

Annual Giving Website

On June 16, we launched our first giving website, providing an easier way for our alumni, family, and friends to get involved. The website will not only contain information on how you can make a gift, there will also be alumni stories and testimonials. Our 72 hours of giving has passed, however, there is still the chance to donate. Just visit our website giving.msa.bm.

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The Latest News
and Information from
Mount Saint Agnes Academy

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Principal's Message

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Dear MSA Family including alumni and friends both near and far,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the MSA family and extended community for all the support and encouragement provided to me over the past 14 years. For a job that I was coming to Bermuda to do for three years, it did not take long for me to fall in love with the students,

parents, staff, and faculty. MSA is truly a family, and one that takes care of each other. Moving back to Bermuda also provided me with an opportunity to enjoy my own family and reunite with friends.

When I am asked what I will miss most about MSA, it is the sense of community. The community that makes things happen for our school and its families. From the start of school year in September when we are busy selling raffle tickets for the bazaar, then on to the excitement of the bazaar, moving forward to the Christmas concert, then the preparation for January exams, followed very closely with our school's birthday, and finally wrapping up our year with the spring concert and the celebrations involving another graduating class, brings us together for fellowship and a commitment to see our school successful. While the pandemic has restricted our activities over the past 18 months, it has not dampened the wonderful spirit we have in our school. My hope is for the school to revive its traditions and move out of this very unfortunate time in our world's history and be even stronger in its commitment to strive for excellence in everything from academics to athletics, to the development of a performing arts program, and to providing a safe, inclusive environment that everyone is respected and cared for.

I am not sure what I will end up doing with my time, but I am not short of ideas. I have been collecting supplies for a variety of crafting and sewing projects. I want to explore the world and my bucket list is extensive. Finally, I want to acquire my long dreamed about VW van and go camping. But, most importantly, I want to enjoy just relaxing while I read, garden, go boating and swim!

All the very best to MSA as it transitions with the new administration team. The school is well positioned to move forward with the fresh new ideas from this team led by Anna Faria-Machado. I am proud that the school chose to acknowledge the outstanding talent it had internally and promote people who are familiar with the school, its programs, and most importantly, the great students. Best of success to Mrs Machado, Mrs. Raymond and Mr. Tannock.

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Spirit of Bermuda

March 9-12th, 2021



For four days in March, some of our middle school students had the opportunity to sail on the Spirit of Bermuda. Throughout the week, the students learned the basics of sailing by hoisting and packing away the sails and taking turns at the helm. Students also participated in the Water-start Program with JP Skinner on Burt Island.



Prom Night

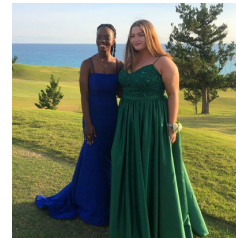


Our Seniors enjoyed an “Enchanted Evening” at Bella Vista in Southampton on Saturday, June 19. The stunning landscape provided a beautiful backdrop for photos. Congratulations to this year’s prom court who selected by their peers.

Prom King was Aidan Cassidy, with runners up being Anias Godfrey and Joshua Blee

Prom Queen was Kristiana Smith with runners up being Sarah Medeiros and Natalie Young

It was an evening filled with a great dinner and dancing with beautiful people.



Graduation 2021

Graduation was held on June 24 at St. Theresa’s Cathedral, combining mass with the distribution of diplomas and awards. With COVID protocols, a limited number of family members were in attendance.

Please join us in congratulating the graduates of 2021:

Sarah Medeiros	Morgan Madeiros
Anias Godfrey	Zachary Lewis
Jennifer Monk	Kristiana Smith
Kayla Caldwell - Salutatorian	Aidan Cassidy
Najee DeSouza	Raphael Jennings-Seaman
Mya Pratt	Ayanna Peniston
Sierra Rodrigues	Mason Swan
Joshua Blee - Valedictorian	Matthew Massa
Claudia Fortuna	Natalie Young
Harriett Theisen	Joshua Talbot
Sha-Lae Richardson	

Below is a list of awards that were presented:

