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2018 Veterans' Week National Poster Unveiling at St. Bonaventure's College

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY TOM MCGRATH, PRESIDENT

“THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD,
AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN
AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.”

AS NEWFOUNDLANDERS and Labradorians, we understand and we honour those who sacrifice and have sacrificed for us. Built into our DNA, is an understanding of the sacrifices of our citizens during the horrors of World War I. There are few who do not know the story of Beaumont Hamel and the carnage of lives lost on July 1, 1916. We all have relatives who served there or who served in World War II, Korea, Afghanistan or on United Nations Missions. We know of police officers and other first responders who have paid the supreme sacrifice. Each of these men and women have earned universal respect and admiration from the citizenry of our country.

John's gospel reminds me, “No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.” Life is the most valuable object we possess; and when a man or woman is willing to lay that down for their friends or their country, it shows the utmost extent of love. We see this when Jesus Christ lays his life down so that you and I can be saved and have everlasting life. I wonder how many of us would be prepared to lay their lives down for others?

This issue of *Magis* is dedicated to those who put their lives on the line for us everyday and to all those who sacrifice so that we can have what we need. They are the true heroes. Each day as our students traverse through the entrance to Mullock Hall, they see the two memorial tablets listing our boys who served and who sacrificed their lives in World War I and World War II. For them we are eternally grateful.

THE TORCH

What the Fallen 51 Dinner Means to Me

BY BRIAN SHORTALL '62

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses row on row....

THE INVITATION to propose the Toast at the 2018 Memorial Dinner for the Fallen '51 of St Bonaventure's College was regarded as a great honor by myself and my family. Since the inception of the event an outstanding statement has been made by St. Bonaventure's College about this glorious but tragic experience of these former pupils. Personally, as a result of this initiative, I have learned much about my Uncle Leo and his comrades who so boldly answered the call and went overseas to fight for freedom, for King and for country.

Trust, Faith, Loyalty, Humility and Love are but some of the watchwords we all sense and share at moments of memory such as this Dinner, when we gather to humbly cherish and be grateful for the sacrifices made in the Great War. These young men, more properly boys, bravely gave their lives and we remember them.

Personally, my Uncle Leo was a name to me. I've known it since my childhood. He died from battlefield wounds he received in France at Monchy Le Preux. My grandmother, in response to a cablegram she received from the hospital in England where he was being treated for his wounds, tried to go to him; but, alas, it was not to be. He died before she could cross the Atlantic even though she had already travelled as far as New York. Other than that I knew little else about him, except that his death was a great sorrow for his entire family.

Thanks to these memorial dinners I have been encouraged to delve into our family history and learn a little more about him, his life, his war experience and the realities that he had as a youth growing up back in those years. Some pencil written notes written home by Leo from the battlefields of France, had unbeknownst to me, been in the safe keeping of family members. This honor was entrusted to me not long ago.

Calling him "BRO," Leo had written to his brother Fred. He referenced his mother and how much he knew that she was worrying about him and how he loved her; He told his brother about a Scotch Red Cross nurse who had been kind to him and who had clearly caught his eye, so to speak; He casually



Brian Shortall '62 with the Fallen 51 Banner featuring his uncle, Cpl. Leo Shortall

mentioned doing 'his bit the other day' in an attack; He encouraged his brother to keep well and do well at school; He promised to write again. These are real emotions and values that span the passage of the years. My uncle and his comrades shared them; we experience the same values and we too share them with each other.

Each year when we gather at events like the Fallen '51 Dinner, we stand quietly and think of our families and relatives from those times. We begin to understand that these young soldiers were real persons; their families were real persons. Their lives were different from ours only by time. Their families must have feared and prayed and hoped that their boys would get home safely: like we do when worry about safety for our children or relatives enters our lives. What did these young men think about the adventures that lay ahead for them after they had enlisted and said their farewells? I'm sure that not one of us has not had some occasions when similar thoughts filled our minds and hearts. Did these young fellows really know the depths of the hardships they would endure when they struck forth on their journeys? Haven't we also opened thoughts like that when we embarked upon totally new or risk filled opportunities? My point is that these young heroes experienced life as we do.

