OUR REPORT CARD 2025-26

Our Mission

Our school seeks the excellence in all of us, with passion and compassion. We are a community shaped by the pursuit of truth and goodness, providing outstanding preparation for life.

Our Vision

To learn,
to lead,
to serve.

Our Values

Respect
Courage
Honesty
Service

Rowing training on the Gorge in Spring 2026, with the SMUS Rowing Centre in the background.

Territory Acknowledgement

One of our Core Values of St. Michaels University School is respect. With this in mind, we acknowledge that our school rests in the heart of Straits Salish territory, a living culture with its own rites, ceremonies, and unfolding history. We honour the Esquimalt, Songhees, and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples – whose homelands we share and whom we recognize as our neighbours.

Message from the Head of School

A little more than a year ago, as I prepared to begin my role as Head of School, I wrote about the journey that brought my family and me across the country to join the St. Michaels University School community. I reflected on how a place is never fully revealed all at once, but emerges gradually through its people, experiences and the many stories that give it character.

Having now completed my first full academic year, I have a much deeper appreciation for what makes SMUS such a remarkable place. And while I still have much to learn, I begin this next chapter with an even greater sense of gratitude, purpose and excitement for what lies ahead.

Throughout the year, I have had the privilege of spending time in classrooms, on playing fields, in theatres and studios, in boarding houses and at gatherings across our community. I've witnessed extraordinary achievements, but equally memorable have been the quieter moments: a teacher encouraging a student to try something new, a conversation that challenges an assumption, or the simple kindness that makes someone feel they belong.

These moments reveal something important about the school. Our strength lies not simply in the breadth and quality of our programs, or the accomplishments of our students, but in the people, relationships and culture that make those experiences possible.

At the beginning of last year, I spoke to our students about some of the things I believe in: the importance of balance, relationships, belonging and, above all, our responsibility to students and their future. As the year unfolded, I saw those beliefs reflected in countless ways across our three schools.

This year also offered an extraordinary opportunity to listen and learn. Through our Review and Refresh of Floreat 2030, more than a thousand comments, ideas and aspirations emerged from conversations and workshops with students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni and governors. What struck me most was not how different people's perspectives were, but how often they returned to the same themes: the strength of our community, the dedication of our people, the breadth of opportunities available to students, and a shared commitment to their future.

Those conversations reinforced something fundamental about our educational purpose. We believe in strong academic foundations, in educating the whole child, and in helping young people develop not only what they know, but who they are, what they value and how they will use what they learn.

They reminded me that what we believe shapes what we build.

As we look ahead, our responsibility is to build on the strengths of this remarkable school while continuing to imagine what our students will need in the years to come. A changing world calls for young people who can think critically, exercise sound judgement, engage with different perspectives, adapt to new challenges and contribute with confidence and compassion. Our task is not simply to prepare students for the world as it is today, but to give them the foundations, experiences and opportunities to help shape the world they will inherit.

In last year's Report Card, I posed a question: What does excellence look like today? After a year of getting to know this school, I believe that question is as important as ever. Excellence is reflected in achievement, certainly, but also in character, curiosity, compassion and the confidence to contribute meaningfully to the world around us.

As I reflect on 2025-26, I am deeply grateful to our students, whose energy and aspirations give this school its purpose; to our exceptional faculty and staff, whose care and commitment shape the student experience every day; and to the families, alumni, volunteers, governors and friends who contribute so generously to our community.

The year captured in this Report Card gives us much to celebrate. It also reminds us that the strength of a school is measured not only by what it accomplishes today, but by the possibilities it creates for tomorrow.

And what we build together today will help shape not only the futures of our students, but the world they will one day lead and serve.

Vivat!

Dr. Jeff Aitken
Head of School

Message from the Chair of the Board of Governors

The 2025-26 school year has been an important one for St. Michaels University School. We welcomed Dr. Jeff Aitken as our new Head of School, celebrated another year of student accomplishments, and advanced several priorities that will influence the school's direction over the coming years.

Jeff joined us in July, moving into Reynolds House with his wife Mariana and their sons, Nico and Alex. We were also delighted to welcome Alex as a student, who will graduate with the Class of 2027. Jeff has brought tremendous energy to his role, spending much of his first year listening to and learning from our community, including meeting with students, faculty, staff, parents and others as part of the Floreat strategic plan refresh. He has also travelled extensively, meeting alumni and donors around the world. I have appreciated his willingness to listen, ask questions and learn about our school before determining where we should go next. It has been a pleasure working with him.

Our students continue to distinguish themselves in academics, athletics, arts, leadership and service. The Class of 2026 included 156 graduates who received 760 university offers from 158 institutions across 10 countries, along with more than $3 million in scholarship offers. These results reflect the hard work of our students and the support of our faculty, staff and University Counselling team. We also provided $2.8 million in financial aid and staff bursaries, supporting approximately 20% of our students and helping make a SMUS education accessible to more families. I would also like to recognize the Vivat Foundation for their careful management of our endowed funds, which provide an important source of financial aid for our students.

