



Chairman's Report

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On Thursday, 25 June, I attended our 2015 Commencement Exercises. The atmosphere in St Theresa's Cathedral was truly celebratory; in addition to our graduates wearing traditional caps and gowns, some wore smiles, while others wore tears of joy. High-school graduation typically marks the end of foundational learning. As the newest "Alumni Saints" transition into the next chapter of their lives, they carry values, knowledge, and faith which have been instilled in them by our educators and their parents, grand-parents, guardians and family. They also carry friendships which they have nurtured during their "school days," and continue to cherish. The key-note speaker was none other than our 1993 Salutatorian, Choy Aming. Choy shared his own life's journey post-MSA (which has been extremely unique) with our graduates. His remarks were inspirational, insightful, and encouraging. I want to also commend Sage Outerbridge, our 2015 Valedictorian, and Alyssa Cardoso, our 2015 Salutatorian, for their respective addresses at Commencement.

I am pleased to share with you that earlier this year, the Minister of Education for Alberta and I signed the Annual Accreditation Agreement renewing MSA's accredited status for another year, based on Alberta Education's evaluation which was carried out in 2014. It is important to note that MSA continues to be a standard-setter for Alberta International accredited schools, based on the feedback we receive directly from Alberta Education. The most recent evaluation which took place during the last week of April 2015, revealed prelim-

Upward Trend of Diploma Exams

Diploma exams, written by all grade 12 students, measure student competence in: English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Administered annually in January and June, the comprehensive diploma exams are extremely rigorous and challenging.

The grade 12 Diploma Examination Program, established in 1984, has three main purposes:

- To certify the level of individual student achievement in selected grade 12 courses
- To ensure that province-wide standards of achievement are maintained
- To report individual and group results

Diploma exams provide students and schools the opportunity to see how they have performed when compared with thousands of their peers in Alberta and at international schools delivering the Alberta curriculum around the globe. Currently, Diploma exams count 30% towards a student's final grade in the subject.

This is the fourth year that students have written Diploma exams at Mount Saint Agnes Academy and our students continue to perform well on these standardized tests. Our Diploma analysis graphs indicate an upward trend in

Diploma exam scores and a closer correlation between course-awarded marks and Diploma results.

Of particular note during this current year were our students' results in English 30-1 and Biology 30 where exam results and course awarded marks were on par or above the province's average marks.

Mount Saint Agnes graduating students continue to receive university admission based on their final Alberta course marks in universities in Canada, the U.S., the U.K. and around the world.



Full of STEAM

STEAM fields is an acronym for the fields of study in the categories of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. STEAM programs are designed to integrate these fields in the classroom. Whether it be challenging grade 2 students to build three dimensional structures when learning geometry or grade 3 students seeing who could design and build the most efficient bird beak, STEAM

projects are frequently found in our classrooms.

But why a bird beak, you might ask? The students had been



discussing mouth adaptations of animals and were challenged to design an adaptation that would collect the most food, in this case the food being dried beans. As always, there are many different and great ideas where the students learn from each other and the

practical implementation of their concepts.

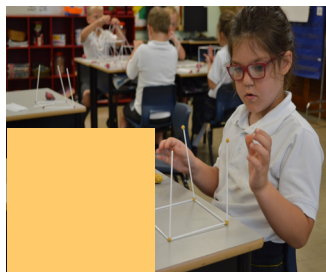
We focus on these areas together not only because the skills and knowledge in each discipline are essential for student success, but also because these fields are deeply intertwined in the real world and in how students learn most effectively.

Spelling Champ

After nine, tense and challenging rounds, Kameron Tavares (Gr 3) emerged as the first place winner when he correctly spelled “mathematician” and “rectangle” during our 12th Elementary Spelling Bee held in March. Second place prizes were awarded to Solana Richardson (Gr 5) while third place

prizes went to Jacob Madeiros (Gr 4).

There were twelve participants in total who were selected as a result of in-class spelling bees. From third grade were: Ethan McAlpine, Ryan Cundliffe, and Ishe Hunidzarira; fourth grade were: Mia Baccaoglio, Emily Dunstan, and Liana Franco; fifth grade were: Nicole Stovell, Kyra King, and Stefan Ferguson. Anijahe Martin, in fourth grade, was also selected and on standby in case a student wasn’t able to participate on the day.