They had similar dreams, feelings, future hopes, and fears over uncertainty that we also experience. The times differ certainly; the degrees of risk are not comparable. But, there are similarities in many of the emotions. This is the reality of human life. When we remember these men in this way they become real persons to us, not merely names on a wall side plaque!

"TO YOU FROM FALLING HANDS

WE THROW THE TORCH:

BE YOURS TO HOLD IT HIGH..."

REMEMBERING TODAY

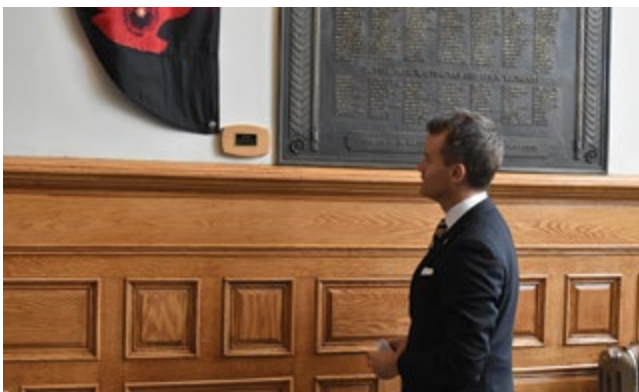
BY KRISTA CARDWELL, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

STUDENTS MEET WITH CANADA'S MINISTER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND ALUMNUS SEAMUS O'REGAN '85

In October, Canada's Minister of Veterans Affairs Seamus O'Regan visited his alma mater. First, Minister O'Regan joined our high school students in the Aula Maxima for a presentation on life in the trenches during The Great War for the Royal Newfoundland Regiment by Ph.D. candidate Chris Reid. Minister O'Regan and Mr. Reid then joined the high school students in a thoughtful and reflective discussion on the differences for war veterans returning home today compared to those after the First World War. He also unveiled the official 2018 National Veterans' Week poster in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

REMEMBERING A FORGOTTEN WWI ALUMNUS

During the recent visit by Minister O'Regan, he unveiled a very special plaque. In 1922, Sir M.P. Cashin, President of the St. Bon's Alumni Association, had erected a tablet honouring St. Bon's alumni who had served in The Great War. That tablet still graces our main entrance of Mullock Hall. In 2017, it was discovered that Captain Robert Kent, M. C., a St. Bon's boy, had not been included on the original tablet. On behalf of the College, Minister O'Regan unveiled an addendum plaque honouring Captain Kent in the presence of representatives of our community.



Minister O'Regan '85 views plaque honouring Alumnus & WWI veteran Capt Robert Kent, M.C.



Ashton G. '22 places a poppy during 2018 No Stone Left Alone Ceremony

ST. BON'S FIRST SCHOOL IN THE PROVINCE TO INITIATE CEREMONY

Last November, Grade 9 and 11 history students, in conjunction with the No Stone Left Alone Foundation, held a ceremony dedicated to honouring our fallen heroes by placing a poppy on each military grave in the Field of Honour at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in St. John's. The ceremony started with student speakers paying tribute at the Cross of Sacrifice in The Field of Honour, followed by the sounding of the Last Post and a Moment of Silence. Students were then dispatched to lay the poppies and pay their respects at each headstone. This was the first "No Stone Left Alone" Ceremony to be held in Newfoundland, and we are thankful that we were able to be a part of it. These ceremonies are now held in all provinces across Canada. We were proud to return again to the Field of Honour in November 2018 to repeat the ceremony for the second year.

