



# St. Pat's Alumni Association Patrician

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## President's Message

One of the key activities of each Alumni year is to produce this letter. It is our opportunity to not only let you know what has been going on in the Alumni but is an opportunity for many to see the continued hard work and achievements of our "Alma Mater". Let me first start this letter by expressing my thanks to George Brown who carried the torch as President these past two years. Under his leadership we saw improvements to our website and an increase in board membership. Now as Past President, he will be responsible for recruiting and recommending Alumni to positions on the Executive.

One position that we do not need to recruit for is the School Principal. This year, St Pat's has a new Principal, Mary Donaghy. You will read in her report later in the Newsletter that much has happened in the High School over the past year. As usual, the sports teams are continuing to excel; however, with growing enrolment, expanding academic programs and under a tight economic climate, the school faces increased challenges. We, the Alumni, can help!

Two concerns which have been brought to our attention are 1) to assist those students from families in need with the purchase of their school uniforms, and 2) to help the school acquire several sport team Championship banners from 1929 to the present that were either not acquired at the time or have gone missing. The Alumni Board recently donated an initial \$1,000 to the School Uniform Fund on your behalf and we hope to contribute more as funds come available. We expect the Championship banner acquisition/replacement program to cost as much as \$10,000 in phases over the next few years. Of course, these donations are made after the two \$500 bursaries that we give to deserving graduates annually. Given that our revenues are only slightly greater than our bursary requirements annually, we need your help to fund these initiatives. Please use the Donation form included in this newsletter or visit our website, print off a form and send a donation to the Friends of St Pat's.

Next year we will have the opportunity to celebrate our heritage and spirit as 2010 marks our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Plans for this special time are still in their infancy; however, we are looking at having the festivities at the High School during Education Week which takes place in May of each year. Vince Harris has volunteered to head the Alumni efforts in the planning. You can expect to see information about the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the coming months on our website at [www.stpatsalumni.com](http://www.stpatsalumni.com). Feel free to send us your ideas through the "Contact Us" tab on the site.

Finally, we need your help to spread the word about the Alumni, the 2010 Reunion and the website to any former St Pat's students and staff. In the move from massive mail-outs and changes in our website, we have lost contact with a large number of Alumnus. Please take the time to help us re-establish that connection by contacting those St Pat's Alumni in your address book and encourage them to register on-line through the website or forward the newsletter to them electronically so they can print it, clip out the registration/donation slip provided and mail it in to the Alumni Association c/o St. Pat's H.S.. Thank you.

Marc Ouellet ('70)

### 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.

# The Doran Alumni Trophy 2008

## J. Douglas McLarty FCA

Since 1931, the Doran Trophy, a gift of the Hugh Doran Family, has been a symbol of excellence at St. Pat's. In its first decades it was for the top student in academics, sports and leadership. Since 1994 it has been awarded to the alumnus/ae who, after having left St. Pat's, continued to show in an exemplary manner and to a significant degree the spirit and traditions of St. Pat's.

The nominee must show this through a lived example to be found in the areas of leadership, a demonstrated interest in caring for the welfare of his/her fellow human beings, and a capacity to inspire others to reach beyond him or her self. The nominee is to exemplify 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.

This year the recipient of the St. Pat's Doran-Alumni Trophy is Douglas McLarty, President of McLarty & Co. Chartered Accountants.

Doug was born in Niagara on the Lake in 1953 and entered St. Pat's High School in 1968. He was very active in sports, excelling in basketball and, in particular, football which he continued to play at Carleton University as well as for the Ottawa Sooners in 1973 and 1974. He earned his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1977 and received his Chartered Accountant (CA) designation three years later. He founded his pub-

lic accounting firm in Ottawa in 1982 and in 2000 was awarded the Fellowship of Chartered Accountants (FCA) for outstanding contributions to his community and to the CA profession. Married, he and his wife Lynn (also a CA) have two children: Roslyn, 16 and Daphne, 13.

Over the years, Doug has taken his business skill, team approach and a desire to be part of improving the lives of those around him to all aspects of the local community. He has been actively involved in political campaigns for numerous Ottawa candidates since 1983. He taught at the Carleton University School of Business, the ICAO School of Accountancy and at McGill University. Doug has been involved as a team leader for the United Way, a member of the Special Olympics 2000 Finance Committee has served on the Board of Directors for the Ottawa Congress Centre, Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) and was a past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Hospital.

Doug was also a founding member of the St. Pat's Alumni Association and a stalwart supporter of the Alumni programs and activities. The Board of Directors are honoured to have him as an Alumnus of St. Pat's, and there is no doubt that his present leadership qualities and social concerns were nourished and encouraged at St. Patrick's High School. With the awarding of the Doran Alumni Trophy we publicly recognize this. Congratulations Doug.



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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Alumni,

In June 2008, former Principal Ron Chisholm, retired after a long and distinguished career with our Board. I was thrilled when I was moved from my previous position as Principal of Mother Teresa HS to Principal at St Pat's. When asked where I wanted to move after four years in the suburbs my first choice was St Patrick's so you can all imagine how happy I am to be here. Although I am not from Ottawa, having lived in the St Patrick's area for most of my over 16 years in our nation's capital, I know the fine tradition of excellence for which St Patrick's is known in the areas of athletics, the arts and academics. The 2008-2009 academic year has proven to be no different than the previous years. From the summary of Interscholastic Sports Achievements in this Newsletter, you can see that our athletes accomplished great heights last year and are off to a great start again this year. The Ontario championship (OFFSSA) for our boys' basketball team was certainly a highlight in 2008.

