-priced! Their cities exude Old-World European charm. Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic may be recognized by its massive stone walls that encircle the old city. Split, a beautiful town on Croatia's Dalmatian coast is known for its beautiful beaches and Diocletian's Palace erected by a 4th century Roman emperor. You will also visit delightful Ljubljana, Slovenia's largest city and some smaller towns like Zadar where you can view the one-of-a-kind Sea Organ. In the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Centre, you will get to explore the lush scenery and numerous waterfalls resulting from 16 terraced lakes. To check out the itinerary, price, etc, please see http://judycroatia.grouptoursite.ca. These tours are with a very reputable world-wide company with offices in Canada. Departure may be from any gateway in the world. If you are planning ahead for travel in 2019, you may wish to investigate a tour to England, Scotland & Ireland (https://judyengland.grouptoursite.ca/) or one to northern Europe

(https://judynortherneurope.grouptoursite.ca/). The Highlights of England, Scotland & Ireland tour will depart on June 13, 2019 and will feature visits to London, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Dublin and Limerick. The northern Europe tour will depart on July 20, 2019 and commence in Amsterdam, continuing on to Hamburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Bergen (for a Norwegian fjord cruise).

Judy has had lots of travel experience, having planned 17 Simonds student tours to Europe and 5 to New York; she has been organizing adult tours since 2013. She would like to invite any interested Simonds alumni, their friends and family (you do not have to be a Simonds alumnus) to join our adult travel group. If you are interested any of these travel opportunities, 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 or 2019 travel adventures!











WHAT'S GOING ON?

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.

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).

SIMONDS' SWAG!

Several alumni have been asking for T-shirts, toques, hoodies, sweatpants, etc. with Simonds logos on them. You are now in luck! The school recently opened an online shop for all your Simonds clothing. If you wish to have your spirit wear say "ALUMNI", you can customize it for just \$4 extra. There is LOTS of selection for men's, women's and youth clothing with several brand names. Shipping takes 4 - 7 work days and is FREE if sent to anywhere in Canada. Best of all, 10% of all purchases goes directly back to the school. Log in to the site, create your own account and pay for your purchase using a credit card. Receive 10% off your order with bonus code ENTRIPYSHOPS10. Check out the online site at:

http://simondshighschool.entripyshops.com/

Happy Shopping!

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!

Spring Dance

We hope to change up our dance plans for the new year. Usually, we had a dance near Valentine's Day in February. However, for 2018, we are contemplating a possible Spring Fling dance in April or May. We are hopeful that time of year might be easier for people to get out and that there would be fewer conflicts with other local events, weather, etc. Please keep in mind that these dances are open to anyone over 19 (not just Simonds alumni). This is a great date night opportunity! People come out as couples, singles, groups of friends, etc. and just have a fun time socializing and dancing. Our usual DJ is awesome; he plays music for people of all ages and musical tastes and keeps the dance floor full! Please watch our March newsletter for updates on this and other alumni events.

WHAT'S GOING ON?



Simonds High Breakfast Club

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

Simonds Breakfast Club - An Update

The Breakfast Club at Simonds is continuing to be well-attended. Approximately 50 students arrive at the breakfast room each day to get some breakfast food. Supervised by teachers, much of the format is self-service "grab and go", although there are tables where some students linger a while to chat. Breakfast options vary, but usually toast, bagels, hot and cold cereal, hot chocolate, yogurt, cheese, breakfast bars, granola bars, fruit and muffins are provided.

The school was fortunate again this fall to obtain a grant which will assist with some of the costs. Donations of food and supplies have been made by the Simonds Retired Teachers' group and the Simonds High Alumni. In addition, a sincere thank you goes out to "the muffin lady". Ann Sanders, a recently retired 1975 Simonds grad, has been regularly baking and delivering various kinds of muffins to the school for the students. The students just **love** the muffins and are very grateful to Ann for all of her work! It is truly a gift from the heart! How heartwarming to see a Simonds grad giving back to her school!

