



## OCTOBER 2022



The Admin Team dressed up as the Wreck-It-Ralph crew for Halloween!

## Mark Your Calendar

### November

- 8: PA General Meeting
- 9: Remembrance Day Mass
- 10: Parent Teacher Interviews - NO CLASSES
- 11: Remembrance Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 14: Term Break - NO CLASSES
- 18: Red Day
- 25: Jeans Day
- 30: Grad Portraits



## Message from the President

We trust that your respective Knight has had a good start to the school year and that they are rising to the challenges being presented to them both inside and outside of the classroom! As a faith and learning community where it is our mission to **Learn**, **Lead**, and **Serve**, it is a true blessing to be able watch the growth of our young Knights in each of the facets of the **Knights Cross**.

As we transition from start-up priorities to more routine ones that are related to the day-to-day heartbeat of the school, our efforts and energies also shift. November is a crucial month for us in terms of our overall fundraising efforts.

In a few weeks, we will be launching our **Knights Annual Fund (KAF)** campaign. We sincerely hope that you and your family will consider contributing to this year's drive. An information package will be mailed home to current STMC families at the end of the second week of November. While the KAF campaign runs year round, we are for the first time, aligning our largest fundraising drive with **Giving Tuesday** during the week of November 28-December 2, 2022.

This annual fundraiser has been specifically designed to raise needed funds for current and emerging needs, programs, and initiatives not covered by tuition and government funding, so that our young Knights can continue to receive the absolute best possible transformational learning experience and environment. The KAF also aims to foster a tradition of giving within the STMC community. The school exists today and will continue to exist for the next generation of Knights, because of the phenomenal commitment of those in the past & present.

In making a gift to the KAF, you and your family will be contributing to the success of every student in her/his pursuit of excellence in the areas of Faith, Academics, Advocacy & Action, the Arts, and Athletics.

Donors are encouraged to support the needs "bucket" that aligns best with theirs and their child's greatest areas of interest/love/passion.

- **Faith:** New portable Altar/Lectern/Celtic Cross for the Gym for school-wide masses and services, Refurbishment of the Brother's Chapel, etc.
- **Academics:** Specialized equipment for Sciences, Robotics, Materials Engineering, Physical & Health Education, electronic & data resources for the Library-Learning Commons.
- **Advocacy & Action:** Peru – Brownsville – All Hallows Missions, Door is Open, Holy Trinity Breakfasts, Good Shepard Ministry, etc.
- **Arts:** Specialized equipment/instruments for the Visual & Performing Arts (Art, Band, Choir, & Drama)
- **Athletics:** Program support, uniforms & equipment for Gr. 8 – JV – Varsity Boys & Girls... Basketball, Cross-Country, Curling, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming, Rugby 7s, Track & Field, Ultimate, Volleyball, & Wrestling.

Please consider us when the time comes. By giving to the KAF, you are helping equip our Knights with the tools to optimize their potential, serve others, and create a just and caring world!

God bless & thank you... Live Jesus in our hearts... forever!

Stephen J. Garland  
President, STMC

## Message from the Admin Team

October was a very busy month here at STMC. At the beginning of October, our President, Mr. Garland, visited All Hallows School in The Bronx, NY. All Hallows is an Edmund Rice

Christian Brother school that is thriving in the heart of The Bronx. Many of the students at All Hallows face tremendous financial hardships and most rely on some form of financial assistance in order to attend the school. Mr. Garland participated in an Edmund Rice 7 Essential Elements Validation at All Hallows where he also delivered a donation of \$7000 to All Hallows on behalf of the staff and student of STMC. The donation came from STMC mission collections, and will pay the full tuition for one All Hallows student this year.

The second week of October, Mr. Garland and Mr. Adams attended the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers of North America School Leaders Retreat in Baltimore, MA. The theme of the retreat was "Our Eyes on God", and it provided an opportunity for Mr. Garland and Mr. Adams to network with other school leaders, to reflect on best Spiritual and Educational practices, to talk about ways to embrace and promote the Charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, and to facilitate the integration of our Mission statements into our respective schools.