For the Board of Governors, our work focused on supporting the transition to new leadership while advancing several important priorities. We oversaw the completion of the Middle School Considine Annex, undertook a comprehensive financial sustainability review, and initiated planning for a new science facility at our Richmond Road Campus. We also received the results of our CAIS accreditation, which recognized many of our school's strengths while identifying opportunities for improvement that we will address over the coming months. Alongside these initiatives, we continued to strengthen our governance practices and how we work together as a Board. All of this work is important to ensuring the long-term strength and sustainability of SMUS.

We reached the midpoint of our Floreat 2020-2030 strategic plan this year, giving us an opportunity to consider what has been accomplished, what has changed, and where we should focus over the next five years. We also continued to strengthen our relationships with local Indigenous communities, guided by the knowledge and generosity of the Elders who have become an important part of our school community. This year, we were saddened by the passing of Dr. Skip Dick of the Songhees Nation, who shared his wisdom and guidance with SMUS for seven years. We are grateful for his friendship and contributions to our school, and for the continued guidance of our Elders, Bill White, Dr. Kim Recalma-Clutesi, and Jo-Ina Young, who help us honour our commitments to Indigenous connections and reconciliation.

One of the things I value most about SMUS is the strength of its community and the willingness of so many people to contribute. My thanks to John Ellis and the Parents' Auxiliary, and Neil Mulholland and the SMUS Alumni Association, for their leadership and the countless volunteer hours that make a difference to our school. I am equally grateful to our faculty, staff and Senior Leadership Team for all they do for our students and families. This year, we were pleased to recognize four colleagues who have each dedicated 25 years to SMUS: Becky Anderson, Eliot Anderson, Cathy Beglau and Jolanta Robertson. Their years of service reflect the commitment and continuity that make our school such a special place. We also bid farewell to Denise Lamarche, Director of Academics, with sincere appreciation for her many contributions to SMUS.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank retiring Governor Shannon Hill for her service, experience, calm and thoughtful contributions to our board and committee work. We are pleased that Dr. Fiona Donald '82, Elisa Djurickovic, Matthew Howard and David Kim '05 will serve another term. I also want to thank my fellow Governors and our Advisory Board Members for the time, expertise and perspectives they bring to our work, and for their continued commitment to SMUS.

As we look ahead, there is much to be excited about and important work still to do. Our responsibility as Governors is to look beyond the immediate needs of today and make thoughtful decisions that will serve our students and our school for years to come. With Jeff's leadership and the continued commitment of our community, I am confident in our ability to do just that. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another successful year at SMUS. It is a privilege to serve as Chair of the Board of Governors.

Vivat!

Shelly Berlin
Chair, Board of Governors

Admissions

Recruitment and Enrolment Year Summary for 2025-26

The 2026-27 school year opened with an enrolment of 1,063 students, a 3% increase over 2025. This achievement reflects the collective efforts of all areas of the school and the dedicated commitment to ensuring a full and vibrant student community by the SMUS Admissions team.

Exceptional day student retention of 97% highlights SMUS's strong standing as the leading school in Victoria, with 829 students returning. This year, we welcomed 233 new students; Notably, and highly encouraging is the admissions of new boarders which increased by 10% from 2025.

There was a noticeable level of increased interest in the Middle School, and continued demand for Grade 9. Junior Kindergarten was strong again this year. Key entry years continue to draw solid applications.

The tuition assistance program, that incudes financial aid, scholarships and staff discount reached $3.1 million, reflecting a slight increase over last year. Ensuring finances is not a barrier, all families, in all grades, day and boarding are able to apply for financial aid.

SMUS is both a Day School and a Boarding School

Alongside SMUS's long-standing position as a Day School, this year also marks the school's 120th year as a Boarding School. The advantages of an urban setting and learning alongside mostly Canadian students has a broad global appeal. Conversely, local students benefit from the diversity and globalism that boarding students bring to the classroom and all areas of student life.

Director of Admissions Alexis Lunn at the North American Boarding Schools Workshop where top Canadian and American Boarding Schools meet with Educational consultants representing over 20 countries.

From left: Linda Vanderdonck, Michelle Butler '97, Alison Philips '09, Samantha Hennings '08 and Davis Wilson '97 get together in the Cayman Islands.

Key Enrolment and Demographic:

- Record Total Enrolment: Opened the 2026–27 school year with a total enrolment of 1,063 students, reflecting a 3% increase over 2025.
- K to 12 Enrolment Growth: Overall K–12 enrolment grew to 1,040 students in 2026, up from 1,028 in 2025 and 1,017 in 2024. Day enrolment has increased by 14% over the last ten years.
- New Students: Welcomed 233 new students overall, exceeding the day student target and coming within a hairbreadth of the boarding target.
- Retention Rate: Maintained a 97% retention rate for day students, with 829 returning students.
- Gender Demographics: Applicant interest shifted from female-dominated in previous years to male-dominated in 2026–27.

Boarding and Global Diversity:

- 120th Anniversary: 2026 marks SMUS's 120th year as a boarding school, standing as the oldest boarding school in Western Canada and among Canada's largest boarding schools.
- New Boarder Growth: Admitted 114 new boarding students, a 10% increase compared to 2025.
- Global Footprint: Forty nationalities on campus, with newly represented countries in boarding including Norway and Angola. We are also aware that many students hold multiple nationalities.

