



Education

Paul Llewellyn, Superintendent

There was a time in the Maritimes in which our schools were doing very well. Our churches were full of young kids and there was a vibrancy in our churches and within our families. Times have changed with our SDA Education system along with the economics of our three provinces. We used to boast of a time when most of our church districts had a thriving school close by. Now we have one school left and the economics of our three provinces has not changed for the better and, unfortunately, this has had a negative influence on our only school left.

The amount of young people within our conference has been dropping drastically and that is having a huge impact on SLA. We are running out of kids that can keep our school thriving. Therefore we have to look to other children outside of our church doors to keep our school vibrant. In order to run a program that looks attractive to those outside takes manpower. It takes a program that has an ability to recruit students to our school. If we shrink our school, we have less to offer to those outside. The type of program we need to maintain and keep running, takes both church and school working together to reach those outside of our school and churches.

The Maritime Board of Directors, ADCOM and the Sandy Lake School and school board are working together to find solutions to our declining enrolment. Committees have been formed to look at the sustainability of our school, long-term funding of our program, and how to leverage the property that we have in order to advance our program and to kick start an industry that will keep our school thriving.

We are asking for all our churches and church members to place Sandy Lake Academy on their prayer list. But praying does not take much sacrifice on our own part, therefore we are also asking all our members and churches to put Sandy Lake Academy on their church board agenda. We can not stand by and let four local SLA churches do all the work of sacrificing for our Maritime students—all of us must do sacrifice together to keep our school open. Remember the story of the good Samaritan? Two walked by and did not do a thing to rescue the injured person, but an outsider came by and immediately came to the rescue. Today, every church in the Conference can be that Samaritan and stand by our school to bandage the wounds and to bring our school to a place of healing. It cannot be done without you.

Sandy Lake has been very busy with their program. I will let them fill you in on all the details. Thank you to Tracy DeMerchant for putting together the news. ■

News From Sandy Lake Academy

Some of the highlights of our school year thus far:

Pray for Enrollment

During our chapel and Prayer Warrior time, SLA students are praying for an increase in our enrollment next year. We have seen prayer work many times at Sandy Lake Academy and we know with everyone **praying, it will happen again. Let's teach the kids** how powerful prayer can be! Please continue to keep Sandy Lake Academy in your prayers.

Donating Blood

One way students are learning to give to their community is by donating blood to the Red Cross. We asked several of them why they give—here are their **responses: "It wasn't as bad as some people made it out to be. I gave because I was invited and I wanted to help someone who needed it. I was surprised when I found out the blood I donated will help 3 people, not just one. Will I donate again? Of course! Definitely!"** Daniel (1st donation) "To donate blood is a fulfilling act of **servitude to give of one's blood to save others lives. I would imagine it's what Jesus would want us to do, as He shed His blood for us to save us, the least we can do is help others. It helps put Sandy Lake Academy's motto 'Service above self' into practice.**" Catherine (4th donation)



Black History Month

The elementary students of SLA welcomed Mr. DeMello on Thursday, January 21 for a special assembly! He spoke to the Grade P-6 students about his life journey, arriving and settling in Canada as a refugee when he was only 22. The students were also taught about discrimination. He used examples from the animal kingdom to help us see how we should treat each other. Students were encouraged to **'Be Strong' and to stand up for**



others if they are being mistreated. This assembly was a conclusion to their week of learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and his impact on history. (Mr. DeMello and grade P-6 students pictured above.)

Ski Day

Fresh snow awaited our arrival at Martock ski hill on Feb. 11. The cars were packed with people and their gear as we began the journey. Upon arrival, everyone lined up to receive their ski/snowboard equipment. Soon all were prepared to have their lesson on the hill; and with a day of skiing/snowboarding ahead of us, we were filled with excitement as we ventured up on the tee-bar. We were given some tips and began to slowly ski/board towards the bottom, making wide turns to show that we had control of our skis/board. After the lessons and tests were completed, a sense of accomplishment and freedom swept over the group. With the permission of our instructors, we were permitted to ski/snowboard on the whole hill, no longer limited to the halfway mark! A good time was had by all the Sandy Lakers who attended!



Skating at the Oval

After exam week, the SLA students enjoyed an afternoon skating at the Emera Oval on Feb. 19. **Although it was freezing cold, the sunshine, fresh air and exercise refreshed everyone's minds after a week of intense studying.** (A few participants pictured below.)



Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day

On February 24, 2016, the students and staff wore pink shirts in support of Pink Shirt Day. Money from each t-shirt sold was donated to the Kids Help Phone charity. It was a reminder for us to daily practice **“The Golden Rule”** from Matthew 7:2 and to teach the students the meaning of the verse **from John 13:34, “As I have loved you, love one another.”** (Ms. Rasmussen and gr 4-6 music class pictured on right.)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 14-18	March Break
March 29	Constituency Meeting
Mar 30-Apr 3	Pine Tree Academy Music Clinic
April 18-22	Spring Week of Prayer
April 25-29	School Spirit Week
June 1	Early Registration Deadline
June 10	Graduation Vespers (7pm)
June 11	Spring Concert
June 12	Graduation (1pm)
June 15	Awards Night (7pm)

Pine Tree Academy Music Clinic

March 30-April 3, SLA students in Grades 9-12 will be participating in the music clinic at Pine Tree Academy. Please pray for the safety of our students and drivers as they travel to Maine for this amazing weekend.

Ways to Stay in Touch:

Website: www.sandylakeacademy.ca

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www.facebook.com/SandyLakeAcademy

Twitter: @SandyLakeAcadmy



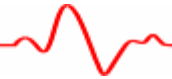
Sandy Lake Academy Offering April 23/16

Sandy Lake Academy will be the recipient of the Maritime Conference Advance offering on April 23.

As the only Seventh-day Adventist school in the Maritimes, Sandy Lake Academy is providing a vital ministry for our youth and their families. Students are immersed in a strong academic program with solid Christian standards and are guided by dedicated Christian teachers and dorm parents.

Your sacrificial giving is crucial to enable Sandy Lake Academy to continue its ministry to our students and their families—daily impacting their lives for Christ. Your generous donations are always welcome and needed. Please give generously!

Thank you. ■



Maritime Conference Sandy Lake Academy Scholarship

The Board of Directors and Administration of the Maritime Conference is pleased to present a new education initiative. The Conference has budgeted an annual amount of \$27,000.00 for scholarships to support Christian education in the Maritimes.

The scholarship will be administered by the Maritime Conference Administrative Committee in consultation with the Maritime Conference Education Superintendent.

Purpose of Scholarship:

To financially support non-Sandy Lake Academy constituent students from Seventh-day Adventist families living in the Maritimes to attend Sandy Lake Academy.

Amount Available:

\$3,000.00 per student per school year for dormitory students.
 \$1,500.00 per student per school year for non-dormitory students.
 (Total available for the combined categories: \$27,000.00)

Qualification:

1. Parents or student must be a member of a Maritime Conference Seventh-day Adventist Church living in the Maritimes.
2. Student must be in grades 9 - 12.
3. Student must maintain an acceptable grade in all subjects.

Disbursement:

The scholarship will be paid on behalf of the student directly to Sandy Lake Academy.

The scholarship will be disbursed in two payments:

- Dormitory students: \$1,500.00 end of January.
- Non-dormitory students: \$750.00 end of January.
- Dormitory students: \$1,500.00 end of June.
- Non-dormitory students: \$750.00 end of June.

Any student who does not attend for the entire term will receive a pro-rated scholarship commensurate with the time period in attendance.

Application:

All applications for the scholarship must be submitted to the Conference by August 15. (Scholarships will be awarded while funds are available up to \$27,000.00)

Maritime Conference Sandy Lake Academy Scholarship Application Form	
School Year Applied For:	
Name of Parents:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	
Church of Membership:	
Name of Student:	
Age:	
Grade:	
Signature of Local Pastor Recommending Student:	



Maritime Conference eSchool (PACeS/WCASC) Scholarship

The Board of Directors and Administration of the Maritime Conference is pleased to present a new education initiative. The Conference has budgeted an annual amount of \$2,000 for **scholarships to support students in the Maritimes who wish to enroll in Alberta's online PACeS program or British Columbia's online WCASC program.**

The scholarship will be administered by the Maritime Conference Administrative Committee in consultation with the Maritime Conference Education Superintendent.

Purpose of Scholarship:

To financially support Maritime students who do not have access to a local Seventh-day Adventist Constituent School and who enroll in the PACeS or WCASC program.

Amount Available:

\$35.00 per student per month for ten months for K-6.

\$50.00 per student per month for ten months for 7-9.

(Total available for the combined categories: \$2,000.00)

Qualification:

1. Parents or student must be a member of a Maritime Conference Seventh-day Adventist Church living in the Maritimes.
2. Student must be in grades K - 9.
3. Student must maintain an acceptable grade in all subjects.

Disbursement:

The scholarship will be paid on behalf of the student directly to PACeS or WCASC.

The scholarship will be disbursed in two payments: January and June

Any student who does not attend for the entire term will receive a pro-rated scholarship commensurate with the time period in attendance.

Application:

All applications for the scholarship must be submitted to the Conference by August 15 of the upcoming school year.

(Scholarships will be awarded while funds are available up to \$2,000.00)

Maritime Conference eSchool (PACeS/WCASC) Scholarship Application Form	
School Year Applied For:	
eSchool Program:	
Name of Parents:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	
Church of Membership:	
Name of Student:	
Age:	
Grade:	
Signature of Local Pastor Recommending Student:	