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If you have any information that you would like to have included in future newsletters to share with classmates and other alumni please send it by email to barbara.grise@tcdsb.org
More than 50 alumni gather at Mary Lake Shrine in King City

A very special word of thanks must go to all SMCS alumni who sang at any one of the Tenebrae Services that took place before Easter. This annual tradition brought alumni ranging from graduates of the 1940s to those of 2011 – truly unique and so impressive – sharing their passion for singing – this would have made Monsignor Ronan proud.
Thank you to Victor Cheng SMCS ’02, Jerzy Cichocki, SMCS ’77, Richard Foty, SMCS ’98, Harry Hodson, SMCS ’60, Philip Sarabura SMCS ’77, Paul Townshend, SMCS ’75, and Doug Tranquada, SMCS ’74, for conducting the men at the various churches, and to each and every one who arranged for the host parishes, including Sanghoon Han, SMCS ’02, Joe McMullan, SMCS ’46 and Anthony ten Kortenaar SMCS ’73.

Paul Townshend was instrumental in arranging the very successful evening at Marylake Shrine in King City that raised $6200.00 for the Augustinian Fathers. Peter Hillar, SMCS ’74, is a member of the Board of Directors.

We must acknowledge also the tenacity and patience of Adrian Luces, SMCS ’79 in coordinating all of these venues on the Alumni website.
The Sword of St Michael

The ceremonial sword of St Michael, used in various school ceremonies, is a rich symbol. It signifies the spiritual knighthood to which the brotherhood is called, reminds us of the spiritual battle and inspires us to be “sharp” in all that we do as we live out the vocation to be a “man for others”. It hangs in the front hall in a beautiful case, created and donated to his alma mater by Marco Corrente, a graduate of 2000.

SMCS ALUMNI HELPING OTHERS

The Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer

Support My Ride to Conquer Cancer?

Dear Family, Friends, and Colleagues:

For the 2012 Ride to Conquer Cancer, I am pleased to once again be joining my fellow members from Team Inmet in the fundraising effort benefiting The Princess Margaret. This will be my second year participating in this incredible 2 day event. The 2012 Ride takes place on the weekend of June 9th - 10th and we will be cycling the Classic Challenge route from Toronto to Niagara Falls.

In 2011, my ride effort was dedicated to my good friend Nadia Townshend and I am pleased to let you know that Nadia is doing well and continues to inspire and motivate my ride efforts. I will carry her name with me throughout the 2012 event and all future Rides.

As the 2012 Ride approaches, I am appealing to you again for your generous support in assisting me to achieve my fundraising objective. In doing so, I would ask that you think of someone you know who is currently battling cancer, or who is a survivor, and consider providing me with their name (full name or first name only, as you feel appropriate) when you make your donation through my personal page. **It would be an honour and privilege to carry their names with me, together with Nadia's, for the entire 2012 Ride.** My hope is that this will bring a true sense of personal involvement in the event to each one of you.

To access my personal page, please click on the following link:

http://www.conquercancer.ca/goto/paul.whittam2012

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration and support.

Warmest regards,
Paul Whittam SMCS '75  Participant # 560886-9

Nadia & Paul at 2011 Finish
Support My Ride to Conquer Cancer?

The Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting The Princess Margaret, is a cycling journey from Toronto to Niagara Falls - a distance of over 200 miles - that I will be embarking on to fight cancer. This will be the fourth year that I am participating in the Ride to Conquer Cancer. I can now personally attest to the wonderful work that Princess Margaret does in the fight against cancer as my wife, Diane, is now a patient at the hospital battling breast cancer. Although I have been inspired to ride each year because of the worthy cause, this year is particularly significant to me and my family. I would greatly appreciate any support you can give to his most worthy cause.

Funds raised in The Ride to Conquer Cancer will support breakthrough research, exemplary teaching, and compassionate care at The Princess Margaret, one of the top 5 cancer research hospitals in the world.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Richard Ross SMCS '76  Participant # 560929-5

What is McDermott House Canada?

McDermott House Canada is a registered charity dedicated to serving those who serve. Our FIRST project is to create an innovative and warm, home-like environment for Canadian Veterans, Military, First Responders and community patients in the Palliative care Unit at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre in Toronto.

I am proud of the prestigious Board of Directors we have assembled to date, and the MHC team comprised of my partner, Co-founder and Vice-President, Trudy Eagan, Chair of the Board, Graeme Jewett, as well as Executive Director, Marion Tripp.

Our partnership with Sunnybrook continues to be a rewarding one, as we work together to accomplish the transformation of the Palliative Care Unit in K1E Veterans Centre at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Our mission is to promote the highest quality of life for Veterans, Military, First Responders and community patients facing the final stage of a terminal illness.
Over the next three years, we will work diligently to raise the $3.6 million required to accomplish our mission. Your continued help and support is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to sharing our progress with you. Please feel free to share any ideas with us. We value your input. Together we will ensure McDermott House Canada sets the standard for premier end-of-life care in Canada.