Tuition Assistance and Community Connection:

- Financial Assistance: Awarded $3.1 million in total tuition assistance (including financial aid, scholarships, and staff discounts), showing a slight increase over last year. Financial aid remains accessible to all families across all grades (day and boarding).
- Alumni Legacy: 139 students have at least one alumni parent, and 13 students have two alumni parents.
- Faculty/Staff Families: 58 students are children of current SMUS staff and faculty members.

Market Demand & Areas of Growth:

- Strong Demand: Noticeable surge in interest for the Middle School, alongside continued high demand for Grade 9 and Junior Kindergarten entry points.
- Market Position: Overall application volume, offers, acceptances, and yield rates affirm a strong market position and robust student demand for both day and boarding placements.

Summary of Students for 2026-27

229
JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

219
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

616
SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

SMUS alumni Minori Ozuki '18 and Yuriko Ishikawa '25 meet with interested students at the Study in Canada fair, Tokyo.

Junior Kindergarten students celebrate the first day of school.

Learning and Achievement

The following list provides a summary of various highlights across our academic program in relation to strategic priorities and student success for 2025-26.

Highlights

- The Junior School is leading the way in diagnostic testing to screen, assess and monitor literacy growth from Kindergarten to Grade 5. Termly benchmarks in reading fluency and comprehension, phonemic awareness and writing inform instruction and interventions.
- Approximately 30 students in Grades 4 and 5 participated in the Fibonacci and Math League contests. Two earned Canadian champion honours, including one for the second consecutive year, reflecting opportunities to challenge and extend students' mathematical learning.
- Fully integrated into the Junior School program, outdoor education connects science and social studies with Indigenous ways of knowing. Half-day outings, weekly in primary grades and on alternate weeks in intermediate grades, build a sense of place, environmental stewardship and outdoor skills.
- Building on Grade 3 Genius Hour, Grade 4 students directed their own inquiries through passion-based learning. Projects ranging from model airplanes and robotics to smoothie recipe books and the human brain developed agency, curiosity and independence, with findings presented to peers and parents.
- Junior and Middle School faculty strengthened their approaches to executive functioning through professional learning with external experts. Quiet corners and shared language support regulation in Junior School, while consistent routines and rubrics help Middle School students develop independence and track progress.
- Strong results on the Grade 4 and 7 Foundation Skills Assessments place SMUS as the top-ranked school in BC, demonstrating the literacy and numeracy foundations supported by the school's balanced approach.
- Métis Elder Jo-Ina Young shared her knowledge, experiences and perspectives with Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 3, 4, 6 and 7. Stories featuring her puppet Rosie engaged younger learners, while older students explored traditional activities through a Métis Games event.
- Middle School students applied science and engineering through hands-on design challenges. Grade 7 and 8 students built Rube Goldberg machines, while Grade 6 students designed, tested and refined race cars using Newton's laws of motion, developing collaboration, problem-solving and perseverance.
- All Middle School students participated in the SMUS Science Fair, with almost 50 advancing to regional competition. SMUS students also qualified for the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Edmonton through projects on galaxy mergers, an autonomous beach-cleaning vehicle and a Bluetooth medication dispenser, placing second, third and fourth regionally, respectively.
- Grade 8 students investigated British Columbia's history through photographs, newspaper articles and interviews, exploring Chinese immigration, the Great Fire and the 1907 Anti-Asian Riot. Presenting their research at the Royal BC Museum connected classroom learning with a public audience.
- Grade 7 students combined literacy, social studies, creativity and presentation skills in the Create Your Own Civilization project. They designed societies, cultures and systems, then shared their civilizations with parents and guests.
- One Grade 8 student placed in the top 1% of American Mathematics Competition 8 participants, while three others placed in the top 5%.
- The Class of 2026, comprising 157 students, earned 825 university acceptances and more than $4.5 million in scholarship offers. Among the graduating class, 58 students earned AP Scholar recognition.
- Senior School students achieved strong AP results, averaging 4.2 across 544 exams, with 97.3% scoring 3, 4 or 5 on the five-point scale.
- The Grade 10 Experiential Program brought English First Peoples 10, Social Studies 10 and Art 10 into outdoor settings while developing outdoor skills. Alongside this, Grade 10 STEAM students connected science, physics and engineering by designing and creating prosthetic devices in partnership with the Victoria Hand Project.
- A team of 15 Senior School students competed against 80 BC schools at the UBC Physics Olympics, placing seventh for their pole-climber engineering design and ninth in the buoyancy lab. Tours of TRIUMF and the Quantum Matter Institute introduced students to cutting-edge research.
- Three SMUS students earned perfect scores on the Grade 11 Fermat Mathematics Contest, placing the school equal first in Canada. SMUS also ranked among BC's top 10 in the CLMC, CIMC, Cayley and Euclid contests, while two students qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination.
- All three Senior School jazz ensembles earned gold at the West Coast Jazz Festival in Nanaimo, securing invitations to the 2027 MusicFest Canada Nationals.
- A Senior School student was selected for the UNICEF Youth Advocate Program, one of only two young people in BC to earn the distinction. Approximately 30 students were chosen from more than 1,000 applicants nationwide to advocate for children's rights.
- Senior School land-based learning connected mathematicsand science with First Peoples Principles of Learning. Foundations of Mathematics 12 students explored colonization's impact on Indigenous root gardens through data regressions; Pre-Calculus 12 students modelled tides while studying clam gardens; and Chemistry 12 students harvested fir tips for tea and vitamin C titration.
- Senior School faculty worked with award-winning author and educational consultant Katie White to strengthen competency-based teaching and learning, advancing one of SMUS's academic strategic goals.
- Grade 9 students developed personal skills, explored their values and learned stress-management strategies through six interactive sessions and a full-day retreat in the Personal Skills Program. Learning Resources seminars complemented this work with organization techniques, effective study strategies and practical classroom skills.
- Grade 9 and 10 students participated in customized, age-appropriate anti-racism workshops delivered by facilitators from Coastal Research, Education, and Advocacy Network (CREAN).