The creative arts continue to soar. The annual CHEO telethon poster contest held last Spring was again won by a St Patrick's HS arts students. Similarly, a talented group of arts students won the mural contest for the United Way Fundraising campaign of 2008. Our student mural was displayed on the United Way building in Ottawa throughout the entire campaign. In addition to creative arts, dramatic arts have always played an important part in the lives of our student body. This year, our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony was spectacular and was featured in The Ottawa Citizen. As in previous years, Director Maureen Johnson arranged for St Pat's war veterans or their family members to join student actors on stage who portrayed their lives through vignettes of a play called the "Boys of St Pats." I have been an educator for over 20 years in eight schools in two major cities in Ontario and never have I seen such a moving ceremony for young and old alike. Not to be outdone by our creative and dramatic arts students, our music students also excel. This is the second year in which our high school students have invited the St Patrick's Intermediate School band to join our high school bands for a joint Christmas concert. It was another huge success. The music programme at both schools is growing and it is wonderful to see the number of talented musicians we have in our midst.

The 2009 Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Telethon again featured St Pat's staff and students presenting a cheque to this worthy institution in our community. This annual tradition of the St Pat's community raising much needed money for the care and treatment of cancer patients is amazing. The total of \$17,007 was our highest yet! In addition, our annual Christmas hamper campaign again helped many families in need in our immediate community. Through various activities, we also continue to raise money to build a school in Sierra Leone. All of these initiatives tie in well to our Board theme for this year, "We care for God's Creation."

This year at St Patrick's High School we are pleased to be offering a new diploma programme called a Specialist High

Skills Major (SHSM) in Health and Wellness. We have named our programme H.E.A.R.T. for Health Education and Related Technologies. To acquire the High Skills designation on their diploma, students must take a core bundle of courses as well as two credits of Co-op and obtain seven certificates (CPR and medical technology, for example). About 30 students are participating this year.

We have three major school trips planned this year. A group of students has already travelled to Ortono, Italy with two other groups going to Europe and New York City. These trips continue to enrich the educational experiences of our students.

We have already had a very busy first part to our year. I look forward to an excellent school year and the opportunity to work with the Alumni Association. St Patrick's is a school steeped in fine traditions that continues to create positive experiences for our students and great memories for our graduates.

Mary Donaghy

Principal

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## GRADUATION CLASS OF 2007/2008



### *St. Pat's Alumni Award*

Mr. George Brown, President of St. Patrick's Alumni Association, presented \$500 each to **Greg Carter** and **Heather George** who demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of athletics and consistently exemplified positive social attitudes throughout their graduating year.

### *St. Peter's Oblate Bursary & the Oblate Trophy*

Father Tom Cassidy, OMI, a long-time member of our Alumni Association, presented both of these awards. The Oblate Bursary of \$1,500 was presented to **Samil Siddiqui**. This award goes to a student who best exemplifies the spirit of St. Patrick's while overcoming hardships on the way to earning his or her diploma. The Oblate Trophy was presented to **Xuchong Tang** who was elected by a vote of graduates as the student who has best shown qualities of leadership in school activities combined with excellence in academics and interscholastic athletics.





# St. Patrick's Interscholastic Sports Achievements



## 2007-2008

- Senior Boys Volleyball
  - NCSSAA 'AAA' Quarter-finalists
- Senior Girls Basketball
  - Gold & Silver in tournament play
  - NCSSAA 'AAA' Semi-finalists
- Varsity Girls Hockey
  - NCSSAA Tier 2 Quarter-finalists
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- Varsity Co-Ed Wrestling
  - Mariano Santo & Mike Del Giudice advance to in OFSAA
- Senior Boys Basketball
  - NCSSAA 'AAA' Champions
  - Gold & Silver performances at tournaments
  - OFSAA 'AAA' Champions
- Junior Boys Rugby
  - Inaugural Season at Tier 2
- Varsity Boys Baseball
  - NCSSAA Tier 2 Finalists
- Varsity Girls Touch Football
  - NCSSAA Tier 1 Semi-finalists
- Varsity Girls Soccer
  - NCSSAA 'AAA' Quarter-finalists
- Track & Field
  - Godrdon Cave, Marina Yacob, & Abiola Adeleke advance to OFSAA

## 2008-2009

- Varsity Co-Ed Golf
  - Spencer Kelly advances to NCSSAA City meet
- Cross-Country Running
  - two athletes advance to NCSSAA meet
- Varsity Boys Football
  - NCSSAA Tier 2 Finalists; 6-0 season record
- Senior Boys Soccer
  - NCSSAA 'AAA' Semi-finalists
- Junior Boys Soccer
  - winning record in Central division
  - NCSSAA Quarter-finalists
- Senior Girls Basketball
  - NCSSAA 'AAA' Semi-finalists
- Junior Girls Basketball
  - young team; finished season strong, qualifying for a Playoff preliminary game
- Varsity Girls Hockey
  - NCSSAA Tier 2 Quarter-finalists
- Varsity Boys Hockey
  - young team; season started in December.
- Varsity Co-Ed Wrestling
  - early success at pre-season competition, led by Mike Carrier
- Senior Girls Volleyball
  - Start season in December with a 2-2 record; 3<sup>rd</sup> place at De La Salle tournament
- Senior Boys Basketball
  - Start season in December with a 3-1 record
  - Gold & Silver performances at early season tournaments
- Junior Boys Basketball
  - Start Season in December with a 1-3 record

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