Memorial Tablet



World War I Memorial Tablet that hangs in the entrance of Mullock Hall

THE MEMORIAL TABLETS was erected to honour the alumni who participated in World War I. The Memorial Tablet was provided by Sir Michael Cashin, President of the St. Bon's Association. The unveiling took place in the Aula Maxima on January 12, 1921. Below is a brief excerpt from Sir Michael's speech at the unveiling.

LEST WE FORGET

"The 'old boys' of St. Bonaventure's College, like myself, who could not enter for Active Service, early conceived the idea of erecting a memorial in their College Hall which would keep green for all time the memory of those who in the hour of peril, answered the call of King and Country, and which would be an inspiration to the youth of future years to do their duty as nobly and as devotedly when occasion called. I hope that they might not be called upon to face the cannon's mouth or the horrors of the battlefield, because I hope the world has seen its last great war; but I trust that in other directions, where they can give patriotic and useful service to the State, they will do so with the same firm Spirit as animated those who rallied around the flag in the years of the war and whom we are here to honour to-day."

- Sir Michael Cashin

THE FORGOTTEN RODGER CALLAHAN

BY TOM KENNEDY '66

HOW STRANGE IT WAS to discover Rodger Callahan. In the modern times in which we live, soldiers deaths are nearly as public as the rituals of remembrance that follow. But when Rodger was killed, so much was different.

Rodger grew up at 90 LeMarchant Road in St. John's. He and his two brothers, Walter and Willie, were educated at St. Bon's, and went to work in the family's hardware business on Water Street. When war broke out in 1914, Rodger was 24 years old, and among the first 500 to leave Newfoundland for the battlefields. Two years later, he was dead.

Rodger's brothers also went to war. Walter survived unscathed. Willie, at war's end, was carried out of a prisoner of war camp on a stretcher. But whatever remained of Rodger was ground into the dirt of a field next to a French village that nobody had ever heard of.

After Beaumont Hamel, hundreds of families began receiving the dreaded killed-in-action telegrams, but at the Callahan house on LeMarchant Road, there was simply a message that Rodger was missing. For six months, the family lived with the hope and the agony of uncertainty, until eventually it was confirmed. He was dead.

Unlike in modern times, back then the bodies of the war dead did not come home. Young men were buried often in the same fields where they fell, with an engraved stone forever marking the spot. Poets might call it an immortality of sorts, but it was not to be Rodger's fate. His body was never found. There was no grave. The only burial he had was of his memory.

Rodger had a sister named Annie. She lived till her nineties. Yet in her long life, she never once mentioned her brother. Nor did her siblings. And nor did her own children, one of whom was my father Bernard. Nowadays, it's become very fashionable to "share" emotions, but it seems back then, public displays of grief were unseemly, and pain was best managed by turning the page.

And so it was that nearly a century later while poking through family history, my late sister Jane discovered Rodger. The fact that



Private Rodger Callahan, one of our Fallen 51 & great-uncle of Tom Kennedy '66

our grandmother's brother was among the dead at Beaumont Hamel was a surprise. But far more surprising to us was the fact that we didn't even know.

No longer. It is particularly gratifying for Rodger's descendants that at this year's dinner to honour the 51 St. Bon's boys who were killed in the first war, he was given special mention. Not because he was a distinguished soldier. If anything, his military records portray an utterly average and fun loving young man. But there is a sense now that even though a century has passed, we must not allow these boys to slide into obscurity.

In a way, memory is resurrection. And in that same way, Rodger Callahan is back among us.

STUDENTS REMEMBER

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 were asked to create a piece of art focused on remembrance and sacrifice. To help guide them, students were posed with the following questions: Why do we need to remember? Why is it important to sacrifice? Why is it important to honour and remember veterans and the sacrifices that they made?

On the following pages are a small sampling of the students work.



By William M., Kindergarten



By Anna S., Grade 3



By Ellie R., Grade 2



By Lilly Kate B., Grade 1



By Gabriella K., Grade 3



By Alexandria B., Grade 2



By Alexandria L., Kindergarten



By Fiona X., Grade 1

A TRIBUTE *to* OUR FALLEN

THE FOLLOWING IS A SPEECH MICHAEL PARSONS '19 DELIVERED AT THE 5TH ANNUAL FALLEN 51 DINNER.

