



Archangel's Den 2019

Alumni under 30 years of age are invited to submit a business plan (maximum five pages) or an idea pitch (minimum two pages), for an opportunity to present in front of the Archangel's Den judges, and a chance to turn your business dream into a reality.

- Prize winners from the 2018 Archangel's Den contest are not eligible to enter the 2019 contest.
- Include the following in your pitch:
- description
 - demonstrated need
 - evidence to support the need
 - how the problem to be solved or product description
 - any supporting information

Five finalists will be selected to present before the judges and an audience at the St. Michael's Centre for the Arts on Wednesday June 5, 2019.

The top three finalists will be awarded \$10,000, \$3,500, and \$1,500 to kick-start their businesses.

You are kindly asked to send your submission to alumni@smcsmail.com by Friday, April 5, 2019.

Reconnections

Over the past few months, it has meant a great deal to me to reconnect with so many fellow alumni and hear personal accounts of how St. Michael's transformed their lives. This resonated greatly with me.

This year is my first year as a donor to the Annual Double Blue Campaign and I hope to make this an annual donation in my charitable planning. Being from a large family, we struggled to afford the tuition to attend St. Michael's College School, especially with me and my two brothers attending in close succession. The school's Bursary Programme was able to help us where our family budget stopped. For this, I am incredibly grateful to the late Fr. Norman Fitzpatrick, CSB, OSM, who was a champion for our education and warmly welcomed us into the school. I am incredibly proud to be an alumnus of St. Michael's College School. The opportunity to make designated donations to the school's clubs allows alumni to give back in a meaningful way and make a tangible impact on the education of today's young men at the school.

A very special thanks to the faculty at St. Michael's College School for their long-standing dedication!

Damian Duffy '84

What started with a few 1984 grads meeting back in 1988 has now become an annual gathering raising some \$108,000 for bursaries. The event has moved to many venues: from Mr. Green Jeans in 1988 where seven attended, to Alex's (owned by Greg Hook '80/Marcello Chiarelli's '90) Restaurant in 1994, to Boccaccio Ristorante, 1996-2003, recommended by Pal Di Lulio '69, and now to its rightful new home in the SMCS Alumni Room where, on March 1, 2019, a record number of 36 grads attended.

Since 2007, the bursary has paid out a varying amount annually totaling \$24,000. Over the past two years, the bursary recipient has received \$6,000.

There have been many grads involved in this act of giving. I especially congratulate those early organizers who wanted to connect and share memories. It was a great undertaking given their careers and family obligations. Over the years, most of the Class of 1984 did make an appearance - bravo to them! They know the feeling of connection. However, there is one who stands out, notably Marco Berardi: statistician, accountant, class news correspondent, venue catering organizer, and just a dedicated guy who simply keeps the group together. His enthusiasm has become an incentive for other classes.

It has been a reunion that Hugh McDougall, OSM, the late Fr. Zinger, CSB, OSM, and I looked forward to as adopted honorary members. I have watched the class grow over the years and this is something I hold close to my collective memory of what St. Mike's was and still remains. We have been invited to weddings, special dinners, and social gatherings - all of which make us proud to be a part. There have been other great classes as well. Through good fortune or special students, the Class of '84 has remained a constant for some 35 years for their camaraderie and giving.

Someone once told me that when you send your boy to St. Mike's, he will have friends for life. How true.

Time does march on which is another reason to stay in touch. A deceased friend and fellow grad once wrote, "To have the feeling that one counts for something with other people is one of the greatest joys of life. What matters is not how many friends we have, but how deeply we are involved with them. We all learn as we age how personal relationships count more than anything else."

Now it's time for other classes to share in their rich experiences and support a school which has enriched their lives. If we all do a little bit, together we can do a lot. Yes, friendship is a priceless gift.

Joe Younder '56 (with permission from the class of 1984)

Holiday Skate

Students from the Class of 1998 got together on December 28, 2018, for their 10th annual holiday skate and dinner. The festivities have grown each year and, by all (biased) accounts of those present, the pace of play has actually increased!

The group was thrilled to welcome first-time attendees: Chris Ponesse, Jamie McDowell, Sam Katsuras, Dave Suchon, Alistair Forsyth, and Rob Perry. Missing in action this year were: blueline staple Neil Dilworth, perennial MVP Steve Monticolo, Damien 'Funky Cold' Medina, foxy Ken Fox, and the ageless Bruno Suppa, each of whom sent their regrets.

As the evening stretched late into the night, all remarked on how wonderful it was to get together again, and how little some things had changed.

The group is looking forward to next year's skate!