AC Endeavour Program

The America’s Cup teamed up with some of the biggest names in the marine industry to launch an ambitious Community Sailing Project - the AC Endeavour Program - with a focus on leaving a sporting legacy in Bermuda.

The America’s Cup Endeavour Program enables students across Bermuda to learn more about sailing through a cross-curricular STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Education Program.

Our students participated in a 5-day program featuring experiential learning and increase their understanding of water safety and sailing knowledge. They had the opportunity to learn how to sail with 4 types of boats: Hobie Wave, RS Feva, O’Pen Bic, and Optimists and develop their skills with certified sailing instructors.



SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Elementary Boys Football

Although our boys didn't take part in the weekly league games they did participate in the BSSF 6-a-side tournament at Shelly Bay Field and during the term trained with Tony Makowski in the after school football club.

Elementary Netball

The girls participated in the netball 'B' and KO Tournaments in November & December 2015.

Elementary Cross-Country

In February, we had 4 full teams participate in the BSSF Cross Country Meet in the Arboretum. A great display of running endurance from the Under 9 Boys with Grade 3 students, Isheanopa

Dylan Muso, 3rd, Under 10 Boys Cricket Ball Throw; Daylen Scott, 1st Under 9 Boys Long Jump.

Elementary Cricket

Both boys and girls participated in the BSSF Super 8 Cricket tournaments in May. The top batsman were Keegan Jones with 36 runs and Nicole Stovell with 4 runs. The students are learning more about the game of cricket. It's exciting to see the students playing daily during their lunch break, which should help improve their skills for next year.

Jump 2B Fit

In March, about 20 of our budding elementary jumpers participated in a jump rope workshop at Somersfield Academy.

They spent the day with the world champion skippers learning new skills.



Later in May, the Bermuda Heart Foundation hosted a jump rope presentation and workshop at MSA for our elementary students. They wowed us with their acrobatic skills in the ropes moving at top speed. It was also amazing to see our very own Jake Roberts, Paige Roberts, Solana Richardson, and Julie Elliott perform their new jump rope skills as new members of the "Bermu Bouncers".

Hunidzarira and Rylan Cundliffe, placing 19th and 20th respectively out of 186 runners. Very impressive for their first performance.

Elementary Rugby

In February, both boys and girls teams took part in the BSSF Tag Rugby Tournaments. Students also benefited from weekly session in the after school tag rugby club with Former National Bermuda Rugby player, Nathan Browne.

Elementary Track and Field

In March, several track stars appeared on the podium this year at the BSSF Track and Field Finals. Mila Calko, 1st Under 9 Girls Cricket Ball Throw; Emily Dunstan, 3rd Under 10 Girls Cricket Ball Throw;

Middle School Cross-Country

We had both a boys and girls teams participate in the BSSF Cross Country Meet in the Arboretum in February. With the exception of 2 students, the majority of the team was made up of grade 6 students. Kayla Raymond made it to the podium coming 3rd in the Over 13 girls division.

Middle School Tag Rugby

Girls and boys participated in the BSSF Tag Rugby tournament. Though we didn't make it to the finals, a good time was had by all and they represented MSA well.

Middle School Super 8 Cricket

Girls and boys participated in the BSSF Super 8 Cricket tournaments. Our top batsman was Chris Raymond with 51 runs and 2 wickets. Top batsman for the girls was Kayla Raymond with 38 runs.

Denton Hurdle Awards

Congratulations to our middle school nominee, Kayla Raymond, who captured the overall title for middle school girls. Kayla is the first MSA student to win a Denton Hurdle title since its inception in 1986. MSA was well represented at this prestigious scholar-athlete award ceremony by all of our nominees: from elementary, grade 5's Cody Rego, avid equestrian, and Kyra King, budding gymnast, as well as from high school, the multi-talented Corey Simas, who plays volleyball, basketball and badminton for MSA.

Middle School Girls Basketball

Our girls performed better than they have in years with 3 wins, defeating Warwick Academy, Dellwood and TN Tatem. Our top scorer this year was Cailey Longworth.

Middle School Girls Netball

The girls participated in the weekly league games, travelling to different schools. We defeated Warwick Academy and Sandys in the BSSF Middle School Netball Tournament at Bernard Park in November, but it wasn't enough to make it to the finals. Our top shooters this year were Cailey Longworth and Ashley Horseman.