SINCE COMING TO ST. BON'S in 2016, I've been taught and supported in a vigorous academic environment that rivals other top schools in the country, like St. Paul's and Upper Canada College. Besides being special academically, St. Bon's has also adopted programs to provide leadership and community service for its students and this isn't a new thing; St Bon's has been doing this since its inception 162 years ago. The school has given the world global leaders who put others before themselves. This was proven true on one of the deadliest global stages of them all: The Great War. I invite you to reflect as I share my thoughts on these special alumni.

Every morning, I follow the same routine. Wake up, eat breakfast and head to school, usually followed by track and field or basketball after school. Seems like a pretty normal day, right? However, every once and awhile something catches my eye. It's the two memorial plaques dedicated to the men who fought in two of the world's greatest conflicts. Whenever I notice it I always stop and read some of the names, thinking about what they've done and what it must have been like in those far away trenches; the pain they must've felt being away from their families for so long. However, at the same time, it also amazes me to think that these men, some my own age, competed on the same field, shot basketballs in the same gym and laughed and learned in the same halls and classrooms I do today.

I'm not the only person who thinks or feels this way, our entire school community does. We try to keep history alive by remembering and commemorating these brave men through many different channels. We actively learn about all alumni and when it was discovered earlier this year that Alumnus Captain Robert Kent, M.C was left off our remembrance tablet, we invited alumnus and Minister of Veterans Affairs Seamus O'Regan to unveil his name on a new plaque, officially bringing him back into our community. We also use channels such as placing poppies at local cemeteries, holding remembrance assemblies and masses and most importantly learning about them in our exciting history lectures from Mr. Peters. All these events and courses keep the leadership, community driven, fun loving spirit of these young men alive and well, instilling the importance of them in younger students.



Michael Parsons '19 pictured with fellow guest speaker Larry Doherty at the 5th Annual Fallen 51 Dinner

It is extraordinary to read and hear about the bravery and sacrifices these men gave for our country. One man who stands out to me is Lieutenant James J. Donnelly, the first alumni to win a war medal. During the Battle of Gallipoli, Donnelly led a patrol of eight men to occupy a ridge midway between No Man's Land. Then Bang! Just as they reached the ridge they came under attack from a superior enemy force. Under Lieutenant Donnelly's command, the eight men held the ridge all night fighting through multiple injuries sustained during the fight. That morning the rest of the regiment moved up and took the ridge which was named 'Caribou Hill'. For Donnelly's actions, he was later awarded the Military Cross for "conspicuous gallantry and determination" by the King himself. I always remember this story when I read his name and the many others on the plaque. We should all be so proud of our boys.

As St. Bon's advances and becomes more connected with the world, we are gaining more and more students. Hailing from four continents they all wish to become educated men and women for others, just like our Fallen 51. It is because of the heroic actions of our brave alumni so long ago, that we get to enjoy our school and all its privileges today. From everyone in the St. Bonaventure's community, we thank you. We will remember you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Campus Ministry

BY RAJ VIJAYAKUMAR, SJ, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

CAMPUS MINISTRY works towards forming “Men and Women for and with Others” through a series of yearlong initiatives.

This year, the Christian Service Program has seen a rise in enthusiasm and generosity from the St. Bon's students. At The Gathering Place students are serving hot meals and coffee to the amiable patrons. At the MacMorran Community Center students are tutoring, playing sports and teaching music skills to the many kids from the area. Each Friday, St. Bon's students' work side by side with seniors to help them problem solve the technology challenges they face with hand held devices like smartphones and tablets.



Polina K. '19 volunteers during Computers For Seniors

Our SBC Retreat Program has continued its ministry of providing a day of team building, fun and reflection to students across the grade levels. The program is highlighted in Grade 10 with an overnight retreat called “Ignite.”

