

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE FROM MR. ROBINSON

And so here we are on the final leg of the 2005-2006 academic year. I trust that you all enjoyed a happy and healthy March break and that we are all prepared for a strong run up to Prize Day in June.

Once again, I spent part of the break reading through your sons' reports. And once again, I am pleased to state that it gives me and our faculty great satisfaction to read of the genuine progress and growth that nearly all of your sons are showing

Having lived through the challenges and excitement of the creation of The Discovery Centre and the new McCain Dining Hall, it is rewarding indeed to witness the use to which these areas are already being put. As we complete the final touches, it is clear that the north face of our school is unrecognizable to anyone who hasn't witnessed much of the construction. I would like to thank all of you who have helped us so much – without your generosity, these changes would clearly not have happened. We shall be completing Phase 2 of our facility improvements over the next few months with the Music Centre and new Admissions and Reception areas being built - more on this as we move closer to a construction start date. I look forward to a wonderful April celebrating the Arts through Music, Performance and Visual presentations.

Vita Brevis
Ars Longa

WARPED! - April 11

A cast of 100s will be performing a time travel adventure called Warped! On Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. Watch as the time travellers warp from the Museum of Times Past and find their way into Ancient China, the Trojan War, the world of Hamlet, Medieval times, a Pioneer classroom, and even the 24th Century. Don't be surprised or alarmed if your son asks about acquiring a pair of tights in the very near future. It's all about the play.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11th - May 18 is Arts Month

April 3	3:00-4:00pm	Student Council Meeting Faculty Meeting - No Study Hall
April 7	8:40am	Assembly Grade 7 & 8 Dance at St. Clement's
April 11	7:00pm	Drama Production – Come and see Warped!
April 12	9:00am	Interguild Workshop at Holy Trinity School Insights into Personal Effectiveness Easter Weekend – No Classes
April 14 & 17		
April 19	8:40am	Parent Association Meeting
April 21	8:40am	Assembly
	7:00-9:30pm	Grade 7 Dance at Branksome Hall
April 24	3:00-4:00pm	Faculty Meeting - No Study Hall
April 25	7:00pm	Education Night – Family Wellness
April 27	8:40am	JK- Gr. 3 Mid-Term Ribbon Assembly
April 28	8:40am	Grade 4-8 Mid-Term Ribbon Assembly Pizza Day
May 3	3:45-5:00pm	Grade JK-5 Bingo Bash

Discover the Future Capital Campaign

Thank you so much for your continued support of this Campaign! We completed a number of projects over March Break including:

- installing new cabinetry in the McCain Dining Hall and completing the heating system;
- finishing the exterior of the Discovery Centre and replacing some of the millwork and countertops in the science lab;
- completing the faculty room kitchen.
- We still have a few finishing touches to go and then will move on to our new Music and Admissions addition which will be built between June and December 2006.

- A DVD for Music has been completed and will be sent out to our Sterling community in the immediate future.

How can you help? To reach our overall target we need – 5 more gifts at \$30,000; 15 gifts at \$10,000; 14 gifts at \$5,000 and 17 gifts at \$3,000. We also have three leadership naming opportunities remaining. Please call Cathy Reeves at 416-785-3410 or e-mail creeves@sterlinghall.com to make your pledge.



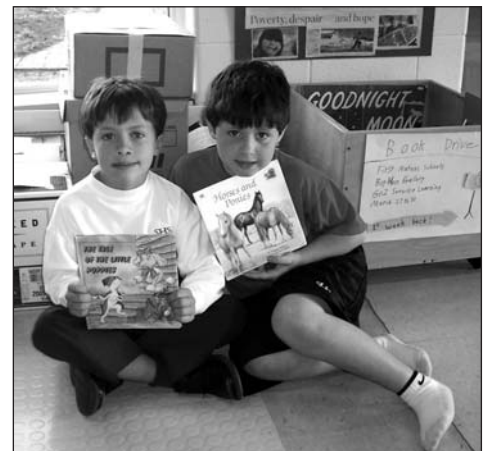
Donor Spotlight this month on: Cisco Systems Canada Co.