In November, some members of the Simonds alumni cooked another hot breakfast for the students. Sausages, pancakes, fruit and juice were provided for approximately 75 hungry students. The alumni hope the hot breakfast initiative will become a biannual event.

The Breakfast Club is certainly a worthwhile endeavor. Students cannot learn if they are hungry. We invite other community and individual partners to join us in our efforts to sustain this necessary program.



Natalie Ouellette (Simonds Educational Assistant), Brian Chapman



Natalie Ouellette



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-itforward"! 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!



Sam Woytiuk & Peter Woytiuk (Simonds teacher)



Simonds teachers - Linda O'Blenis, Jen McFadden, Stacey Downey



Remember When...Class of 1977

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.



Grad Class



UNICEF

BACK ROW: Doug Meagher, Norman Costello, Joe McCutchen, Derek Morrell, Sandra Goldie, Dawn Campbell, Roseanna Flewelling, Jim Dingley, Tom Yorke. THIRD ROW: Suzanne Westos, Susan Kierstead, Claudette Landry, Valerie Covey,

Kierstead, Claudette Landry, Valerie Covey, Patti Ryan, Clare Murphy, Kathy Mackin, Susan Siliker.

SECOND ROW: Susan Johnston, John Hopkins, Brenda Noftell, Mr. Little, Sharon Chamberlain, Pam Milne, Lori Thompson.

KNEELING: Shirley Fischer, Cathy Mackin, Sharon Beattie, Heather Atkinson, Doreen Jolin, Wanda Daley.

BACK ROW: Fay Wisted, Susan Sprague, Wayne McHarg, Don Daigle, Karen Hobbs, Jim Magee.
MIDDLE ROW: Rose Noftell, Susan Pratt, Lucy Moriarity, Sandra Moore, Phil Mackin, Brenda Arrowsmith, Carey Gray.

FRONT ROW: John Hopkins, Suzanne Scott, Treasurer; Pixie Leroy, Vice-President; Sue-Ellen Stevens, President; Kim Sheldrick, Secretary; Sharon Chamberlain.



FOOTBALL

BACK ROW: Kevin Galloway: Manager, Mark
O'Brien, Steve Savoie, Steve Corscadden, Chris
Skinner, Mike McGill, Sandy Thompson, Robbin
Dugdale, Peter McCluskey.
THIRD ROW: Mark Lee, Kevin Allen, Keith
Armstrong, Grorhe Wisted, Kevin Beyea, Mike
Montgomery, Kevin Clifford, Pete MacLennan,
Vince Sproul: Manager.
SECOND ROW: David Deplenche, Brendon
Carson, Mike Todd, Doug Forbes, Lane Armstrong,
Dan Kirkegarde.
FRONT ROW: Tom LaFontaine, Gary Gregg,
Mark Hachey, Danny Oram, Bobby Chamberlain.



Class of 1987 Reunion

Through the "Simonds High Class of 1987 Reunion" face book page, a gathering of graduates joined for an evening at Picaroons on September 16, 2017. The group then went dancing at Eighty-Three Bar Arcade where the DJ played some great '80s music. Please spread the word to any '87 grad to join this face book group in case further events are planned.

Submitted by Janelle (Bennett) Arseneault



Kathy (Gould) Cromwell, Bill Mintern, Lori (Mollins) Hayes



Jacqueline (Langlais) Beck, Karen Harding, Janelle (Bennett) Arseneault



Fred Frigault, Bill Mintern, Janelle (Bennett) Arseneault, Dana Martin, front: Jacqueline (Langlais) Beck, Cindy Black



Wanda and Bill Mintern



Todd Mills, Karen Harding, Helen Saulnier



Karen Harding, Helen Saulnier

REUNIONS...2018

<u>Class of 2008</u>. A 10-year reunion is being planned during the long weekend in August (either August 3 or 4) for the Class of 2008. The venue will be Eighty Three Bar Arcade, 43 Princess Street in Saint John. A face book group for this reunion will be set up soon and the organizing group will begin to contact grads. If you can assist in any way, please contact Nick White on face book.