- The Nicholl Shield for the highest average for the three years of high school – Joshua Blee
- The General Excellence Award for the highest average for this school year – Joshua Blee
- The Most Reverend Bishop Murphy Shield for obtaining the second highest average for the three years in high school – Kayla Caldwell
- The Robert Gullon Memorial Shield for Heart – Joshua Blee
- The Reverend Deacon Edward Outerbridge Shield for outstanding witness to Christian values – Natalie Young
- The Home & School Association Award for Outstanding School Spirit – Kristiana Smith
- The Jeffrey Castro Award for the highest increase in average from June 2020 to June 2021 – Mason Swan
- The Gail McCallum Kneisler Angel on Earth Award – Aidan Cassidy
- The Mount Saint Agnes Academy Incentive Award – Harriett Theisen
- The Bentley-Doyle Award for Excellence and Commitment to Sports – Joshua Blee
- The Paul Leslie Smith Basketball Shield – Aidan Cassidy
- The Outstanding Leadership throughout High School Award – Kayla Caldwell
- The Rollo Sullivan Award for interest and great effort in Religion – Kristiana Smith
- Unsung Hero Award for outstanding service to MSA – Mya Pratt
- Principal’s Achievement Award for Perseverance – Claudia Fortuna, Morgan Madeiros, Ayanna Peniston & Natalie Young
- Principal’s Award for Academic Performance – Claudia Fortuna, Jennifer Monk & Natalie Young
- BELCO Math Achievement Award – Joshua Blee
- PWC: Head Start Award of Excellence – Kayla Caldwell
- Chartered Professional Accountants of Bermuda Outstanding Student Achievement – Natalie Young
- EY Bermuda Values Award – Kristiana Smith
- The Deloitte High School Student Award – Joshua Blee



ALUMNI

On June 8, 2019, the Class of 1979 celebrated a 20-year reunion. It took place in The Lido at Elbow Beach. Cocktails were enjoyed on the beach followed by dinner at The Lido.

A total of 26 attended including classmates and their family.

It was a joy to see every single person enter and reconnect like no time had passed. The MSA spirit was felt during the evening when all classmates were gathered. A prayer was said as they sat down for dinner which thanked the Lord for everyone who was in attendance along with a special blessing for their four dear classmates who had passed.

The class history was read, noting every single person who came in and out of our class for 13 years. "Future predictions" were also read which brought a smile to all classmates. Although time was reflected on their faces, their hearts felt like the years had stopped and they were still in their beloved MSA classroom in 1979.

The next day a memorial mass was held at St. Theresa's for the 4 classmates who have passed and are remembered with such love.

Thanks to Anna Cascio for providing the information and the photos.



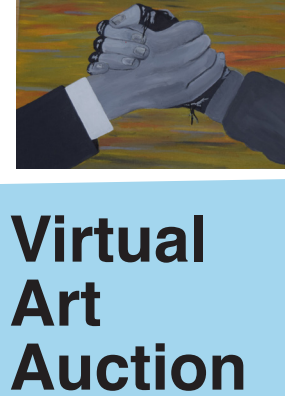
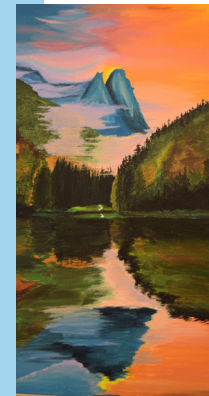
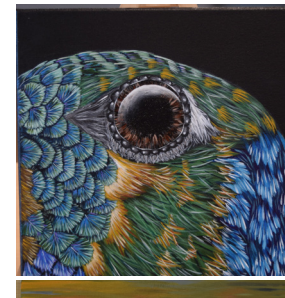
Principal's Message continued



My time at MSA has gone quickly, but we have accomplished many things. The most significant contribution has been the implementation of the Alberta curriculum and the chance for our students to experience a world class curriculum which is designed to provide opportunities for all learners. This implementation took a team of committed educators who challenged themselves to change and grow as professionals. A proud moment for our school happens at each graduation when we award graduates the Alberta High School Diploma and watch them move into their future.