Cisco is the leading supplier of network equipment and network management for the Internet and has been enormously supportive of The Sterling Hall School and the technology component of our Capital Campaign. Two Cisco employees and SHS current parents – Willa Black, mother of Louis Jarvis, Grade 2 and Old Boy Harry Jarvis, UCC; and Peter Bates, father of Samuel Bates, JK facilitated and contributed to this gift.

Cisco has a history of philanthropy that began when it was a young company and helped out a local school that was struggling. "But what began with painting walls and cleaning the school yard" has grown into a partnership of mentoring and working with teachers and administrators to accomplish long-term objectives. This past month Cisco was honoured with the prestigious 2005 Excellence in Corporate Philanthropy Award. Their support of SHS has made a significant difference to the operation of our new lab and our future as a wireless school. Thank you Cisco!

Service Learning

The Grade 2 boys would like to thank everyone who brought in such beautiful books for the First Nations Book Drive. The UPS truck, arranged by Geoffrey Williams's grandfather, picked up over 65 boxes of almost new children's books on Friday, March 31. They will be flown in to 5 First Nations schools north of Red Lake, Ontario. Thank you for helping us continue to make community service an important part of your son's education.



Making Schools Heart Smart

The Sterling Hall School has taken the initiative of becoming a Heart Safe Facility by bringing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on-site. Dr. Joan Flood, parent of Kevin Healy, Gr. 8, has been instrumental in providing guidance and advice to our school nurse, Mrs. Fine. Together they were successful in acquiring a grant which allowed SHS to purchase this unit.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the leading cause of death in Canada today and it can strike any time, any place, and anybody. We are all at risk; teachers, students, parents and grandparents alike. The AED unit can bring a life saving shock to a

Athletics

Spring is here and we are excited to see the boys out on the fields, courts and track playing rugby, softball, tennis, badminton, ultimate frisbee and track and field. Hopefully the early start to the warmer weather will stay with us as we move into April. Please refer to the website for all athletics information. Spring Term tryout information is available at: www.sterlinghall.com > SHARKNET > Athletics.

The Spring Term schedules will be available on the website on April 7th once the fixtures are

Parents Association

Welcome back. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the break and is ready for an exciting final term. I hope you were able to attend the Teacher Tribute... it was truly incredible! Special thanks and congratulations to Kim Craig who chaired the event along with her talented team. Special thanks to Mr. Vieira, Ms. Dale, and Mr. Zimbalatti for all their support. We could not have done it without them!

We are currently accepting nominations for volunteers who would like to Chair or Co-Chair various PA Committees next year. Forms are available from the Development Office or on-line on the PA page of the website.

Interguild is holding a workshop at Holy Trinity School entitled Insights into Personal Effectiveness,

Keeping the Beat

B.S.S Coffee House

On February 16 the annual Coffee House took place at Bishop Strachan School. A Jazz Quintet from SHS played Freddie Freeloader by Miles Davis for a very appreciative audience. Congratulations to Louis Chiu, Daniel Hughes, Shane Rumack, Brando Usher and Wilson Waterman. Look out for this quintet coming to a stage near you.

CISMF

On Sunday, April 2 the Conference of Independent Schools Music Festival took place at Roy Thomson Hall. Well over 1000 music students performed in choirs, bands and ensembles for a sold out audience. Our own Thomas Sullivan was a member of the

Education Night

Mark your calendars – April 25, 2006. The SHS Parent Education Program is planning a Family Wellness Panel featuring three expert Sterling Hall parents who will speak about fitness, nutrition and stress. Denise Grimes, Personal Fitness Consultant,

victim of cardiac arrest within minutes. Chances of survival can be increased by up to 50%.

SHS would like to thank The Mikey Network in Toronto who have generously donated an AED unit. Included in their gift is the cost of training ten First Responders.

Dr. Joan Flood and Mr. Tom Healy have further supported this initiative by designating a gift to the ongoing training of First Responders and upgrading of the Defibrillator unit.

