



St. Pat's Alumni Association Patrician

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Greeting from your new president. Let me take this opportunity to thank our past president, Mike Heney, for his hard work and continuing contributions to the St. Pat's Alumni Association and to the Board members for their continuing support.

Some years following the closing of the Campanile campus in 1973, a few former students of the Echo Drive and Campanile campuses were sitting over coffee reminiscing about the good times. These former students felt that something should be done to carry on the spirit and traditions of the "old St. Pat's". Their first thoughts were to have a school reunion and, in 1986, that idea did become a reality and a renewed sense of history and tradition was born.

The idea to form an association of former students and staff grew from that reunion. By 1990 a constitution was drafted and the "St. Pat's Alumni Association" became a bona fide organization. Its mission statement was simple - "to preserve, foster and perpetuate the spirit and traditions of St. Pat's as developed by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate of St. Peter's". In 1992, the Friends of St. Pat's was formed and registered as a charitable organization. Our sincerest thanks to those founding fathers for their desire to do what was best for the students and to maintain the deep traditions of St. Pat's.

During last year's Armorial presentation, the audience heard speeches from former staff and students. They shared their memories of the former campuses and the impact that the school and its staff had on their past and present day endeavours. It was interesting to hear Michael Abunassar, President, and Allison Johnson, Vice President of the Student Council comment that they never knew St. Pat's had so much history and tradition and that it would be valuable for the students to share in this. Consequently, this year the Association will have student representation on our Board and members of the Board will have a greater presence at various school events. In addition, we will continue to carry our message through this newsletter.

You may have noticed a change in the format of the newsletter. The Association is facing a financial crisis and the cost of printing and mailing has put a serious dent in our pocket book. The printing and postage alone cost approximately \$2,900.00. Also, as you will read further on, we will not be staffing the beer and refreshment stand at the annual Dragon Boat Festival. This will result in a shortfall of approximately 1/3 of our operating budget.

To further reduce our overall costs, we will be introducing a "paperless" version of the newsletter on our web site.

For more information, please see the article entitled "St. Pat's Alumni Goes HIGH-TECH". Reducing these costs will mean that more money will be available for our continued commitments to the students.

As mentioned, this year we will not be participating in the Dragon Boat Festival. We had five fantastic years and I would like to thank the Festival organizers for giving us the opportunity to participate and Michael Chambers for getting us "in the door". I would also like to extend a very special thanks to Angelo Galvalucci for all of his hard work.

I cannot conclude this message without mentioning how important your financial support is to us. This year is the double cohort year at the high school and, therefore, we have two \$500.00 bursaries to award. Your donations to the Association or the Friends of St. Pat's assist us in funding these bursaries and providing program assistance to the students. Please complete the enclosed yellow donation form and donate. Whatever the amount, it will be most appreciated.

In closing, I would like to quote my friend and our former president, Michael Chambers: "Let's keep the tradition alive. Let's fuel the fires of the green and gold. Let's be the best alumni Association we can be. Let's honour and live the spirit of St. Pat's".

Paul Ouellet

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DORAN TROPHY TO BE AWARDED IN 2003

This famous trophy was donated in 1931 by the Hugh Doran Family, contractors for the Echo Drive campus, to St. Patrick's College High School, owned and administered at that time by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. It was awarded annually through a free and secret vote of the student body, to the senior student at St. Patrick's College High School who excelled in academics and interscholastic sports, and who was considered by the staff to have shown leadership qualities in the school.

The trophy was retired from St. Pat's after 1973 and was in the possession of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, St. Peter's Province, when it was given to the St. Pat's Alumni Association in 1994 for re-dedication. It is now kept in the Alumni trophy case at the High School.

The first recipient of the Doran Alumni Trophy was the late Father Hank Conway, OMI, OC, in 1994. In 1998, the 25th anniversary of the closing of Campanile Campus, the trophy was awarded jointly to Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI and Sr. Marie Azzarello, CND, the last Principals of St. Pat's and Notre Dame, Campanile.

Any former student, graduate or not, faculty or staff may be nominated. The three criteria for nomination are as follows:

1. After leaving St. Pat's High School the nominee continued to show in an exemplary manner and to a significant degree the spirit and traditions of St. Pat's.
2. The nominee shows this through a lived example:
 - ❖ leadership;
 - ❖ a demonstrated interest in caring for the welfare of his/her fellow human beings; and
 - ❖ a demonstrated capacity to inspire others to reach beyond themselves.
3. The nominee exemplifies in his or her life a team spirit which was engendered at St. Pat's and, after leaving St. Pat's, was brought to fruition in his or her own chosen community.

From this year's nominees, the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association is proud to announce that the 2003 recipient of the Doran Alumni Trophy is:

Fr. Tim Amyot, OSM.

Father Tim attended St. Pat's as a student in the late 50s where he achieved success as a boxer and hockey player but was especially known for his tenacious football play. After his ordination to the Order of the Servants of Mary, Father Tim became involved at various local schools earning a reputation as a courageous advocate for the weak and the frightened. In the mid 80s, at the invitation of Sister Anna Clare, he took up the position of St. Pat's chaplain. Staff and students who had the privilege of knowing and working with him from that time to his retirement in 2001, recall his wisdom, calm direction and empathy. For Father Tim, no task was too menial and no individual unimportant. Although retired from the Catholic School Board, he continues his work as co-pastor at Divine Infant Parish in Orleans.



OTTAWA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL AND ST. PAT'S ALUMNI PART COMPANY

As in the past years, the operation of the beer tents by our Alumni was most successful at the 2002 Festival. Once again, over \$1,000 was generated to benefit the students of St. Pat's.