<u>Class of 1968</u> - A 50-year reunion is planned for the Class of 1968 for June 16, 2018 at the Riverside Golf and Country Club. Grads are welcome to attend solo or bring along their significant other. The cost will be \$25 per person. The organizing committee hopes to reach as many former grads as possible. For more information please contact Beth (Thomas) Roy either on face book or by email at bethroyiam@gmail.com. Please spread the word to fellow graduates.

<u>Class of 1978</u> - The Class of 1978 will be celebrating their 40-year reunion next year. There will be a get-together at Simonds High School on July 7, 2018. For more details, stay tuned to their face book page: Simonds High School Class of 1978.

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

Countdown to Christmas Expo...

Our annual Countdown to Christmas sale was held in the Simonds High cafeteria on Saturday, November 4th. We hosted 55 vendors with a variety of home sale businesses and handmade items. The vendors offered many excellent quality items for sale. The In Pursuit Clothing van was on site for those seeking a unique clothing purchase. The Southern Influence food truck was also on site with its many yummy dining options. It was great to see many shoppers from the Simonds community supporting this sale. We really appreciated the support from fellow alumni, retired and current teachers and neighbours of the school! This event had become a good fundraiser for the alumni. All funds raised go toward student scholarships and various other initiatives for current Simonds students and for our alumni. Whether you are a vendor or a shopper, please watch for our next sale planned for mid-November 2018. Thank you for your support.



























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.



Mark Murchison (1976) married Tristin Arseneault (2005) on September 30, 2017. They are living happily in their new home at Crystal Beach with their children Gabriel, Israel and Eli. Mark is a well-loved science teacher at Simonds.

David Proctor (2006) and Kaylin (Carlson) Proctor (2007) are happy to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Liliana "Lily" Rose Proctor on December 15, 2017. Lily is baby sister to Lucas, age 2. Kaylin is a nurse in maternity, labour & delivery at the Saint John Regional Hospital while David works at TD Insurance. They reside in Rothesay, NB.

Courtney Thompson (20010) and Craig Bietz (2006) were married on September 30, 2017. Courtney is an accountant at Irving Oil in the Consolidations group and Craig is an electrician and firefighter at the Saint John airport. They reside in the Saint John area.

Kristina Worden (20010) and James McAdam wish to announce the arrival of their second child, Jonathan James Jr. Thomas McAdam on September 28, 2017. Jonathan has an older sister, Hailey, age 1-1/2. Kristina works for Sobeys and James, for a demolition company. They live in Saint John.

Jessica MacDonald (2010) married Paul Carson on September 23, 2017. Paul is an engineer, a team lead at Trylon, a construction company in Ontario; Jessica works at Little Stars Daycare. The happy couple live in Brampton, Ontario.

Nate Bartlett (2007) and his wife Kerri (Costello) Bartlett received an early Christmas present; their daughter Wren Shirley Bartlett was born on December 17, 2017. Nate is

Ryan Moore (2004) and his wife, Jenn welcomed a new arrival. Their baby girl, Rachel Anne Moore was born on October 9, 2017. Ryan is a financial advisor with Sun Life and his wife works at UPS. They reside in the Saint John area.

Tanya (Dallon) Ripley (2007) and husband, Harry have a new addition to their family. Gracie Lynn Ripley was born on November 15, 2017. Tanya is a tax auditor with Canada Revenue Agency and Harry works as a diesel mechanic at Ready Rentals. The happy family reside in Willow Grove, NB with their two fur babies, Casey and Penny.

Ashley (Lee) Moore (2010) and Wes Moore (2010) were married on September 16, 2017. Ashley works at Costco and Wes is a power engineer at Colson Cove with NB Power. They live in the Saint John area.

Janelle (Baxter) Milley (2007) and Rob Milley (2007) were married in Saint John on October 16, 2017. Janelle is a supply teacher and Rob is a police officer in Summerside, PEI.

Ben Waters (2008) married **Destiny Israel (2012)** on October 21, 2017. Ben works at Wolseley Waterworks and Destiny works at the Canadian Red Cross. They recently built a new house in Willow Grove, NB.