Advanced Placement Results

Percentage of SMUS AP Students with Scores of 3+ (5-year trend)

School Year	Percentage
2025-26	**97%**
2024-25	97%
2023-24	95%
2022-23	96%
2021-22	96%

AP Capstone Historical Data

School Year	Diplomas	Certificates
2025-26	**11**	**10**
2024-25	12	9
2023-24	10	11
2022-23	10	6
2021-22	10	14

AP HONOR ROLL GOLD

4.2

The average AP score of SMUS students in 2026

CollegeBoard AP

AP Scholar Historical Data

School Year	Scholars	Average Score
2025-26	**123**	**4.36**
2024-25	130	4.50
2023-24	126	4.30
2022-23	113	4.26
2021-22	119	4.25

Number of SMUS students writing at least one AP exam	**255**
Total number of exams taken by SMUS students	**544**
SMUS AP Scholars with an exam average of 4.50 *(Students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams)*	**123**
Percentage of SMUS students writing at least one AP exam with a score of 3 or higher	**97.25%**
Percentage of exams scoring a 4 or 5 *(the top grade)*	**81%**

University Acceptances | Class of 2026

Canada	A	B
Alberta		
Mount Royal University	3	-
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology	1	-
Red Deer College	1	-
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology	1	-
University of Alberta	32	1
University of Calgary	18	2
British Columbia		
Camosun College	8	3
Capilano University	1	-
Douglas College	1	-
Emily Carr University of Art and Design	1	-
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	2	-
Langara College	2	1
Okanagan College	1	-
Simon Fraser University	13	1
The University of British Columbia	61	28
The University of British Columbia-Okanagan	7	1
Thompson Rivers University	2	-
University of Victoria	63	19
Vancouver Community College	1	-
New Brunswick		
Mount Allison University	5	1
University of New Brunswick	1	-
Newfoundland		
Memorial University of Newfoundland	1	-
Nova Scotia		
Acadia University	1	-
Dalhousie University	9	1
St. Francis Xavier University	1	-
University of King's College	1	1

Canada	A	B
Ontario		
Brock University	4	-
Carleton University	7	-
Humber College	1	-
Huron University College at Western	3	1
King's University College at Western University	2	-
Lakehead University	1	-
McMaster University	20	1
OCAD University	1	-
Queen's University	38	8
Sheridan College	1	1
St. Jerome's University	1	-
Toronto Metropolitan University	6	1
Trent University	6	2
Trinity Western University	1	-
University of Guelph	4	-
University of Ottawa	3	-
University of Toronto	51	11
University of Toronto-Mississauga	4	-
University of Toronto-Scarborough	4	-
University of Waterloo	9	6
Western University	34	5
York University	3	-
Quebec		
Bishop's University	3	-
Concordia University	2	-
McGill University	21	6
Saskatchewan		
University of Saskatchewan	1	-

United Kingdom	A	B
City St. George's, University of London	2	-
Durham University	3	-
ESCP Business School	1	-
European School of Economics London	1	-
Imperial College London	1	1
King's College London, University of London	8	3
London School of Economics and Political Science	1	1
The University of Edinburgh	8	1
University College London	2	1
University of Bath	1	-
University of Birmingham	4	-
University of Bristol	2	1
University of Exeter	3	-
University of Glasgow	1	-
University of Manchester	2	2
University of Nottingham	1	-
University of Sheffield	1	-
University of St Andrews	2	-
University of the Arts London	1	-
University of the West of England, Bristol	1	-
University of Warwick	3	-

156
Number of graduates

649
Total university acceptances

60+
Universities worldwide visit SMUS annually

United States	A	B
Boston University	1	1
California Institute of Technology	1	1
Chapman University	2	-
Colorado College	1	-
Columbia University	1	1
Cornell University	1	1
Davidson College	1	-
Denison University	1	-
Dickinson College	1	-
Duke University	1	1
Emory University	1	-
Fordham University	1	-
Georgia Institute of Technology	1	1
Hawaii Pacific University	1	-
Johns Hopkins University	1	1
Kenyon College	1	-
Lafayette College	1	-
Lewis & Clark College	1	-
Loyola Marymount University	1	1
Michigan State University	1	-
Minerva University	1	-
New York University	7	5
North Carolina State University at Raleigh	1	-
Northeastern University	5	1
Northwestern University	1	-
Occidental College	2	2
Ohio State University	2	1
Pratt Institute	1	1
Rice University	1	-
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	2	-
San Diego State University	1	-
Santa Clara University	1	-
Seattle University	1	-

