



## St. Mike's Class of 87 Reunion

"Hope to see you there!"

If you have not contacted us, let us know if you are a YES, NO or MAYBE.

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If you are a NO, please consider emailing us a "sorry I can't make it" article/bio for the newsletter.

If you are a MAYBE, then you are considering it! Whoo Hoo! ☺ We are going to have a fun time with lots of laughs! Keep reading the newsletters and we are sure you will change your answer to YES!

If you are a YES, then get started! Here is a list of things to do:

- Book vacation time – *July 13, 2012 – July 15, 2012 are the dates for the reunion.*
- Book your flight
- Book a hotel room (*or contact someone living in GFW you know and ask them if you can crash at their house!*)
- Start looking for an *80's T-Shirt* for the meet and greet (*see July's newsletter*)!
- Surveys:* Fill out the survey to let us know what you are planning to attend and how many will be attending. Most of the alternative activities' providers have been booked and space is limited.
- Facebook:* If you are facebook, we have a group and reunion events created. If you have not checked either of these out, please do so asap! Start sharing stories and creating a buzz about next summer! Come on... I know you have a story about one of our teachers! Mine – Brother Slattery's one hour lecture on how society has gone to the dogs because we all eat out of cardboard boxes with plastic forks! Hmmm... that has me craving a mini wedge with the gravy and wieners from Hiscocks! ☺
- Deposits:* We have stalled on trying to get the bank account open. We have to consider the service charges associated with having an account setup and all of the treasury have to be present to sign the papers to open it. Ignore the 'end of August' deadline in the July's newsletter. This may not be setup until the fall.
- Start growing your hair out. ☺ We want Mullets and Big Hair on the dance floor! LOL Just kidding! But, it would make for some great photos!
- Gather up any *memorabilia* you have from high school. We are hoping to have some to display at the meet and greet.
- Scan any *photos* you have from high school! Email them to us. We can incorporate them into the newsletters and also use them in a slide show at the reunion events.

That's all for now!



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## Progress so far...

The dates are set.  
The venues are booked.  
The hardest part is the waiting!

The Activities Survey only had 39 people complete it.

Only one more in a whole month!  
Don't be on Kelly's hit list - get it filled out asap. 😊

We are trying to finalize bookings and make arrangements for the alternative activities and memorabilia.

Here is the link: [Activities Survey](#)



## The halls we walked...

Our earlier years were spent in two separate schools. Some of us attended NDA (sorry - no picture of our first school - it was tore down a few years back), while others attended St. Francis. We all wore uniforms, said our prayers each morning, celebrated the sacraments as we grew, hung out in the corridors, looked forward to gym and recess, developed crushes on our classmates, wished for a snow day, counted down the days before Christmas break and Summer vacations, and daydreamed as we looked out the windows! The simpler days of our childhood still echo in our minds.

Even though we all dreaded it, we all still enjoyed the first day back in September! We got to see our classmates and talk about our summers. The classrooms were spotless and the chalkboard seemed brand new. The excitement (or fear) of meeting our new teachers and seeing who was in our class, outweighed the loss of freedom from those warm summer days.

Do you remember the first day of Grade 12?

We were finally seniors and we ruled the school!  
At last, we truly owned the sacred senior side and those steps were finally ours! 😊  
Who can you picture sitting on those steps?  
Is that Mr. Barry looking out his window?



## Our “weekend” hiking trails:

At least once in your time in high school, you must have walked one of these “trails” or one very similar. Deadman’s Rock, 63 Trail, Louie John Trail, The River Bank, St. Catherine’s, etc... seemed to be the unofficial meeting places on Friday nights (especially if there was a Stadium Dance that night!).

I have “vague” memories of a few Eagles’ tunes that would be belted out by a select few on a regular basis. ☺ Somehow, we all sounded in tune after a few “sodas”!

Sean suggested we have an “official trail crawl” as part of the reunion! Maybe Sean and Tom can start working on that! ☺



## How many Saturdays did we spend at the mall?



Ahhh... the smell of a plate of Chuckwagon fries and gravy, the sounds of the pinball games, the electronic buzzes of the video games... How many quarters did we spend at the Arcade?!?! For us ladies – it was a thrill of having some money to buy a new pair of pinstripe jeans at Country Casuals! We would hang out to chat about the night before and laugh of our antics as we made plans for the next night. The fun days of our misspent youth!

## How many nights did we hang out on High Street?



Even though the street looks different, I am sure those pictures can conjure up memories. The Popular Theatre was the spot to go watch a movie while hoping to see your crush sitting close by (and of course Jerry walking up and down the aisles with his flashlight!). Sears’ covered porches offered us shelter from the weather (how many of us did the optical illusion trick with those windows?). Sneaking up on the Coop’s roof to spy on everyone below (or even throw snowballs on those cold winter nights!). Sitting on the rails over by the Bank of Montreal watching the cars drive by wondering if they would stop to pick up the hitchhikers trying to get out to the pool hall in Windsor. Walking down to King’s to buy a bag of chips and a drink. Watching someone pull a wheelie on their bikes as they cat walked down the road. Hearing the squeals of tires as someone decided it was time to do doughnuts around the dummy.

