

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL VISION

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COVID-19 SMCS UPDATES

Visit our dedicated [COVID-19 web page](#) for school updates and communications, travel advisories, safety tips, and other helpful resources.

Check back often as new updates are posted regularly.



WELLNESS FOR MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

This new section on our website is filled with tips, resources, activities, and other helpful materials to support you and your families in finding wellness for the mind, body, and spirit. [Visit the webpage here](#), or find it under the COVID-19 SMCS Updates section from our home page.

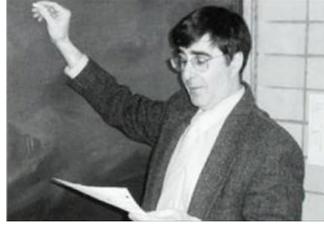


LIVE WEBINAR OF PARENTALKS

Join us for our sixth and final ParentTalks of this academic year, brought to you via an online webinar!

The presentation, 'Supporting Your Son with Coping Strategies during a Global Pandemic: A Conversation' will feature special guests, Dr. Michael Ungar, PhD, Dr. Mark Brousseno '07, MD, and Ms. Liat Benzacar, M.S.W., RSW.

Follow the webcast on our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages (@SMCS1852).



IN MEMORY OF DAN NICHOLSON

The St. Michael's College School community was saddened by the unexpected death of former faculty member, Dan Nicholson.

In 1988, he joined the faculty at St. Michael's and spent 14 years teaching and coaching. After retirement, Dan regularly volunteered at many alumni events where he enjoyed reconnecting with former students. The Class of 1996 invites all to honour his legacy through the establishment of the [Dan Nicholson Bursary](#).



VIRTUAL ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET

Mark your calendars for another SMCS first! Join us on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. as we host our first Virtual Athletic Awards Banquet. Stay tuned for more details.



WRITING A NEW CHAPTER: HEAD LIBRARIAN WINS AWARD

Congratulations to Sandy Gray, Head Librarian at SMCS, who is the newest recipient of The Marky Award, the highest honour awarded by the Association of Independent School Librarians! [Read more](#) about the impact she's had on SMCS and the greater community.



SERVING THOSE IN NEED DURING THE PANDEMIC

While the pandemic has forced the closure of schools and many other services, one Grade 10 student is continuing to make a difference and serve his community. [Find out](#) how he's helping those in need.



TO SERVE AND PROTECT: MAKING AN IMPACT DURING COVID-19

With the help of their teacher, two external companies, and three of the school's 3D printers, a trio of SMCS students are producing much needed face shield holders for frontline medical workers across the country. [Learn more](#) about the exciting initiative.



ALUMNI TEAM UP ONLINE TO HELP FLATTEN THE CURVE

David Del Balso '13 and Matthew Mazzuca '12 have been working together since their SMCS days. [Learn more](#) about the telemedicine platform and virtual clinic they built and how they're helping tens of thousands of Canadians.



STRIKING THE RIGHT NOTE FROM FAR AND WIDE

Grade 8 music student, Manuel, who is currently stuck in Mexico due to COVID-19, needed to get creative and find a flute so he could continue with his online SMCS music classes. [Read the full story](#) on how he did it.



FEAR, FAMILY, FAITH: AN ALUMNUS, LEADERSHIP, AND COVID-19

When COVID-19 hit, Andrew Moretti's '04 most important goal was saving the jobs of all 50 of his employees. [Find out](#) how his company, RFP Design Group Inc., found a way to directly support frontline medical workers.



GROCERYHERO PLATFORM HELPING FRONTLINE MEDICAL WORKERS

Matthew Lombardi '06, the co-founder of GroceryHero, is one of the many heroes of the pandemic who have come up with new ways to help out and serve their community. [Learn more](#) about his platform and how it's helping over 800 frontline medical workers.



'STEP UP' TO FIGHT COVID-19

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we're hearing from alumni who are leading the fight against the virus, using their voices, experiences, and resources to help. [Read about](#) one alumnus, Flavio Volpe '94, who's calling on the auto industry to 'Step-Up' and join the fight.



PARENT-TEACHERS: IN THEIR OWN WORDS

While many of our teachers have dual responsibilities such as coach and club moderator, they are also parents. In this two-part series, [read more](#) about how some of our 'parent-teachers' are navigating this 'new normal' of educating their students and also their children.



COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUDDEN 'NEW NORMAL'

The SMCS Student Affairs Department answered the most common questions they received from the community on course selection, graduation, final grades, and more. [Read the full story](#) to learn more.



LEARNING IN A VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT: STUDENT VOICES

Three students from different grades share their experiences on how online learning has been working out for them. [Learn about](#) how they overcame any challenges and what advice they have for other students.



MANAGING THE E-LEARNING CURVE: MOTHERS' P.O.V.

With students across the province now completely moved over to online learning, some SMCS mothers share their perspectives on the new learning journey with their sons and how they've had to adapt. [Read more](#).



HNMCS: LIVING CORE VALUES

Community is at the heart of HNMCS and in these times of virtual learning, the HNMCS community is thriving. While daily life has moved online, the connection between staff and students hasn't changed. HNMCS faculty, who are passionate about motivating every girl, is staying connected in new ways and sharing their amazing gifts to help energize students and colleagues. [Read more](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ParentTalks LIVE Webinar - May 7, 2020 at 7 p.m.
- Virtual Athletic Awards Banquet Livestreamed - May 22, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
- Year-End Mass on the Pentecost Livestreamed - May 31, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Many of the events planned for the month of May have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Find the full list here.



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