The pinnacle of our retreat program is the eleventh grade “Kairos” retreat, which is a four day, three-night experience. The aim of Kairos is to provide participants the chance to “contemplate God’s role in their lives”.

The Pastoral Committee is a new initiative this year. They will be responsible for coordinating liturgical activities in the school, handling bereavement issues, and keeping an eye on the spiritual health of the school. We see great potential in this new and exciting initiative.

The examen is continuing its place at the school on Fridays at 2:45pm. The focus of the examen has been on the grad at grad characteristics of being: open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice. Students and staff take the last five minutes of the school day on Fridays to reflect on how they have inculcated these values in their own life during the week.

Overall Campus Ministry looks forward to serving the religious component of St. Bon's students and staff in ever more creative and fruitful ways.



Kairos XII

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Alumni

BY JESSICA WHALEN '04, ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICER

FALLEN 51 DINNER

Our 5th Annual "Fallen 51" Dinner, held on September 26, 2018, was a great success, after selling out a week in advance. Guests enjoyed socializing at the bar upstairs at the Crow's Nest Officers' Club, while being treated to a sparkling wine reception. Special thanks to Newfound Resources Ltd. for sponsoring this reception, as well as the dinner wine, in honour of Vincent Carew (1907 graduate) and Victor Carew (1909 graduate), who are both members of the "Fallen 51".

Heading downstairs to the dining room, a delicious meal was served by Red Oak Catering as guests were welcomed by the Officers' Club President and Alumni Committee Member Gary Walsh '66. Thank you to Gary for doing an excellent job of hosting this event for the past 5 years.

Michael Parsons '19 delivered a beautiful reflection, (which you can read on page 8), depicting what it is like to walk the same halls as the St. Bon's Boys who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War. Guest Speaker Larry Dohey of The Rooms showed guests how a trip through the archives proves that the "Fallen 51" boys kept their friendships strong both travelling overseas and directly on the battlefields.

ALUMNI DINNER

On Thursday, October 25, over 170 St. Bon's Alumni and friends reminisced, shared a delicious meal and celebrated our 2018 Alumni Award recipients. This year's dinner was dedicated to the memory of Br. J.B. Darcy '36, the namesake of the Alumnus of the Year Award, an alumnus, past President and a great supporter of the school. Br. Darcy passed away October 16, 2018 at the age of 98.

The evening began with a mass in our Chapel celebrated by teacher Fr. Joseph Schuck, S.J., and concelebrated by alumnus Fr. Bill Browne, S.J. '45 and Fr. Earl Smith, S.J. Music was provided by Ms. Brenda Gatherall, primary/elementary choral director, and Grade 9 students Jenna MacDonald and Liam Bennett. Guests then had a chance to socialize and share a drink at our reception in the Aula Maxima. We were able to locate some old school photos for guests to have a look at - some from the 1950's and 1960's and some from the early 2000's.



2018 Fallen 51 Dinner Guests

After heading to the gym, a delicious turkey dinner was served by the Knights of Columbus catering service. A special thank you to our Master of Ceremonies, Mr. David Jackman '65, Chair of the Alumni Committee.

Following dinner, we presented the Magis Award for Young Alumni to Kieran O'Connell '10. Kieran delivered moving remarks about the importance of pushing yourself through uncomfortable situations and not always trusting your moral compass as you work towards a more socially just world. Alumnus of the Year, Stan Cook '62 then accepted his award. Stan spoke of the importance his education at St. Bon's played in forming him as the person he is today - from academics and sports to the lifelong friendships he made. Thank you to both speakers for sharing their thoughts and views.



(L-R): President Tom McGrath, Alumnus of the Year Stan Cook '62, Magis Award Recipient Kieran O'Connell '10, and Principal Annette Mallay

WHAT'S HAPPENING: *Academics*

As a Jesuit, Catholic school, our curriculum is rooted in the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) of education and the desire to provide the highest quality learning experiences for our students. Below are some examples of new initiatives that are happening in our academic program.