Community Partners Update

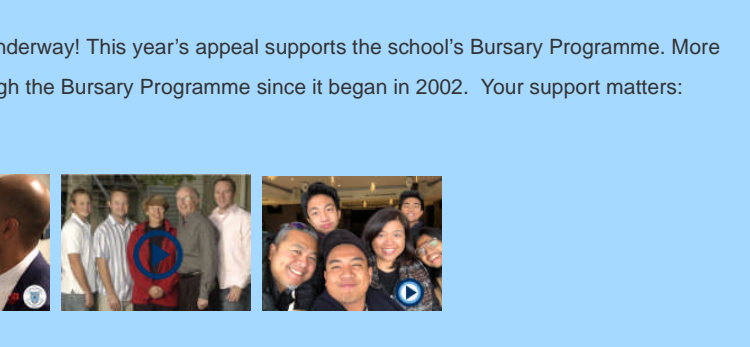
If we cannot take our students to the heart of the Artificial Intelligence world in California, then we are going to bring it here. On February 21, students from Mr. Rob Hofstatter's Computer Science and Engineering Robotics courses had the opportunity to hear from and chat with Michael Del Balso '08, from his office in San Francisco via Zoom. Michael offered the students a glimpse of how his career developed, as well as insights into the present world of Artificial Intelligence and what the future might hold. Upon graduating from St. Michael's College School, Michael pursued Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Toronto. After stops with Google, as a product manager, and Uber, running the Machine Learning team, Michael decided to go independent and start his own company which specializes in developing tools to help other companies build their own machine learning systems.

The Community Partnerships programme has been able to bring many industry leaders, who also happen to be graduates, to SMCS classrooms in an effort to enhance student learning, help students make informed career decisions, and promote St. Michael's College School.

Winged M Campaign

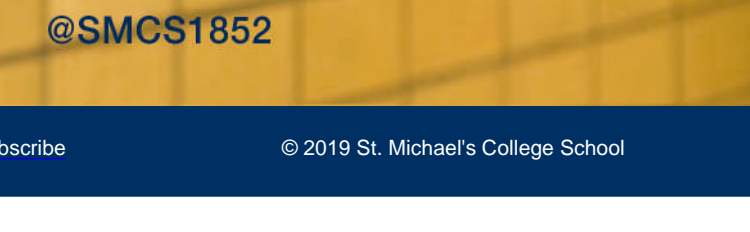
In a continued effort to strengthen and help raise more awareness about St. Michael's, all alumni received a winged M car decal in the Winter 2019 Blue Banner. The current Alumni Executive would like alumni worldwide to proudly display the decal on their cars.

These decals are already a big hit with recent graduates and current families. Share your winged M car decal pictures using #smcsfamily on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook or LinkedIn (please remember to mark your posts 'public'). Thank you to all who have posted!



Double Blue Campaign

The Annual Double Blue Campaign is well underway! This year's appeal supports the school's Bursary Programme. More than 2,000 students have been helped through the Bursary Programme since it began in 2002. Your support matters: smcsgive.com.



We want to hear from you! Please email your alumni stories and photos to alumni@smcsmail.com.

WELCOME

The Alumni Association would like to welcome back the following alumni to our community:

- Gerry Meehan '65
- David Compton '69
- Damian Duffy '84
- Mark Vendramini '85
- Jakob Rogalski '91
- Michael Nykoluk '94

LOST ALUMNI

Please help us find alumni who have lost touch with the school. [Click here](#) to view the list.

ALUMNI EVENT DATES

Tuesday, May 7
Networking Event

Saturday, May 11
[Evans Tennis Alumni Soccer Showdown](#)

Thursday, May 30
Spring BBQ & Reunion

Saturday, June 1
[Enzo Montemurro '81 Touch Football Classic](#)

Wednesday, June 5
Archangel's Den

Monday, June 24
[SMCS Golf Tournament](#)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2018-19 MEETING DATES

- Thursday, March 28
- Tuesday, April 16
- Tuesday, June 18

Save the Date

Join the SMCS Alumni Association on Friday, November 29 for the annual Turkey Roll & Reunion! This year, the classes of 1969, 1970, 1984, 1985, 1994, 1995, 2009, and 2010 will be honoured.

#smcsfamily

It's been almost 40 years since our graduation, and our friendship only gets stronger.

Class of 1980 Members

1994 Reunion

More than 50 members of the Class of 1994, gathered to celebrate their 25th-year reunion in December.

Please [click here](#) to view all reunion photos.

A visit to SMCS

After a long absence from St. Michael's College School, Jake Rogalski '91 (now living in British Columbia) reconnected with the Alumni Office, eager to receive a tour of the campus while he was in town for a conference and to see former Head of Music, Mr. Paul Pietrkiewicz.

Learning that Paul had recently retired, Jake asked if his email address could be forwarded to Paul and booked an after-school tour. With Jake and Paul conversing by email, Paul was able to personally take him on the tour.

While Jake was a student at St. Michael's, he had a successful music career. He held Paul's very 1st chair as first trumpet when Paul began to teach. In the last three years at SMCS, Jake was awarded the Talent Award twice and the Senior Concert Band MVP twice. Jake received the Music Award at graduation along with the St. Michael's Medal for co-curricular activity. Jake was most impressed to see the Centre of the Arts theatre. As Jake states, "I think that Paul was one of the most influential teachers I had in my five years at SMCS." Jake was also, overwhelmed to see himself on the athletic walls - in five track championships photos and three basketball team photos.

Jake has now begun his own personal transition to becoming a teacher, after spending nearly 30 years in the same career. He hopes to augment his university degree credits in time to enroll in a teachers programme by the fall of 2020. Jake feels that he owes much of this dream to his amazing experiences at SMCS and to teachers like Paul. Jake is hopeful that he can emulate their passion, compassion, and commitment.

Moving?

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Thanks for visiting

Paul Santi '99

Members Class of '18