United States	A	B
Stanford University	1	1
Stony Brook University	1	-
Temple University	1	-
The Pennsylvania State University	3	-
University of California-Davis	6	-
University of California-Irvine	5	-
University of California-Los Angeles	4	1
University of California-Merced	1	-
University of California-Riverside	2	-
University of California-San Diego	4	1
University of California-Santa Barbara	5	-
University of California-Santa Cruz	3	1
University of Hawaii at Manoa	2	-
University of Illinois Urbana -Champaign	1	-
University of Massachusetts-Amherst	1	-
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	2	-
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	2	-
University of Oregon	1	1
University of San Diego	2	-
University of San Francisco	1	-
University of Southern California	2	-
University of Washington	3	1
University of Washington - Bothell Campus	1	-
University of Washington - Seattle Campus	2	-
University of Wisconsin-Madison	2	-
Washington State University	1	-
Washington University In St Louis	2	1
Wesleyan University	1	-
Western Washington University	2	-
Whitman College	1	-

International	A	B
Anáhuac University Mayab	1	1
Griffith University	1	1
Peking University	1	1
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	1	1
Temple University, Japan Campus	2	2
The University of Queensland	2	1
The University of Sydney	3	1
Trinity College Dublin	1	-
Universidad Iberoamericana	1	1
University of Amsterdam	1	1
University of Melbourne	5	2

A - Number of Acceptances

B - Number of Students Attending

$4,601,239

Total amount of scholarships offered to 2026 graduates

56%

Percentage of graduates who earned scholarships

Athletics

The 2025-26 season has been an emotional journey, moving from the pure jubilation of victory to the inevitable lessons of disappointment. Our prowess was evident as we captured seven City and five Island Titles, qualifying 12 teams for BC Championships. Highlights include the gold-medal-winning Golf team and bronze-medal-winning Senior Girls Basketball program. We also celebrate individual podium finishes at Track & Field: Seb Allard earned silver in Senior Boys shot put, while Will Hamilton earned bronze in the junior boys 300 m hurdles and William Low secured bronze in the Junior Boys high jump. At the CSSRA Regatta, the SMUS Crew reached eight finals and earned five medals, including bronze in the Senior Women's Coxed 4 and Pair, the Junior Women's Coxed 4, and the Mixed Quad. A special congratulations goes to the gold-medal Junior Women's 8!

SMUS ATHLETICS

Summary of Team Performances for Term 1 Athletics

Team	City Placement	Island Placement	BC Placement
Senior Boys Volleyball (AA)	3rd	5th	DNQ
Junior Boys Volleyball	6th	DNQ	-
Senior Girls Volleyball (AAA)	4th	DNQ	DNQ
Junior Girls Volleyball	7th	DNQ	-
Junior Girls Dev Volleyball	-	-	-
Senior Boys Soccer (AA)	1st	4th	DNQ
Boys Dev Soccer	-	-	-
Junior Boys Soccer	4th	DNQ	-
Senior Girls Field Hockey (AA)	1st	1st	9th
Girls Dev Field Hockey (Div 2)	-	-	-
Grade 9 Boys Rugby	-	-	-
Cross Country (AA)	-	Senior Boys - 2nd Senior Girls - 5th Junior Girls - 6th	Senior Boys - 7th Junior Girls - 26th
Rowing (Fall)	-	-	-
Squash (Tiers A, B, C)	-	-	-

Summary of Team Performances for Term 2 Athletics

Team	City Placement	Island Placement	BC Placement
Senior Boys Basketball (AA)	2nd	2nd	12th
Junior Boys Basketball	2nd	5th	DNQ
Grade 9 Boys Basketball	1st	1st	10th
Senior Girls Basketball (AAA)	1st	1st	3rd
Junior Girls Basketball	1st	1st	10th
Junior Girls Dev Basketball (Tier 2)	3rd	-	-

Student-athletes were highlighted for their individual and team accomplishments at the 33rd Annual Athletic Awards Banquet.

All five Blue Jags shot in the 70s in their final round to give SMUS its first AA Provincial Championship in golf.

Summary of Team Performances for Term 3 Athletics

Team	City Placement	Island Placement	BC Placement
Senior Boys Rugby (AAA)	3rd	4th	DNQ
Junior Boys Rugby	2nd	4th	9th
Senior Girls Rugby 7s (Tier 2)	-	-	-
Senior Girls Soccer (AAA)	5th	5th-8th	DNQ
Junior Girls Soccer	5th	DNQ	-
Boys Tennis	1st	2nd	7th
Girls Tennis	5th	DNQ	DNQ
Boys Badminton	3rd	3rd	14th
Girls Badminton	1st	2nd	14th
Track and Field	-	-	2nd - SB shot put 3rd - JB high jump 3rd - JB 300m hurdles 8th - SB 4 x 400 m relay (19 athletes total)
Golf	-	1st	1st
Rowing (Spring)	-	-	5 medals at CSSRAs (4 bronze, 1 gold - JG lightweight 8)
Sailing	1st - SMUS 1 4th - SMUS 2	-	-