RUBRICS...A TOOL FOR LEARNING

BY ELIZABETH BRUCE, GRADE 5 TEACHER

As teachers, we are always looking to grow and develop our best teaching practices. We look for strategies and different tools and techniques to build our repertoire of assessment practices in and out of our classrooms. Teachers at St. Bonaventure's College recently spent an afternoon in curriculum groupings doing just that!

One of the ways that teachers may assess their teaching and their students' understanding is through the use of rubrics. A rubric by definition is a guide that lists specific criteria for assessment purposes. Using the specific curriculum outcomes for subjects, teachers and students can assess their understanding of the requirements needed for success.

Rubrics allow teachers to inform their teaching for best practices as well as address individual student's needs, specific achievements and provide descriptive feedback. Students can clarify expectations and understanding while deciding upon their next steps in their own growth and learning. When co-constructing rubrics, students learn how to define and apply criteria and feedback to their individual activities.

In our curriculum grouping meeting, teachers considered specific subject outcomes and created performance indicators and criteria required for achievement. Collegial conversation and ideas were shared to set in motion the creation of rubrics for a given assignment or activity.

Although there are many strategies used for assessment, a rubric is one where both students and teachers can work together to create an opportunity to be individually successful. Using these tools to deepen student learning is just another example of why St. Bon's is "A Great Place To Be"!

SHARING CIRCLES BUILDING COMMUNITY

BY BRAD GLYNN, GRADE 1 TEACHER

Taking time to truly listen, understand, and appreciate each other is an important aspect of living in community. In our Gr. 1 class,

the students and I spent 5-10 minutes each day in a sharing circle to learn just a little bit more about each other. We use a talking piece, and always remember that the first rule is to be a good listener. Our circles allow us to discuss topics we've learned about during the week, or to be creative and consider questions like, "If you were a vehicle, what would you be?" Over the first 7 weeks of this year they've quickly become a highlight for students, and are an enriching part of our day.

NOT THE SAME OLD STORY: PRINCESSES AND TROPES IN LITERATURE

BY DAVID MARTINO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (ACADEMICS)

Melanie Hurley '10 recently visited with our Grade Twelves during an English class to discuss what has become a focus of her PhD Dissertation: the exploration of how Disney, critics, and fans each construct meanings of Disney's princesses. Melanie modeled an author study approach to reading both Kate Chopin's "The Story of an Hour," and Robert Munsch's "The Paperbag Princess." Additionally, she guided students through a close reading of both works to discuss the changing nature of women's experiences, as presented through the history of Literature, from the Victorian era to the modern-day children's picture book. The class engaged with Melanie in a lively conversation that considered the legacy of Disney and representations of female characters in some of the timeless works that we have come to accept as part of our imaginary landscape. From Frozen to Brave, the class explored what has changed in what we can imagine about the possibility of and for women in our world today.



Mr. Glynn's class participates in a sharing circle

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Extra-curricular

At St. Bonaventure's College our teachers are dedicated to developing the whole child. The faculty give of their time to offer extra-curricular programs for our students at every level from Kindergarten through to Grade 12. Below are two new exciting initiatives that have been launched this year as part of our extra-curricular program.

STORYTELLING CLUB

BY JALINE ROWSELL, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (STUDENTS)

This year in Holland Hall, we have a new initiative called the Storytelling Club. This is a program where students cultivate their oral storytelling skills and learn about the importance of using their voices to communicate all the things they want to share. This program is currently offered to first grade students by Mr. Brad Glynn, who says that, "given the history of rich storytelling that exists in our province, I felt it was important for young students to begin the process of learning how to orally tell a story."

Throughout this program students will learn the value of body language with oral retelling and then they will develop a story (original or retelling) which will be shared with their fellow storytellers near the end of the program.