Mr. McCormick and a group of STMC students participated in the ACTION workshop where they shared best practices with other Christian Brother schools, learned how to demonstrate the virtues of Presence, Compassion, and Liberation, and took a deep dive into one of the Essential Elements. We had a very successful STMC Club Fair where 23 different clubs were represented. Also, our Knights Athletics teams have been demonstrating their prowess throughout the month of October: The Cross Country Knights qualified 17 runners to represent STMC at Fraser North Zones; all three levels of Volleyball are peaking at the perfect time and playing excellent volleyball in their new Burnaby-New West league; and all three levels of football are improving every week as they gear up for the Provincial playoffs.

We hope that everyone in our STMC community enjoyed the month of October as much as we did. Thank you to everyone who made October a success. We wish everyone a Blessed All Souls Day on November 2.

Take care, be well, stay safe and God bless you all.

The Admin Team,  
Joe Adams, Principal | Cassie Lauang, Vice-Principal | Ethan Shoemaker, Vice-Principal

# FINE ARTS

## BAND & CHOIR

Congratulations to our STMC students who participated in the BC Music Educators Association Honour Wind Ensemble and Honour Choir at the Chan Centre this weekend. They joined talented student musicians from across BC for this incredible experience.

- Howard Cheng - gr 12
- Brandon De Lazzari - gr 12
- Dale Demasip - gr 12
- Marcus Law - gr 12
- Helen Xu - gr 12
- Courtney Castres - gr 12

- Shanelle Cuevas - gr 12
- Katrina M. - gr 12
- Briseis Jamela - gr 11
- Jared Batac Co - gr 11
- Eilidh Lister - gr 10
- Juan Gomez - gr 10



## MUSIC KNIGHT

Save the date for Music Knight! The annual event takes place on Friday, December 2nd at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm.

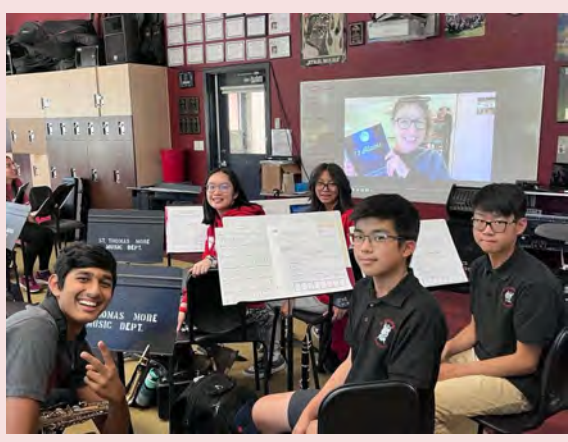
Ticket information to be announced, stay tuned!



## BAND

### Jody Blackshaw

Our Junior and Senior Concert Band students met with composer Jodie Blackshaw all the way from Australia. We are working on her piece "13 Moons," inspired by North American indigenous moon stories, our connection with the Earth, and with one another. Jodie's guidance is inspiring us as we step out of our comfort zones to compose, create, and improvise.



### Band-a-Palooza

Band-a-Palooza is taking place Friday, Nov. 4, 3pm-10pm for Junior and Senior Concert Band students. We will be welcoming guest clinicians to work with our students, spending time together in full rehearsals, and enjoying dinner, games, and social time.

### New Band Student-Teacher

Welcome to Ben Horodyski, music education practicum student from UBC. Mr. Horodyski will be working with our music program for two weeks this fall, and then for the full practicum starting in February. Mr. Horodyski is a tuba player and a skilled teacher in both band and choir.

## CHOIR

Chamber singers performed at the UBC Choral Invitational Festival this past Friday, October 28. Not only did the STMC Knights get to perform, but they also got to watch university singers perform as well. Overall, it was a great experience for everyone involved.

# ATHLETICS

## VOLLEYBALL

### BC Catholics

Last Thursday and Friday, Notre Dame hosted the annual BC Catholics tournament. The varsity girls placed second in our pool and played tough matches on Friday to place third in the tournament. A special shoutout goes to Ava Giovinazzo '23 who received an all-star mention as well.