However, the 2003 operation has been granted to another charitable organization. We knew when this "plum" came our way that many other worthy causes were being considered by the Dragon Boat organization. We hoped to participate for three years; 2002 was our fifth year. We are grateful to the Dragon Boat organization and we wish them continued success with the event.

We are hopeful that this loss in revenue for us will be well exceeded by the generosity of the Alumni donations.

I want to thank all the volunteers that have helped out over the years, especially Father Tom Cassidy, Paul Ouellet, Richard Ouellet, Mike Heney, Peter Poggione and Joe Mullally. Special thanks to Mike Chambers- without him we could not have done this. Angelo Gavillucci (77)



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A Message from the Principal

Dear Alumni,

Since last year's newsletter went out, our Armorial (crest and flag), now officially recognized by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, was formally presented to our students on March 6, 2002. It now proudly hangs in our front lobby, and you are welcome to drop by to see it. Next to it in the adjoining display cases are our treasured awards, trophies and assorted memorabilia from decades past. We are indebted to Fr. Tom Cassidy for making the Armorial project possible, and to our chaplain, Nicole Levesque, for her expertise in cleaning and organizing these items.

This year marks 'an end of an era', as secondary schools in Ontario will graduate the last class of OAC (Grade 13) students. Along with them will graduate the first cohort of Grade 12 graduates under the new Ontario Curriculum. This means St. Pat's will graduate over 350 students, necessitating two graduation ceremonies on June 25!

I am happy to inform you that this large group of future alumni are handling the excitement and uncertainties of the "double cohort year" very well indeed!

Joe Mullally,

Principal

Mission Statement

The St. Pat's Alumni Association was founded in order to preserve, foster and perpetuate the spirit and traditions of St. Pat's as developed by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate of St. Peter's Province, by continuing the fellowship among the alumni, both students and staff, through ongoing communication, social functions and activities which will also assist St. Pat's with its practical needs of today.



St. Pat's



Interscholastic Sports Achievements

2001-2002

Senior Boys Soccer Team

- East Conference Champions
- NCSSAA Finalists
- OFSSAA - NCSSAA Representative

Junior Boys Soccer Team

- East Conference Semi-finalists

Junior Boys Football Team

- NCSSAA Finalists

Senior Boys Volleyball Team

- NCSSAA Finalists

Junior Boys Basketball Team

- East Conference Semi-finalists

Senior Boys Basketball Team

- East Conference Semi-finalists

Senior Girls Soccer Team

- East Conference - 2nd place

Wrestling

- Jacek Kubiak in NCSSAA Finals
- Adam Howell in NCSSAA Finals
- Joey Gombac in NCSSAA Finals

Cross-Country Running

- Jenn McCallum - 1st in East Conference
- 4th in NCSSAA
- 25 out of 225 in Province

2002-2003

Senior Boys Soccer Team

- East Conference Finalists

Junior Boys Soccer

- East Conference Semi-finalists

Junior Boys Football

- NCSSAA Finalists

Did you know? St. Pat's High graduates of June, 2002 won post secondary scholarships and bursaries totalling \$317,000.

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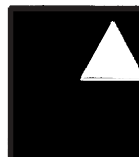
The wheels are in motion to move this alumni association into the new age. This move has been long awaited, and long overdue. It brings me much enthusiasm to imagine the possibilities a dedicated web site brings to the alumni for the next couple of years and beyond.

The cold reality facing us is the rising cost of producing a hard copy of the newsletter every year. With each new graduating class, our distribution list continues to grow at an average rate of 100 names. The combined cost of both the production of the newsletter and the postage is becoming almost unbearable. The current view is to use the web site to post the newsletter, with the goal of reducing our mailing in half. The cost savings will help the association to continue producing a newsletter for the foreseeable future. On the web site there will be an area in which you can select an option to receive the newsletter via e-mail. Some of the other notable items we are planning to put on the web site are:

- ♦ *History of our proud school at each different campus.*
- ♦ *Current school news.*
- ♦ *Our special celebration next year of 75 fabulous years.*
- ♦ *Bulletin page for members to post messages.*

We want to hear from you and get your thoughts.

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T R I N I T Y

\$20,000 Endowment - The St. Peter's Oblate Bursary

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate of St. Peter's Province, who founded St. Patrick's High School in 1929, have announced the establishment of a bursary endowment of \$20,000 to commemorate the 155 Oblate Priests and Brothers who have been associated with St. Pat's as teachers, staff, administrators and alumni from its beginnings until the present day.

The award, to be known as the "**St. Peter's Oblate Bursary**" will have a value of 5% of the total endowment, approximately \$1,000, and be presented for the first time in 2005. It may be given annually by the administration of St. Patrick's High School, Ottawa, to a student of that school, who is of limited financial means, is already accepted into a college or university for the coming September, exemplifies Catholic values, contributed positively to the school, exhibited consistent effort in his/her studies, and overcame obstacles to achieve his/her goal.

Very Rev. David Perrin, OMI, Provincial of the Oblates of

St. Peter's Province, said that this was the appropriate time for such a presentation. In December of 2003 the Oblates of Canada will be re-founded, and five of the present historical divisions, including St. Peter's Province, will give way to a new entity known as OMI Lacombe Province, extending from Labrador to Vancouver Island to Whitehorse. This bursary will be a lasting memorial to those dedicated men who spent a good portion of their adult lives as Oblates, working for Catholic education in Ottawa at St. Pat's on Laurier Avenue, Echo Drive, Heron Road and Alta Vista Drive.

The endowment will be placed in an investment fund to which alumni will be able to add further capital if they so wish. With the passing of St. Peter's Province, the overseeing of the fund will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors of St. Pat's Alumni Association.