Alumni Engagement

Highlights, Activities and Events of 2025-26

MENTORSHIP

Our Alumni Mentorship Program (AMP) is a commitment from the school to provide meaningful school community connections for life. With close to 6,000 connected alumni working in myriad careers around the world, AMP makes it possible for members to connect with one another to support professional development, and amplify their networks and success. Facilitated through SMUS Connect, we currently have more than 1,300 alumni who have indicated they are willing to help by participating as a potential mentor. As part of the BC Grade 10-12 Career Education curriculum, there is a mandatory mentorship component. Building on the successful roll out last year, we introduced SMUS Connect as the tool to access AMP and presented to our newest Grade 12 students on how to engage with our alumni community who are willing to act as mentors.

FOUNDERS AND BENEFACTORS DINNER

We had the pleasure of welcoming members of our community back to campus to host our annual Founders and Benefactors Dinner. This event holds a longstanding tradition of recognizing and celebrating the philanthropic contributions of individuals in our community who actively support financial aid and endowment. It serves as an opportunity to bring everyone together with the current students who directly benefit from their generosity. The occasion consistently showcases remarkable speeches from both donors and recipients, shedding light on the profound impact of a SMUS education and the life-changing effect of financial aid. Our 2025 event proved no different, with St. Michaels University School alumni and current parents Dr. Amyrose McCue-Gill '96 and Dr. Patrick Gill '97 reflecting on their lifelong connection to SMUS, one that now spans three generations.

HERITAGE WALK ALUMNI BRICKS

We continue to build on our Heritage Walk brick initiative in support of financial aid. This year, we added bricks for alumni spanning several decades, as well as tribute bricks for some who have passed away, to commemorate their connection with SMUS. As a result of sales, we added $24,405 to our Financial Aid fund.

SMUS CONNECT

With the addition of our Grade 10-12 students and current parents, we continue to see a surge of participation on our SMUS Connect platform. In the 2025-26 school year, we have seen our membership grow to more than 2,300 registered users. The scope of this SMUS-exclusive networking tool continues to broaden and remains a valuable resource for our community members to find and reminisce with fellow classmates, give back through mentorship and business opportunities, connect with other parents, and share updates and events happening all around the world.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The average monthly readership for 2025-26 is 28%, a 1% increase over the previous year, with a strong indication of interest in our current school activities, programs and student experience. This communications tool is a trusted vehicle for Advancement, Admissions, and Alumni-specific messaging and will continue to evolve as we focus on feedback from our alumni community.

ALUMNI RECEPTIONS AND EVENTS

- **Regional Receptions**
  We were pleased to be able to host receptions around the globe again this year. We held receptions in London, Toronto, New York, Victoria, Vancouver, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul, Seattle and Portland.
- **Alumni Weekend**
  We were thrilled to welcome our community to campus to celebrate our school. We welcomed more than 800 alumni and guests back to campus for this three-day event where alumni, students, staff and faculty (past and present), parents and friends of SMUS gathered to show that our school ties are as strong as ever and continue growing stronger every year. All the different aspects of the weekend contributed to this being a successful, inclusive whole SMUS community event. The Milestone Reunion Banquet was run as a ticketed event this year with sales in the amount of $7,230 (inclusive of additional donations to the Alumni Endowment fund).

SMUS Alumni Association Report

The Alumni Association's Board of Directors is made up of alumni volunteers who represent alumni interests and seek to conserve the school's heritage. The Alumni Association is a separate society with its own constitution and works independently of, but in collaboration with, the school's administration, departments, and boards.

Your SMUS Alumni Association recently hosted their AGM via Zoom in May, 2026. Thank you to those who attended and participated in the discussions and decisions. This year, we said good-bye and thank you to Tye Spicer '98 for his valuable time on the board. After a vote, William Cunningham '77 retained his seat and we welcomed Katelyn Bauer '11 as a new director, each for a 3-year term.

Alumni Relations Office at SMUS

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Denise Rees, *Alumni Relations Officer*
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2025-26 SMUS Alumni Association Directors

The SMUSAA is led by a volunteer Board.

Neil Mulholland '88,
President

Samantha Stone '87,
Past President

Jed (Jason) Dearborn '90,
Vice-Chair

Henry Frew '78,
Treasurer

Ann Behennah '92

William Cunningham '77

David Heffernan '06
Faculty Alumni Rep

Mateo Murr '19

Tye Spicer '98

Nigel Stoodley '84
Communications and Social Media

Dr. Jeff Aitken,
Head of School and ex-officio member

The Power of Giving at SMUS

Philanthropy at SMUS thrives through the collective generosity of our community, including current and past parents, alumni, grandparents, faculty, staff, and friends of the school. Through financial contributions, volunteer leadership, mentorship, advocacy, and the sharing of expertise, our supporters help create opportunities that enrich the student experience and strengthen our school for generations to come. Learn more at **smus.ca/support/advancement**

The Advancement Office encompasses fundraising, alumni relations, legacy giving, donor stewardship, and the preservation of SMUS history through the Wilson Archives. Our work is strengthened by the support of a dedicated volunteer committee of the Board of Governors and volunteers of the Wilson Archives: Karen Dicks, Monica Jackson, Diana Nason, and Michael Nation '71.