This tournament is big step in our varsity team's road to the BC Provincial Tournament and we are looking forward to the last month of our season. This week, our team continues to our league playoffs and will take part in the zone playoffs as they try to qualify for a berth to the BC's. Go Knights!



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## ACADEMIC INFO NIGHT

The Academic Info Night is an event where all senior students and parents are invited to learn more about post-secondary institutions that they may be interested in. There will be representatives from each school that will give a presentation and answer any questions.

For more info, please contact Mr. Bouwman. You can reach him via phone at 604-521-1801 ext. 2119 or email him at [hank.bouwman@stmc.bc.ca](mailto:hank.bouwman@stmc.bc.ca).



## Upcoming Academic Event

**Monday, November 21st**

### Post-Secondary Institution Fair

**6:55pm - 8:30pm Location: STMC Various Rooms**

All Grade 10, 11, & 12 Students and their parents are invited!

Presentation #1: 7:00pm – 7:25pm

Presentation #2: 7:35pm – 8:00pm

Mini-Fair: 8:00pm – 8:30pm

**14 institutions attending (So Far)**

Quest University Canada	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
BCIT	Trinity Western University
Armed Forces - Royal Military College	Capilano University
Simon Fraser University	Langara College
Corpus Christi & St. Mark's Colleges	Vancouver Island University
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	Thompson Rivers University
Douglas College	University of Victoria

As of now UBC does not attend this event and only offers virtual or a limited number of in-person presentations. To see a list, go to . . .

<https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/events?information-sessions>



University of Victoria



# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

**Mike Hillman**



Mike's Burnaby roots run deep, having attended STMC for grades 7 and 8 from 1962-1964. Having studied at SFU, Mike's journey has been filled with politics and major projects. His first campaign was in 1968, when he was the Liberal Party of Canada (unsuccessful) candidate in Burnaby South in 1984. He served later as the Party's National Vice President. Mike has played key roles in major projects that have changed our communities. Mike helped deliver Expo '86, and built the Skytrain System that connects our city and our region, serving as Deputy Project Manager. Mike was key in putting together the bid for Expo '86, setting up the corporation and welcoming Jim Pattison as its chair.

Other projects include the successful bid for the Commonwealth Games in Victoria and the hosting of the Women's and Men's World Amateur Golf Team Championships that involved teams from some 67 nations. He assisted in the election of Mike Hurley as Burnaby's new mayor in 2018, and was elected to our City Council in 2021. He also created "One Burnaby", Burnaby's newest political group, committed to ensuring that Burnaby is leading the way in our region and our province; and on October 15<sup>th</sup> the citizens elected Richard T. Lee of One Burnaby to city council.

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## Richard Liu, MStJ



Richard is a proud STMC Class of '88 alum. His career experiences includes areas of public relations, diplomacy, major events organization, and education. Richard believes in community engagement and teamwork which stems from his time as a Chancellor Tournament official in his youth at STMC, to being appointed Team Canada's Team Attaché at the 2008 Paralympic Summer Games, and as a Team Canada Mission Staff member for the 2022 Winter Olympics. He is an active Heritage Commissioner for the City of Burnaby and Honorary Brigade Division President for St. John Ambulance's Burnaby Division and BC Brigade. Richard is also an engaged Knight who is always happy to come back to talk with our students from time to time.

For the first time, Richard ran for City Council together with Mike Hillman and the One Burnaby team this past October, as a way to give back to the community. With Richard's positive community engagement spirit, this past summer, he was awarded with the St. John Provincial Chair's Commendation Bar decoration for raising cultural awareness and diversity in the Burnaby Adult and Cadet Divisions; and was also recently honoured with an appointment as a Member of the Order of St. John, one of five national orders of the Canadian Honours System. Richard is tremendously honoured to join the ranks of many of those with a lifetime of service to saving lives and making our communities safer, and hopes to inspire our youth in becoming global citizens with life-saving skills. Richard is very grateful to STMC for instilling the spirit of giving in him.

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We'd love to hear about all the wonderful and exciting things in which our Knights are engaged!

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