"I am passionate about supporting our Veterans, Military and First Responders through all phases of their lives. The selfless sacrifices they make to preserve our liberties must not be forgotten. From WWI to Afghanistan, and including every war or peace keeping mission in between, our Veterans have allowed us to live free and in peace in the greatest country in the world. Here at home, First Responders often put their own lives at risk to ensure we are safe.

Your donation will enable McDermott House Canada Foundation to expand and enhance the Palliative Care Unit at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre. In doing so, we will ensure those who have dedicated their lives to our well-being know how much their service is appreciated."

~ John McDermott ~

**Music in the Key of Giving**

John is very happy to announce the following fundraising concert on behalf of McDermott House Canada:

**Pavlo, May 12, 2012 Glenn Gould Studio**

“My soul and my guitar are connected”, Pavlo has said of his distinct and hypnotic Mediterranean sound. Legions of his passionate fans agree: this pure, instrumental music speaks for itself. Don’t miss Pavlo, his band and John McDermott May 12th, in this special fundraiser.

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**Congratulations**

to Dr. Kunle Owolabi, SMCS ‘98 on receiving his doctorate in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.
and to Brandon Kwong, SMCS ’01 who just received his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the field of bio-engineering, specifically cancer research.

**Upcoming Concerts**

The Toronto Choral Society under the direction of Geoffrey Butler, SMCS ’84, and including Alfred Medakiewicz, SMCS ’75 and Joe McMullan, SMCS ’46 accompanied by William O’Meara presents two upcoming concerts:

“A NEW DAY” with the Street Haven Women’s Choir present a Benefit Concert to Support Street Haven Women’s Choir, Sunday, April 29, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Basilica 80 Power Street, Queen Street.

“CIVIC SPIRITS” - TORONTO GHOST STORIES - Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at Eastminster United Church - 310 Danforth Avenue.

On May 5th and 6th 2012, Stephen Hegedus SMCS ’98 will be singing Beethoven No. 9 with the Victoria Symphony at the Royal Theatre in Victoria, BC.
At St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Bloor Street, Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 at 6:30 PM, Maestro **Philip Sarabura, SMCS ’77** and the Organix Festival Orchestra perform concertos by Marco Bossi & Josef Rheinberger at the Organix Festival organized by **Gordon Mansell SMCS ’75**.

**David Alexander Simon, SMCS ’11** presents an organ recital at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Monday, May 7, 2012 12:15 – 1:15 PM, also part of the Organix Festival.

David is also playing in a competition at All Saints Kingsway on May 26, 2012 at 1:00 PM. Good luck David.

**Stewart Goodyear SMCS ’97** is seen practicing the piano in preparation for ‘**The Beethoven Marathon,**’ part of ‘**Luminato**’ at the Royal Conservatory’s Koerner Hall, 273 Bloor St. West, June 9, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., where he will play all of Beethoven's sonatas in a piano marathon.
Victoria Scholars conducted by Dr. Jerzy Cichocki, SMCS '77 with many Alumni presents “Sea Fever”, Sunday, June 3rd, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 3055 Bloor Street West, and Sunday, June 10, 2012, p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church - 24 Cheritan Avenue.

Tallis Choir under the direction of SMCS rehearsal conductor and singing instructor Peter Mahon presents "The Glory of the English Anthem" with 2011 graduates David Simon and Damien Macedo on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 141 McCaul Street.

Vincent Cheng, SMCS '99, conductor of Vocal Horizons Chamber Choir presents “Swan Song”, A Farewell Concert for Maestro Vincent Cheng, on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church 3216 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough.
Vocal Horizons will close the season with a fun concert "Symphony for Voices" Saturday, June 16, 2012, 7:30 p.m. featuring orchestral and film soundtracks arranged for voices by Vincent, at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 39 Green Lane, Thornhill.
After 12 years as music director at St. Rose of Lima, Vincent is moving to Berlin, Germany to further his conducting career with the mentorship of Lior Shambadal and Simon Rattle.
St. Michael’s Choir School Documentary

A very interesting and informative half hour documentary about St Michael’s Choir School, featuring the three Cheng brothers, Vincent, ’99, Victor ’02 and Christopher ’03 with Choir School students was produced recently by Fountain of Love and Life and was aired in March on Salt and Life and on Fairchild TV (Chinese channel). The documentary, in Cantonese with English subtitles, can be viewed on YouTube at: http://youtu.be/e3unkKstyxw

Matt Dusk, SMCS ’97 is in the recording studio until May – watch for his new CD – coming in the fall. Matt will be at Dundas Square singing for the Herbie Fund on Herbie Day, Friday June 8th, 2012.