High School Cross Country

Congratulations to Malik Joell, who placed 6th with a top 10 finish; Blake Horseman; Tyler Pimental; Colin McCue; Kobie Reid; Tyler Card & Antonio Cardvelho who all represented MSA well at the High School Cross-Country Meet this year.

Middle School Boys Basketball

The team had a great victory this year. DeNyi Thomas deserves a special mention to for the first ever slam-dunk by a Middle School student that Mr. Ferris has seen in his years at MSA! Well done to all on their great play.

Middle School Boys Basketball

The team had a great Championship game this year, defeating Warwick Academy 23-22. It was a close and exciting game which we won in the final seconds of play. The boys went undefeated this year and this makes back to back championships for MSA. Well done Saints!

High School Track & Field

Congratulations to Malik Joell capturing the gold medal in the 800 meter final at the Senior School track meet. Well done, Malik!

Middle School Track & Field

Well done, to all our Middle School Track & Field Competitors. MSA finished with 2 silver medals, won by Kayla Raymond (Gr 8B) in the Over 13 girls 200m and 400m. Well done, Kayla!

High School Boys Badminton

Corey Simas, Pedro Araujo, Shawn Burgess, Conor Sinclair, Caelin Peters, Riley Rego, Kristofer Lewis and Blake Horseman played well in this year's tournament. Congratulations to Caelin and Blake, as well as Riley and Kristofer for advancing to the semi-finals in doubles. Cory and Pedro played extremely well winning the silver medal in doubles and Pedro was crowned this year's top badminton player bringing home the gold in singles!

High School Girls Badminton

Caroline Amaral, Erin Cardosa, Kayla Henderson, Kamryn Martins, Leticia Ferreira, and Catarina Correia represented MSA well. Congratulations to Caroline for her strong play in singles reaching the semifinals and to doubles team, Leticia and Catarina, for capturing the silver medal!

Middle School Boys Volleyball

Our Middle School Boys Volleyball team had a very strong tournament showing. The team came from behind to beat T.N.T. 16-14 to advance to the semi-finals against Saltus. In that game we were down by more than 8 points and came back to win 21-19. We eventually lost in the finals but received silver medals for a second place finish. Well done!

Middle School Girls Volleyball

Well done to both Middle School Girls' Volleyball teams. Team B played well and we are looking forward to next year already! Team A won all 5 of their games only to be defeated in the semi-finals 17 to 21. Both teams displayed excellent sportsmanship and represented MSA well. We are very proud of you!

High School Boys Volleyball

Senior school boys received silver medals points in an amazing championship game, only losing by a few points.

All Star High School Volleyball

Congratulations to our selected All-Stars Volleyball and Netball players. Camrae Butcher, Leticia Ferreira and Meagan Stecko will play for the Senior Girls Volleyball - Blue Team. Playing for the Senior Boys Volleyball- Red Team are Corey Simas, Joshua Pimental and Pedro Araujo.

All Star MS Girls Netball

Representing the Middle School Girls East Netball Team are Grade 8's Cailey Longworth and Kayla Raymond.



"Children don't need more things. The best toys a child can have is a parent who gets down on the floor and plays with them." ~ Bruce Perry

Over \$52,710.61 Donated This Year

September 2015 - June 2016



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Bermuda Diabetes	\$560.00
Bermuda Heart foundation	\$560.00
Bermuda Red Cross	\$560.00
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Sling fundraiser	\$380.00
SPCA	\$660.00
Random Acts of Kindness/Easter gifts	\$61.48
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Bermuda Heart foundation	\$722.00
St. John's Ambulance	\$683.00
Bermuda Red Cross	\$653.00
MS Society	\$490.00
Relay for Life	\$11,763.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$729.00
MSA Cat Feeding Station	\$30.00
St. Baldrick	\$900.00
Holy childhood funds	\$1,078.00
Ft. McMurray	\$1,000.00

Bright Future for the Arts

For music and drama teachers, musical and dramatic arts showcases are a considerable undertaking. This year MSA hosted two events, one being our much anticipated annual Christmas Concert and Tableau, the second was a Spring Arts Showcase held in May.