Colin Daigle (2009) and Devyn (Morris) Daigle (2011) were married on August 26, 2017. Colin is studying power engineering. Devyn is a full-time mother of two beautiful girls Landyn and Lauryn. They live in Hampton, NB.

Laura Comeau (2008) and Darren Upright welcomed son, Charles (Charlie) Allan Upright on October 30, 2017. Darren is employed at Acorn Welding working on airplane parts. The happy family call Saint Albert, Alberta home.

Orry Lyttle (2007) and Christina Coffey were married on October 7, 2017. Orry works is an instructor in Power Engineering at NBCC in Saint John and Christina is a lab technician at Irving Pulp & Paper. They live in the Saint John area with son, Caleb age 8.

OBITUARIES

Allen Selby passed away on October 30, 2017. He began his career as a teacher at Simonds Regional High School in 1957, followed by a move to Saint John Vocational School in 1966. He then joined the faculty of the Teachers' College in Fredericton; this institution later became the Faculty of Education of the University of New Brunswick. Allen was a professor of Speech and Drama there for 24 years until his retirement in 1990. He encouraged performing arts in the classrooms and promoted many drama experiences at the Playhouse in Fredericton. Allen was an avid theatre, opera and concert goer and a collector and appraiser of antiques. He is survived by his husband, Stephen Carter, half-brother Robert Selby and many friends.

Stephen Gough (1986) passed away unexpectedly on November 21, 2017. He was a skilled bricklayer and a talented barber. Stephen enjoyed camping and music; he especially enjoyed playing the bass. He is survived by his partner Dana McCullough, children Stephen Jr, Brian and Stephanie and step-children Anthony and Lindsay Breman. He is also survived by his brother James Gough and sister Sharon Hallett as well as grandchildren Gracie, Sophia and Kay-Lynn.





Joanne (Watson) Moore (1968) lost her hard-fought battle with cancer on December 8, 2017. Joanne worked in real estate administration for over 25 years. She was a member of the 722 Communications Squadron for 5 years. As well, she managed a coed dart league, enjoyed playing cards and feeding hummingbirds and loved spending time with her family and friends. Joanne is survived by her husband Joseph Moore, son Chuck Moore of Ottawa and daughter Jodie Gould of Woodstock. Also left to mourn are her brothers Charles, Brice, Daryl and Trevor as well as sisters Marilyn Whittaker, Phyllis Hughes, Donna Watson, Lois McNeil and Carol Kilpatrick and two cherished grandchildren.

Corina Kaden (1985) passed away on October 18, 2017 in Saint John. She was employed by Key Industries for 18 years and United Catena Training Centre for several years. She participated in skating and swimming with the Special Olympics and loved to dance. Corina will be missed by her mother Diana of Saint John, sister Veronica Sherriff of California, four nephews and extended family and friends.

The real story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

A man named Robert L. May, depressed and broken hearted, stared out his drafty apartment window into the chilling December night. His 4-year-old daughter Barbara sat on his lap quietly sobbing. Bobs wife, Evelyn, was dying of cancer. Little Barbara couldn't understand why her mommy could never come home. Barbara looked up into her dad's eyes and asked, "Why isn't Mommy just like everybody else's Mommy?"

Bob's jaw tightened and his eyes welled with tears. Her question brought waves of grief, but also of anger. It had been the story of Bob's life. Life always had to be different for Bob.

When he was a kid, Bob was often bullied by other boys. He was too little at the time to compete in sports. He was often called names he'd rather not remember. From childhood, Bob was different and never seemed to fit in.

Bob, after completing college, married his loving wife Evelyn and was grateful to get a job as a copywriter at the Timothy Eaton Department Store, in Toronto, during the Great Depression. Then he was blessed with his little girl. But it was all short-lived. Evelyn's bout with cancer stripped them of all their savings and now Bob and his daughter were forced to live in a two-room apartment in the poorer area of Toronto. Evelyn died just days before Christmas in 1938.

