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SUMMER 2023



# Principal's Message

Dear MSA Family,

As we come to the close of another remarkable academic year, we would like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your unwavering support, trust, and collaboration.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our MSA students for their unwavering dedication and hard work during yet another demanding school year. We are immensely grateful for the joy, intelligence, and incredible talents you bring to our community. Thank you for being an inspiration to us all.

As we wrap up the 2022-2023 school year, we are grateful for the tireless energy, exceptional talent, and unwavering commitment of our MSA staff.

There are a great deal of renovations and classroom moves happening this summer and we cannot wait to fill you in on all the exciting changes when we return in September.

To the remarkable Class of 2023, as you prepare to embark on the next chapter of your educational journey, congratulations on your incredible achievements accomplished through your hard work and perseverance. We are immensely proud of all that you have accomplished, and we have no doubt that you will continue to shine brightly as you move

forward in

life. Remember, you

will always be a part of the MSA family, and we eagerly await the great things you will accomplish.

Wishing all our MSA family a safe, enjoyable summer, and we eagerly await the first day of school for the 2023-2024 school year. No matter what adventures await you this summer, remember Nil Sine



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# Mrs. Karen Camara retires after 28 years at MSA.

On June 9, a special assembly was held to celebrate Mrs. Karen Camara's retirement. career spanning 42 years, including 28 dedicated contributions were celebrated by present and past students were special visitors and presentations including students from her first class here at MSA. Classes in elementary provided her with a special message in either a song, poem or reading. A video was played with more special messages from colleagues she had met along the way. As a wonderful conclusion to her vear. Karen was awarded the Garry A. Madeiros Faculty award is given to a teacher who embodies positive role modeling, inspires others, and exemplifies Catholic values such as integrity, respect. Congratulations, Mrs. Camara, and may your retirement be filled with joy and great health!









### Spring Fest 2023

Spring Fest 2023 took place on Friday, May 19 with fabulous celebrations of our students' talents. There were both elementary and middle/high school performances. As guests entered the auditorium, they were treated to a mini art exhibition, adding to the festive atmosphere. There was an abundance of dancing, musical instrument performances, singing, and even some impressive skip jump skills.

The MSA Band added to the night and rocked the house down! As part of the festivities students and their families enjoyed a mini fair on the field, with bouncy castles and various food vendors.

#### End to End with Rambo and National Honor Society Students

Rambo joined the students of our National Honor Society, who sponsored one of the water stations during the End-to-End event. It was great fun cheering on the participants!



#### Visual Art Auction

Our annual art auction took place from May 22 – June 2. There were over 20 pieces on display at Brew Coffeehouse on Front Street. This year, in addition to paintings, we featured photographs taken by our high school students.

#### First Holy Communion

On Saturday, May 13, at St Theresa's Cathedral, 15 students received the sacrament of Holy Communion.



Gavin Almeida, Lily Amaral, Lotus Amaral, David Campbell, Scyncere DeVent, Tristan Foley, Maddox Lightbourne, Jayden Lopes, Oscar Mackie, Milianna Pastorova, Severiano Portillo-Creighton, Brielle Rego, Lilly Richens, Teagan Scott-Hanley, and Leonardo Stoppa. Congratulations to all!

#### **Confirmation**

A total of 17 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, June 4 at St Theresa's Cathedral.

Alyssa Almeida, Gabriel Booth, Sophia Brooks, Tiago Correia, Taryn Cundliffe, Tiffany De



Silva, Sir De Vent, Skye Ferguson, Chris Furtado, Landen Grayston, Christian Hanwell, Trystan Parkin, Paige Roberts, Josiah Tannock, Emma Vieira, and Charles Fernandes.

## Boots & Bubbly - Country & Western Gala











Our Boots & Bubbly event took place at the Hamilton Princess on April 15, 2023. The evening was filled with cocktails, a delicious buffet dinner and plenty of dancing. The talented musical acts TRS (featuring Ronnie Lopes), the Silvertones, and The Travelers provided us with fantastic tunes throughout the night. We are incredibly grateful to our alumni Ronnie Lopes, David Skinner, Manuel and Michael Perreira for their incredible performances that got everyone up and dancing!

The theme for the evening was Country & Western, so many guests embraced the spirit by wearing cowboy boots and hats. We are thrilled to announce that all the funds raised from the event will go towards expanding the Early Learning Program and supporting student bursaries. It was a wonderful evening of celebration and giving back to our MSA community.



# Scholarship winner — Marlee Place

Congratulations to Marlee the Spotlight Scholarship Award from DanceSations this season! This scholarship is awarded to a dancer who shows hard work, dedication, teamwork, leadership skills, improvement, and goes above and beyond what is required of them. Marlee including Company and the Hip hop Elite Team. She is Pre-ballet and hip-hop, and always helps her peers cover their classes when needed. Marlee was in 12 dances in their 10-year anniversary show. Well done, Marlee!



## **PROM 2023**

On Saturday, June 3, 2023, the highly anticipated Senior Prom took place at the Royal Amateur Dingy Club. The prom committee did an excellent job of transforming the venue into a creative masquerade setting. It was an unforgettable evening of creating cherished memories.









Prom Queen: Cadence Grayston; Prom King: Tyler Furtado; Prom Court: Solana Richardson, Kyra King Ian DaSilva, and Mataeo Holder.