2025-26 Advancement Committee

Dr. Jeff Aitken
Eliot Anderson
David Angus '62
Shelly Berlin
Anna Burton
Elisa Djurickovic
Fiona Donald '82
John Ellis
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Karen Jawl '99
David Kim
Kim Lobb '98
Rita Lord
Alexis Lang Lunn
Neil Mulholland '88
Tony Souza '72

2025-26 Advancement Staff

Anna Burton, *Director of Advancement*

Denise Rees, *Alumni Relations*

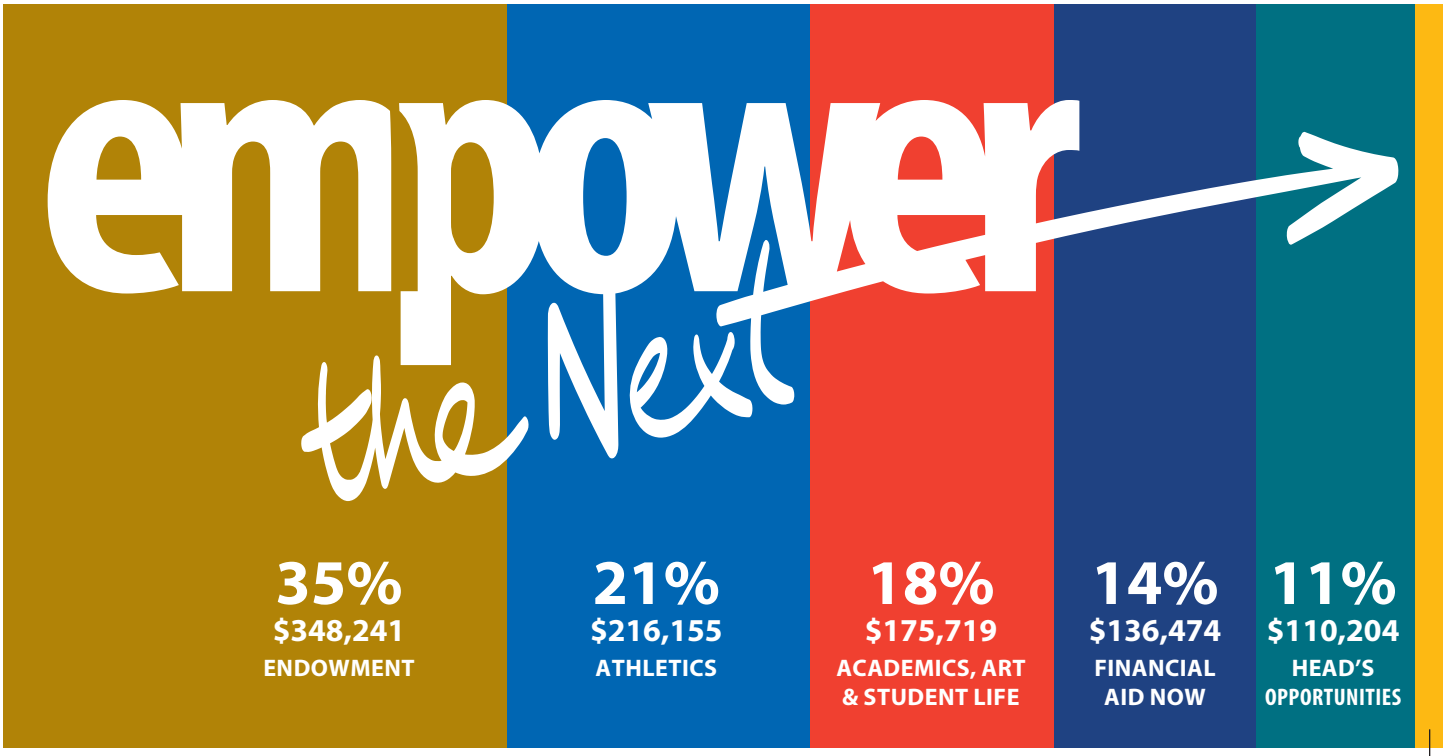
Jamie Nott, *Advancement Assistant*

Janine Cowie, *Development Manager*

Tim Vuksic, *Database and Campaigns Administrator*

Brenda Waksel, *Archivist*

Annual Fund



Journey *for* Life
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

$11,286,473
Committed gifts and pledges as of June 30, 2026

Highlights and Milestones

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSIDINE ANNEX

With fundraising completed in 2026, the new expansion welcomed students in fall this year. The project increased the Middle School's footprint by one-third, adding dedicated laboratories, counselling facilities, the Hayes Learning Commons, and more while also modernizing existing classrooms and shared spaces to better support student learning and well-being.

FUNDRAISING MOMENTUM CONTINUES

Donors committed $420,000 in new funding through new gifts and pledges in 2025-26, bringing our total for the campaign to more than $11,200,000.