In closing, my wish for the school is to return to normal and reconnect with its Catholic foundation and mission of being a school which "provides quality education in a caring Christian environment".

Wishing God's blessings for all of you,
Sue (Pitman) Moench
Class of '72, Retired Principal '21



Virtual Art Auction

MSA was very excited to have their first Virtual Art Auction. All artwork was on display at Brew on Front Street from June 7 until June 13. Online bidding was from Friday, June 11 until Sunday, June 13 at 12:00pm. There were 19 pieces in total created by alumni and students from high school, kindergarten and Early Learning Program. The artists include:

- Ayanna Peniston
- Julia Pimental
- Naysaa Tucker
- Natalie Young
- Luke Wescom
- Emily Dunstan
- Claudia Fortuna
- Christina Stephens



Almost \$1000 was raised for the Bursary Fund. We will look forward to our next art auction in May 2022.



Read and Feed

For the past seven years, Mount Saint Agnes Academy students have participated in the Read and Feed program with the mission to boost reading while rallying support to collect food donations for the Eliza DoLittle Society for their Daily Bread Program. This charity feeds between 400-500 people per month throughout Bermuda!

Sadly, this year, there is an even greater number of people who are turning to this wonderful charity for food supplies because of lost jobs/income. Therefore, during the month of February, elementary students participated in the Read and Feed program. The idea was for each student to collect pledges from friends and family in the form of non-perishable food items for their reading accomplishments for one month. At the end of February, students returned to their sponsors with the record of what they read, or in the case of the younger children, what was read to them. This story was featured on the front page of the Royal Gazette which lead to a community member making a donation to the program!



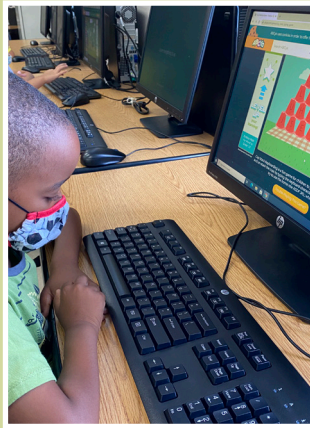
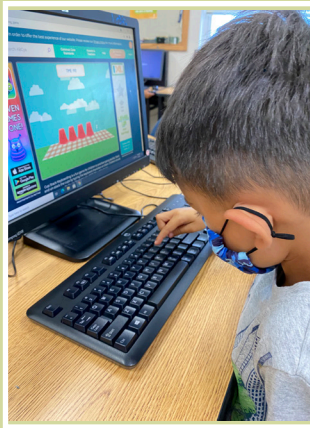
Dr. Seuss' Birthday

From March 1 through to March 5, elementary students celebrated Dr Seuss' Birthday. Each day of the week was a themed day:

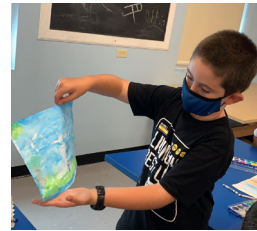
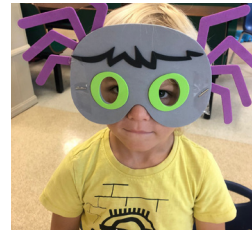
- Mix up Monday- mix up your MSA Uniform and have fun doing it.
- Terrific Hat – Wear your favorite hat.
- Wacky Wednesday – Wear your wackiest socks.
- Oh, the place you'll go on Thursday – Sport a shirt that shows where you would like to travel or have been.
- Green Eggs and Ham Friday – Wear green and go green with a litter free lunch.

During the week there was also a special visit from the Cat in the Hat and Mrs. Machado read Green Eggs and Ham via Zoom to all elementary classes. What a fun week!





Lil' Saints Camp, this isn't just any summer camp....



Our Lil' Saints summer camp is run by our fabulous teaching staff who are First Aid, CPR and SCARS trained. Mrs. Lexi Rego is our Middle School Science Teacher and the Summer Camp Director. The summer days are jam-packed with fun and excitement! Activities include art, bike day, boat trips, beach day, movies, crafts, science and STEAM, yoga, sports activities and so much more. Just looking at these smiling faces tells us what a good time they are having.