WRITING IN THE CIRCLE - A MEDITATION

BY MILAN PARAB, DEAN (ADMISSIONS)

Each week our circle is inhabited by dedicated young writers meditating on new ways of developing their talent; and we are led by Dr. Jan Buley from the Faculty of Education at MUN. Dr. Buley has a background in teaching students and adults how to use words to capture their world and articulate their experiences for others. The students and I have come to relish this time to filter our thoughts onto the page and those pages are quickly becoming impressive portfolios.

Over a few short weeks, we have used a variety of writing exercises to describe forgotten family photographs blown across the street by a hauntingly cold wind; or a hawk waiting in the clouds to strike prey at fighter jet speeds. And other poems, politically charged about the need for change to shift our ways of thinking about love and relationships.

We thank Dr. Jan Buley for her efforts in maintaining a relationship with our school and are excited about what prospects the future of Creative Writing Club holds for us here at St. Bonaventure's College.



A busy fall in our extra-curricular program

SETTING THE FOUNDATION

Teacher Eileen Pardy

INTERVIEW BY TOM MCGRATH, PRESIDENT

Eileen Pardy has been teaching Kindergarten since 1999 at St. Bon's. This year she's changed things up and moved to 1st grade. Eileen is a very highly respected staff member and teacher. Her foundational work in forming our students into persons for others has been instrumental in our school's success. I posed these questions to Eileen:

1. WHAT MAKES ST. BON'S SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO BE?

It's the sense of family and community that makes St. Bon's a great place to be. Since we are a K-12 school, I have the opportunity to see the students grow and mature from Kindergarten to graduation in Grade 12. Going to Kairos with the Grade 11s and the Grade 12s as student leaders helps reconnect with some of the students that I taught in primary. Even after graduation, there are still opportunities to stay connected with the graduates at Alumni events.

Family groups play an important role here. Every student gets to belong to a school family. The Kindergartens look to these students as role models while the senior students obtain leadership experience. It is amazing to observe the communication between the students. It is so important in today's world to belong somewhere. I think even the graduates know that they always have a family here to come home to.

With a great staff and supportive parents, everyone is involved in educating the whole child. The end goal is to help the students become the best that they can be. I feel that we have been and will continue achieving this goal.

2. FOR YOU, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "FORM MEN AND WOMEN FOR AND WITH OTHERS?"

For me, to form "men and women for and with others" means by graduation in 12th grade the student will exhibit the 4Cs (intellectually competent, possess the conscience to make enlightened decisions, compassionate and committed to a just global society).

This begins in Kindergarten and continues through to 12th grade and beyond graduation. In Kindergarten students are encouraged to be kind and caring to and for others. Students participate in food drives, visiting senior's homes to sing

Christmas carols, collecting mittens for The Gathering Place. There are events like the social justice movie and the Red Chair Project. All these activities promote an awareness that there are people in our world who are less fortunate than we are. As well, recycling and composting teaches them how important it is to take care of God's world.

3. WHAT'S A SECRET TALENT THAT YOU HAVE?

Maybe mummering! For the past number of years, I have been mummering with the Knights of Columbus. There is a group of us who dress up as mummers for the Knights of Columbus widow's lunch. This is usually the beginning of the Christmas season.

4. WHO INSPIRES YOU?

My family inspires me. Besides my two daughters, I have three wonderful sisters. They are always there to support and encourage me in everything that I do. They have been there for me through the bad times as well as the good to lend a hand. We always enjoy celebrating special occasions together as a family. My oldest sister is my go to person. If I need any advice, she is my sounding board. Almost two years ago, she underwent radiation and chemo treatments for breast cancer. She never lost faith and believed strongly in the power of prayer. Although she lost her hair, she never had any complications. I went with her for her last chemo treatment. She had such a positive attitude and talked and joked with the other patients. The following day she went to Florida for the rest of the winter. Her faith and strength inspires me!



Ms. Pardy reads to her class

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