I can just picture Kelly, Tonya and Denise walking down the sidewalk wearing their black leather jackets, white sneakers and skinny leg jeans!



## Classmate Bio – Catherine Griffin

Hello fellow classmates.

It is so strange to be writing about myself to all of you who mostly know me as an 18 year old. Anyway, here are my most important highlights of the last 20 something years in point form for your consumption.

The St John's Years: Had a ball at MUN. Loved St John's and still do. I loved living by the ocean. It gets in your blood. Grew up (mostly) along the way and completed degrees in Arts and Education in 1994. Did a stint of teaching at many wonderful high schools in St Johns and enjoyed every minute of it. Quebec and Beyond: Left the rock with a tear in my eye in 1999 to spend some time in Quebec City where I had a great experience as an ESL teacher. Yes, I taught them the NL accent! Then I was off to Fort Knox Kentucky in the winter of 2000 and did some volunteer ESL work there too. Next stop in summer of 2000 was NB and lived in Oromocto and did some substitute teaching here and enjoyed the great outdoors. It was here I took up running.

Moved to Ottawa in May of 2001 for a 3 month job and I'm still here. I love Ottawa!!! One of the things I didn't mention was that I stayed active as an officer with the Cadet Program all these years. In the fall of 2001 I began working at the Directorate of Cadets; my position is officially called Educational Outreach Officer, and I get paid for learning about youth. I have the greatest job and I can't believe someone pays me to do it.

I also happened to do some more running and have participated in several 5 and 10 km races here in Ottawa. Hope to run in the Tely 10 in St John's someday. Had the opportunity to do some Travel too: Bosnia-Herzegovina, England, France, Italy, Sweden, California, Cuba, Mexico and our great north as well.

Saved the best for last - I met the man of my dreams, Igor Papic, in 2003 and we had our sweet daughter Sonya in October of 2008. We officially tied the knot after years of engagement on July 6, 2011. And my dad just turned 75 last year and is doing fine. Life is good and I couldn't be happier!!

Look forward to seeing you all next summer and reading your bios!!!

Cate Griffin-Papic (pronounced pap-itch)



## Classmate Bio – Jennifer Kelly



Hi Everyone,

The last 25 years has been quite a rollercoaster for me. I've wandered both coasts from Newfoundland to Vancouver with the nation's capital in between with my 16 year old daughter Alicia in tow. When I left high school I admit I had some pretty out of this world aspirations – I secretly planned to dethrone Mary Hart and take over Entertainment Tonight! Well the real world had other plans for me and yet my life still ended up pretty entertaining! I gave up journalism to keep my creative writing creative –doing that for myself these days saving my novel for my eventual retirement. ☺

My day job became health care – from the business side. I work with the London Mental Health Crisis London, which keeps me very, very busy. On the personal side, my daughter is freaking me out and heading into Grade 12 in the fall, talking college and life plans – and bringing back so many memories of my own last Grade 12 with all of you!! So amazing to think how the years have passed and so great to look forward to seeing all of you again!!!!

Cheers, Jen

## Room 301



This was shared with me from a classmate. If any of you have Rooms 302 and 303 - scan it and send it via email! How did those four boys survive with all of us girls!

*Tina Dean, Carolyn Howse, Judy Penney, Brother Slattery, Pete Anstey, Carla Pittman, Lori Burke, Lori Saunders, Sharlene LeFrense, Paula Lyver, Chuck Bennett, Cathy Paddick, Roxanne Bouzanne, Kim Bowers, Andrew Blackmore, JoAnne Parsons, Bern Antle, Teena Bishop, Kelly Paddick, Melinda Walsh.*



## Twillingate Adventure Tours

We have the M.V. Daybreak booked for the boat trip! Become enthralled as Captain Perry Young introduces you to wildlife watching, unbelievable photo opportunities and narrated tours.

Sing Newfoundland songs with local musicians or step dance to a Newfoundland jig! This fully equipped 55-foot boat is powered by two 165 hp diesel engines can accommodate 40 people.

Grab your camera and head out on the ocean. You will have so many opportunities to capture beautiful coastal imagery or just to relax and smell the salty air. Located in the heart of iceberg alley, Twillingate Adventure Tours will introduce you to Icebergs, Whales, Sunsets and many other spectacular views that the beautiful island of Twillingate has to offer. Humpbacks or minkes? Murres or Puffins? They are all out there - just jump on board!

The tour will be \$30 + HST per person. The participants will have to make their way to Twillingate (approximately 1.5 hours from GFW) for the trip on June 15<sup>th</sup> departing at 1 p.m. and returning at 3 p.m.

We will try to organize carpooling between those of you involved in the trip.



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