Bob struggled to give hope to his child, for whom he couldn't even afford to buy a Christmas gift. But if he couldn't buy a gift, he was determined a make one - a storybook!

Bob had created an animal character in his own mind and told the animal's story to little Barbara to give her comfort and hope. Again and again, Bob told the story, embellishing it more with each telling. Who was the character? What was the story all about? The story Bob May created was his own autobiography in fable form. The character he created was a misfit outcast like he was. The name of the character? A little reindeer named Rudolph, with a big shiny nose. Bob finished the book just in time to give it to his little girl on Christmas Day. But the story doesn't end there.

The general manager of the T. Eaton Store caught wind of the little storybook and offered Bob May a nominal fee to purchase the rights to print the book. They went on to print, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and distribute it to children visiting Santa Claus in their stores. By 1946, Eaton's had printed and distributed more than six million copies of Rudolph. That same year, a major publisher wanted to purchase the rights from Eaton's to print an updated version of the book.

In an unprecedented gesture of kindness, the CEO of Eaton's returned all rights back to Bob May. The book became a best seller.

Many toy and marketing deals followed and Bob May, now remarried with a growing family, became wealthy from the story he created to comfort his grieving daughter. But the story doesn't end there either. Bob's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, made a song adaptation to Rudolph. Though the song was turned down by such popular vocalists as Bing Crosby and Dinah Shore, it was recorded by the singing cowboy, Gene Autry. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was released in 1949 and became a phenomenal success, selling more records than any other Christmas song, with the exception of "White Christmas."



SIMONDS NOW!

New School Cheer

Over the decades, Simonds has had a few different school cheers. The students on the current Spirit Committee have written a very good new one and are showcased in an awesome performance of it on the new school bleachers in the gym. We invite you to check it out on You Tube at:

https://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=xOw3EWBsPw4&feature =share&app=desktop







Do you remember the decade that brought you the Rubik's cube and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles? ...the era of movies such as Ferris Beuller's Day Off, The Wedding Singer, The Karate Kid and Back to the Future? Then, you will enjoy the upcoming spring musical at Simonds. Students are now preparing for their performance of Back to the '80s: The Totally Awesome Musical. This musical is filled with songs from that decade that we all know and love. Do you still remember the tune and lyriks to Wake Me Up Before You Go Go, Footloose, Love Shack, The Man in the Mirror, Walking on Sunshine, Material Girl, Total Eclipse of the Heart or Eye of the Tiger? If you do, plan to join us in the spring so you can sing or hum along to these

great songs. More details will be available in our

March alumni newsletter.





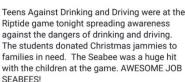


Some of our spirited SEABEES working hard preparing for east-west challenge. Awesome day Simonds more pics to follow!













Awesome job SEABEES. Lots of students helping along side the saint john Riptide



As the 2017 year comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have donated their time and talents to our Alumni team. If it weren't for the handful of individuals who take their time in helping with events, involvement with the school and fundraisers, we would not be where we are today. It is because of people like you that we are what we are...a group of caring past-graduates who still love their school and want current students to enjoy their time there as much as we did. Also, through fundraisers, we are able to help a couple students each year with a donation of a scholarship to help them in their future dreams and goals.

That said, the Alumni is looking for volunteers! Lending a hand not only fosters community well-being, but is sure to be a rewarding experience. We are seeking a variety of individuals – we're looking for all alumni, professions, talents and interests. We are not asking for much of your time. One hour per month for our meetings and you can decide which activities you'd like to help with. We are a small group and appreciate any time that can be given.

We just finished our biggest fund-raiser, "Countdown to Christmas", with great success!! But we are looking for new ideas and new opportunities. If you think you have something to offer our small group, we would love to hear from you! Drop by one of our meetings or get in touch with one of our members on the front page, and let us know how you can help.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this exciting opportunity. Your future help will be greatly appreciated, and, like many current volunteers, you will find the volunteer experience to be a rewarding one.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the 2018 year!

Sincerely,

Tammy Kilpatrick Simonds High Alumni Committee