Canadian opera singer Michael Schade, SMCS ’84, will be performing in two productions of the Canadian Opera Company’s 2012/13 season, Oct. 4 to Nov. 3, “Die Fledermaus”, by Johann Strauss, starring Schade as von Eisenstein, and Feb. 3 to 22, 2013 in Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s “La Clemenza di Tito”, starring Schade as Tito.

In May and June, Canadian tenor Michael Colvin, ’88 can be found singing in the English National Opera’s version of Giacomo Puccini’s Madama Butterfly and in July and August in Benjamin Britten’s Billy Budd in London, England.
After being awarded several teaching citations Ryerson professor, Department of Architectural Science Vincent Hui, SMCS ’96, right, displays the architecture app he developed that allows users to access everything from floor plans to historical data about buildings. He is joined by some of his students who helped with the app. *Toronto Star, February, 2012.*

Joe (Joseph) McMullan, SMCS ’46, 416-231-4691

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Frank Margani, SMCS ’92, is the Associate Vice President of MCAP a Real Estate Finance Group 200 King Street West, 416-847-3877
Adrian Lomaga, SMCS ’02, is with the law firm Howie Sacks & Henry LLP, TORONTO PERSONAL INJURY LAW FIRM, 20 Queen Street West, Suite 3500, Toronto, 416-361-7573

The owner of Urban Haven Landscapes is Alan Medri SMCS ’04. To see some of his unique decks and backyard ideas check www.urbanhavenlandscapes.com

When you are on the Danforth check out P.J. O’Donnell’s SMCS ’89, “The Only Café” for brunch at 972 Danforth Avenue.

Vincent Bertucci SMCS ’97 is the owner of Symmetry Studios, a DJ and MC entertainment company. He is comfortable performing anything from classical to jazz to r&b - everything you need for that memorable
occasion. The Choir School has the pleasure of Vince’s music for our Dinner and Graduation Dances. For a wedding or corporate party contact vincent@symmetrystudios.com or 416-803-4778.

Where are they now

Peter Daly, ’57 is the Director of Music and organist at St. Augustine's Seminary and also continues to teach organ lessons here at the Choir School.

Graham Kaufmann ’85 is Vice President - Coaching & Facilitation at HORN in Toronto.

Roy Fernandes, ’89 is the principal at St. Henry’s School in Toronto.

Karl Fernandes, ’87 is a teacher at Our Lady of Grace Elementary School in Toronto.

Gino Falcitelli, ’92 is teaching at a Montessori School in Etobicoke.

Mark Taylor, ’95, a professor at the University of Toronto, has been awarded a research fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation in 2012 and heads The Taylor Group, an organic chemistry research group in the Department of Chemistry in the areas of organic synthesis and molecular recognition. Mark was also awarded a Boehringer Ingelheim Young Investigator Award for 2011. Congratulations Mark!

Pierre D'Aoust, ’00 is a Sales Representative for Sutton Group-Heritage Realty Inc., Brokerage 416-817-8097

Charles François de Lannoy, ’03 is a doctoral student in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at Duke University, North Carolina.

Kevin MacSweeney, ’04 is working for the TCDSB.

Kyle Toth, ’04 has returned from Australia where he completed his Education degree.

Mark Roxas, ’04 is graduating from OISE in June and is ready to begin his teaching career.

TCDSB WELCOMES SMCS STUDENT TRUSTEE 2012-2013

The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes Andrew Walker, SMCS 2013 a student at St. Michael's Choir School as Student Trustee for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Andrew is in the Extended French program and has been an active member of the Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team (CSLIT) for three years, having been Director of its Social Justice Subcommittee and on the Executive Council.

He is a member of the Choir School's Student Council and conductor of the student choir. He plays intramural basketball and is captain of the Senior School Reach Team. Other than singing every weekend for almost seven years, he has served as a Pontifical Server and as a regular altar server.

Andrew is committed to social justice issues and the health and welfare of those who suffer injustice around the world, looks forward to supporting the projects that CSLIT takes on next year, especially with respect to ecological justice and the Angel Foundation’s Learning Buddy’s program as well as supporting any special interests promoted by the students.
SAVE the DATE

May 29, 2012 - St. Michael’s Choir School Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. in St. Michael’s Cathedral

October 15, 2012 is the 50th anniversary of Monsignor Ronan’s death and the Alumni are planning an event possibly on Sunday, October 14th. More information will be sent to you as plans are confirmed.

This also marks the beginning of the 75th anniversary of the opening of the Cathedral Choir School in 1937.

October 19, 2012 - St. Michael’s Choir School Fall Concert - in St. Michael’s Cathedral

December 2012 – The Mistletones – Concerts at the Glenn Gould Studio and the Concert Hall at York University

Alumni Choir - Concert in Brantford conducted by Philip Sarabura

January 21, 2013 – Gala Concert at Roy Thomson Hall