## Congratulations to the Class of 2023



Bryce Arruda
Brianna Benevides
Sascha Burchall
Ian DaSilva
Katelynn DeMoura
Stefan Ferguson
Tyler Furtado
Cadence Grayston
Melanie Haller

Nicholas Hands Mataeo Holder Kyra King Analia Machado Angelino Madeiros Tranell Nisbett Joshua Paltl Lucien Penacho Thomas Quarterly Dylan Rance
Solana Richardson
Jake Roberts
Elia Rocha
Tiago Rodrigues
Arianna Smith
Megan Soares
Adasia Trott
Nicholas Weikl

#### The graduates are off to the following post-secondary institutions:

Acadia University
Arkansas Northeastern College
Bermuda College
Dalhousie University
King's University College
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
and Health Sciences
New England Institute of Technology
Nova Southeastern University

Ontario Tech University Sheridan College Study Afloat Lunenburg, Nova Scotia Trent University University of Aberdeen University of Guelph University of Plymouth York University

#### Senior Retreat

The senior retreat invites seniors to reflect on the past four years of high school, prepare for the transition ahead of them, and think about their hopes for the future. The day began with a special breakfast with parents. The morning was spent at school where the students participated in class-building exercises, created an advice video for younger students and read special letters from their parents. They spent the afternoon enjoying an excursion on the Reef Explorer including time for swimming and paddleboarding. They ended the day with a potluck BBQ. It was a wonderful day of reflection and bonding.

### **Basketball**

It was an amazing basketball season for our MSA teams!!! Our boys' junior varsity team was undefeated the whole season and crowned league champions with a win against Saltus in the final game! Both the middle school girls' and varsity boys' teams had successful years and made it to the semi-finals. Thank you to all the coaches for their hard work in getting our teams to the finals. The boys' coaches were Gladstone Simons, Randolph Smith and Jason Lowe and the girls' coaches were Laura Smith and Lexi Rego.





# **Elementary Sports Day**

On Thursday, April 27 our elementary students enjoyed a fun sports day. It was a day full of activities, team building and the ever-popular parent races! Congratulations to Green House for earning the highest number of house points.











#### **H&S** Golf Tournament

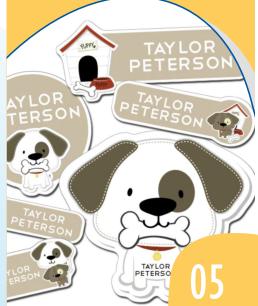


#### A label fundraiser.

You can get your family ready for back to school and support our school at the same time. We have signed up with the website LABEL DADDY. You can order labels that are easy to use, waterproof, and ultra durable. They come in many colors, prints and styles. Place your order and pay for them right online. They will ship your items directly to you via the postal service. Click on the link below to get started:

https://www.labeldaddy.com/pages/landing







It was exciting to see Josh Blee (class of 2021), take part in the King's Coronation on Saturday, May 6 at Buckingham Palace in the UK, as a representative of the Bermuda Scouts.



# Clara Fay's new book.

Congratulations to Clara Fay, Class of 1973, on her new book, Mark of a Crescent Moon! David Arthur of Goodreads said "Mark of a Crescent Moon is a gorgeous debut from author Clara Fay. A blend of fantasy and historical fiction. Fay's tight command of prose and character development elevates this book from your standard genre fiction fare."

## Alumni Event - Sip & Snack

We hosted the Sip & Snack Alumni event on Friday, June 30 in the MSA courtyard. There were many in attendance including a graduate from 1957! Thanks to our MSA Band for providing us with some live music and Andrew Hanwell for spinning some tunes. Don't forget to stay connected by joining our alumni Facebook page, MSA Connected. Scan the QR code below to join:

In previous years we have always had an alumni cocktail party the day after graduation and this tradition will continue, so make sure to save the date for our next Sip & Snack Alumni Event on Friday, June 28, 2024.













#### Class of 1983 reunion

The Class of 1983 celebrated their 40th reunion during the weekend of June 16-18. A cocktail cruise, dinner, and 80s themed Disco Party were held. The classmates who took part are Sarah Line (Correia) Sally DeSilva (Topley) from

the UK, Beth Hainey (Bailey) came from the US and Lianne Halton-Heneault from Canada. Others came to either or both events: Jaime Gutteridge, Gillian Oatway (Olson) Helen Elliott (Terceira) Siobhan Lohan (Rose) Carla



Simmons (Stempel) Geoff Blee, Andrew Marshall, Robert Gillis, Eddie Simas, Steven Sousa, Mark Hamilton, Stephen Barton, and Oliver James Best. There were happy memories to share with all who attended!

#### Class of 1973 reunion

The Class of 1973 enjoyed their 50-year reunion on the weekend of June 30 – July 2. The weekend included cocktails and dinner at Page (Perry) & George Grundmuller's house, dinner at Bella Vista and then a poolside afternoon

at Karen (Johnson)
Marsh father's house.
Those in attendance
were Lorna Dixon,
Diane Quinn, Cathy
Mahoney, Jennifer
Smith, Donna Wright,
Rhona Campbell, Mark
Sousa, Debbie Correia,
Karen Johnson, Andrew
Chamberlain, Page
Perry, Clara DeCouto,
Margarite DaPonte, and
Deborah Musson.



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# Class of 1965 get-together

A few of the ladies from the Class of 1965 get together at least three to four times a year to catch up. Thank you to Joanne Judd for providing this photo of their recent gathering. In the photo are Joanne Judd, Jenny Barclay, Penny Fowkes, Lynn Dunstan, Gail Schectman, and Barbara Maguire. We love to see the MSA Family spirit bringing classmates together. Please share your photos of any class gatherings you may have.



# Mark Your Calendar!

September 5

First day of school

September 22
Senior Ring Mass

October 13 & 14

MSA Bazaar - Medieval Faire

December 5-7

**Christmas Concert** 

June 28

Alumni Sip & Snack Event





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