The unit is located on the wall in the Main Hallway opposite the Discovery Centre.

confirmed. Please check the site often, as some changes are possible. Go Sharks!



with workshop leader Jane Eastmure, an SHS alumni parent. If you are interested, see the flyers in the school. RSVP to Laureen Cowie at 416-440-0650 or cowie2@rogers.com.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 19 at 8:40 am in the McCain Dining Hall for our PA Meeting when our guest speaker will be Marco Zimbalatti, our IT Coordinator, who will speak to us about Safe and Productive Internet Practices. If you can't make it, please remember that the minutes from PA meetings are posted on our website.

Our next big event is the boys' favourite... Bingo Bash on May 3rd for JK-Grade 5. Please see the enclosed flyer for details and registration.

Best wishes for a Happy Easter and/or Passover.

Concert Band Clarinet Section and Noah Flatt, Marcus Kessler, Alexander LaBuik, Gavin Lifman, Kevin Lo, Sam Mandlsohn, Jake Martin, Eric Noble-Marks, Oliver Parker, Danny Poile, Andrew Steep and Saunder Waterman were part of the Junior Choir. Congratulations to all of these boys for their dedication and discipline in preparing for this outstanding event.

Summer Camps

There will be a number of Summer Music Camps taking place at SHS in June and July, including Computer Music, Rock School, Jazz Camp and Guitar Camp. Please contact Mr. Vieira if you would like more information.

Lari-Ann Convery, Registered Nutritional Consultant and Lee Freedman, Psychiatrist, will discuss these very topical issues and answer questions on how you can improve your family's wellness.

Sharks Meet Gators

Over the second week of March Break, a group of 12 past and present SHS students (grades 6-9) travelled with Mr. Coles to Florida's Saddlebrook Resort, one of the world's foremost tennis academies. Boasting 45 courts and every imaginable surface from grass to clay to Rebound Ace, the resort tailors its programs to meet the needs of every player from beginner to touring professional. Our boys trained hard – six hours of tennis daily, and fitness sessions on top of that. It's a great, fun, healthy, and highly productive week, and this year marked the fourth year that SHS has been well represented. Any families interested in sending their son(s) next year should email Mr. Coles to be put on the list for the 2007 trip.



100+ Challenge

The Grade 4 to 6 reading challenge was an incredible success this year. Collectively, the boys read more than 575 books, and 32 boys managed to read all 10 books on the list. They will be rewarded with a gift certificate from Yorkdale or the Shark Shop. Three classes - 5G, 6G, and 6N - read enough books to qualify for the class pizza party, which will be held at the end of April.

What is Shark-opoly?

What is Shark-opoly? Sharkopoly is a grammar game for students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 that helps teach the boys "essential skills" in Language Arts while reinforcing the reading of novels. The program starts with a board game that leads to specialized practice booklets and to individual mini quizzes. The goal is to make sure the students have mastered a specific set of skills before they move on to the next grade. We asked some boys in Grade 5 to give us some feedback on this new way to teach grammar. Here is what three students had to say:

"I think Sharkopoly was a fun way to learn because it was a very fun way of learning our parts of speech, prepositions, phrases, apostrophes, and similes." (Alex Curry)

"I thought it was fun and challenging and overall I think you should leave it the way it is. I also thought it was a good idea because everybody tried because there was a prize." (Dylan Salter)

"I thought this was a great way to read and communicate about Maniac Magee. This was my favourite way to communicate about a book. I thought it could be better if there were more people in a group because then we would be able to hear more opinions and maybe see the book in a different way. I would definitely recommend that you use this way of reading to a different class and to my class in the future. Thank you for a great experience." (Liam Oldershaw)

Grade 6 Raffle Draw

Thank you to all the SHS boys who bought raffle tickets to support our business venture.

Congratulations to the following boys who won in the Grade 6 raffle draw:

- 1st Conor Roberts, PMR radio control truck
- 2nd Jack MacDonald, Radio control monster truck
- 3rd Jonah Mandel, Bucket of Gummy worms