The evening performances of the Christmas Concert began with a performance of Silent Night and Countdown To Christmas by the Grade 8 band. Followed by the traditional Christmas story of The Nutcracker, performed by elementary and middle school students who brought all of the wonderful characters to life on stage.

Following the musical, our Middle School choir enchanted the audience with An African Celebration – a mix of traditional African folk songs including the well-known choral piece Siyahamba. Christmas at MSA would not be the same without The Tableau, an MSA tradition. This year's display featured familiar Christmas songs such as Ave Maria (featuring Sarah Madeiros), Emmanuel, O Holy Night, We Three Kings, and Go Tell It On The Mountain.

The MSA Spring Arts Showcase featured presentations from all 3 arts departments at MSA – Art, Drama, and Music

with students' art displays in the main foyer and a full range of short drama skits from grade 7 and 8, to music from the Junior Choir, Grade 5 and 6 Recorder groups, and Grade 7 and 8 bands.

As always there is much going on behind the scenes to help make the stage shine. Our thanks to the wonderful team who manage to pull every performance together: Miss Sophia Sontag, Mrs. Mary Moulder, and Mrs. Sara Thomas; along with support from the sound and lighting team, MSA staff, students and family.

Our students continue to surpass expectations and demonstrate incredible talent – MSA holds a bright future for the arts!



Home & School Association

As another school year comes to a close, the Home and School Association has had another busy year. From the Bazaar and the Sugar Plum Shop to our annual golf Tournament and everything in between, we would like to thank everyone who supported us by participating, volunteering and sponsoring these great events.

A special thank you must be given to those on the Bazaar and the Golf Committees who put in a great deal of their personal time and effort to organize our two major fundraisers of the year. All proceeds raised by any of our events go back to the school. With the funds raised over the past year, we have assisted in paying for improvements to the school including staff room updates and new picnic benches for our Kindergarten and Main Courtyards.

All parents of students at MSA, teachers and staff of MSA are automatic members of the association. The executive of our association includes Juanita Blee (President), Trinette Wiek (Vice President), Paul Fortuna (Treasurer) and Sara Thomas (Secretary). Meetings of the association are held monthly and can be found in the school calendar on the MSA website.

The association has no membership fees and host events through the year to promote family and community for all our members. In 2016/17 school year we have scheduled to do a number of events again. We encourage all to join in the fun and activities:

September 23

October 14/15

November 4

December 3

December 9

January 29

February 4

March 4

April 29

June 10

Home and School AGM and
Welcome Back to School Reception
Bazaar
Elementary Football Night
Breakfast with Santa
Sugar Plum Shop
Themed Tea Party
Quiz Night
Dessert Bingo
White Elephant Sale
Golf Tournament

Due to the change in our financial year end (to align ourselves with the school and Alumni Association) our AGM will be held in September. Please put a save the date in your calendar for this event. More information will follow at the end of the summer.

One way for a child to become more involved and enjoy school is to have support from their parents. Children notice that their parents take an interest in their school and this may carry forward for them taking an interest.

We encourage our MSA families to get involved in any way you can. Please feel free to join our meetings or events.

If you would like to assist you can contact Juanita Blee (jblee@logic.bm) or Trinette Wiek (trinettewiek@gmail.com) for more information.

Alumni News

Networking Lunch marks the start of the countdown to Graduation

This year the MSA Alumni Association hosted a Networking Session for our soon to be alumni to mark the start of their 100 day countdown until Graduation. With the help of a few current alumni, our seniors were given tips on presenting and pitching themselves well in both professional and social environments. Each had the opportunity to meet and greet some of our alumni and receive personal feedback on the impression they gave.



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the time to give back to the school and students in this way.

Join us in wishing this graduating class much success in their future and strength in the knowledge that the MSA family will here to support them in their next steps.

We Need You

The Alumni Association is looking to host more events and networking opportunities in the future –we need your ideas, energy and support! If you would be interested in volunteering on a Special Events Committee or participating in networking opportunities during the next school year, please contact Laura Lyons, Director of Development, at llyons@msa.bm or 292-4134 ext. 1943 for more information.

Keep up-to-date with MSA Alumni news! If you wish to receive emails and/or printed newsletters, and don't or know someone who does – let us know! Email: development@msa.bm

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