BOARDING HOUSE RENOVATIONS

Work on the boarding houses takes place during the summer months while students are not in residence. Winslow and Barnacle Houses have been fully renovated, and work on Bolton and Timmis Houses is 50% complete. Fundraising continues for the remaining houses, Harvey and Symons, which are planned for renovation over the next two summers. These improvements will ensure future generations of boarding students benefit from modern, comfortable, and welcoming spaces that support both their well-being and sense of community.

Considine Annex Grand Opening in September 2026.

Vivat Foundation

The key purpose of the Vivat Foundation is to provide financial management and distribution of the school's endowed funds, working in close collaboration and alignment with the Board of Governors of SMUS by way of a common mission and vision, and with the Advancement department of the school.

2025-26 Board of Directors

Eric Heffernan '73, *Chair*

Shelly Berlin

Paul Flanagan

Kathy Jawl

Hugh McGillivray '64

Anthony Souza '72

Dr. Jeff Aitken, *Head of School*

Advisory members: David Angus '62 and Jay Hayden

The Vivat Foundation board has regularly scheduled meetings during the school year to review the reports of the funds' professional managers and to review possible changes to the funds' asset mix to ensure strong rates of return.

Our Endowment

The endowment is made up of multiple individual funds that have been established over decades of generous philanthropic support by many members of the SMUS community. These donated funds are held within the Vivat Foundation and managed by our investment managers at Connor, Clark & Lunn, guided by a board-approved investment policy.

How Do These Endowed Funds Support SMUS?

The total market value of the endowed funds under management within the Vivat Foundation as of June 30, 2026, was $22,960,927. Thanks to the generosity of our community, $348,241 in new endowed fund donations were contributed in 2025-26, adding to our ability to award financial aid and scholarships.

Expanding the Endowment

Thanks to the generosity of two SMUS families, we added two new endowment funds to our foundation this year: The Forbes Family Fund and The McCue Gill Fund for Women of the Future. These funds, along with the 75 other named and general funds, ensure accessibility to our school for exceptional students who otherwise would not be able to attend and benefit from the breadth and quality of our programming.

If you are interested in starting a new named fund at SMUS please contact Janine Cowie at janine.cowie@smus.ca. The minimum amount required to establish a new named fund is $100,000.

SMUS

Legacy Circle

Our Commitment to You

We will invest wisely.
We will respect your wishes.
We will honour your generosity.

Planned Giving at St. Michaels University School has been instrumental over many decades in supporting facilities and programs. The Legacy Circle formally celebrates those donors who have made their bequest intentions known to us.

The generosity of those members of our community who have joined the Legacy Circle will be transformational to the long-term financial sustainability of our school.

Please reach out to speak with our Director of Advancement to learn more about Planned Giving and how your gift can leave a legacy for generations of SMUS students to come. More information about planned giving at SMUS is available at **smus.ca/plannedgiving**.

Class of 1996 celebrates their 30-year milestone reunion during Alumni Weekend.

2025-26 Donor Recognition

We celebrate the generosity of the St. Michaels University School community. Thank you to all who made a remarkable demonstration of community and philanthropy. The generous contributions of **459 donors** helped support SMUS's highest priorities.

SMUS Lifetime Giving ($100,000+)

$10,000,000+

Graeme Crothall & Kathy Crothall (Since 1988)

$5,000,000+

Brian Graves '42* (Since 1988)

$2,000,000 - $4,000,000

The Lake Family (Since 2020)

Hugh McGillivray '64 & Jane Timmis (Since 1996)

Cliff Sun '72 (Since 1988)

$1,000,000 - $2,000,000

Richard Hawkesworth '61* (Since 1992)

Robert Hayes & First Hayes (Since 2024)

William R. Monkman '62 (Since 1998)

Gwyn Morgan & Patricia Trottier (Since 2012)

Thomas J. Rigos '61 & Sue Rigos (Since 1999)

$500,000 - $1,000,000

Brian Cameron '71* & Roslyn Cameron (Since 1990)

William Harper & Terry Harper (Since 1993)

Helen Humphrey* (Since 1986)

Michael Jawl '76 & Kathy Jawl (Since 2018)

Seiji Masuda (Since 1987)

William Redpath '43* & Dorothy Anderson (Since 1992)

Joseph C Robertson '76* & Anita D Robertson* (Since 1996)

SMUS Parents' Auxiliary Society (Since 1993)

$100,000 - $500,000

Anonymous (3)

David Angus '62 & Susan Angus (Since 2002)

William Beeston & Valerie Beeston (Since 1990)

Anthony Appleyard '32* (Since 1998)

Dr. Rodolfo Bianco & Marianne Koerner-Bianco (Since 2003)

Linda Bodine (Since 1999)

Newton Cameron* (Since 1999)

Jack Chan (Since 2011)

Jun Cao Chen & Ruo Yu Liu (Since 2012)

Xin & Hua Chen (Since 2010)

Zhizhong Chen & Huayan Lin (Since 2016)

Richard Cheng (Since 2017)

Justice Michael Code '67 (Since 2002)

Christopher Considine KC '70 & Susan Considine (Since 1987)

Rod Couvelier '71 & Debbie Couvelier (Since 2000)

Atholl Cropper* & Deirdre Cropper (Since 1999)

Patrick Gill & Amyrose McCue Gill (Since 1999)

Ann Glazier Rothwell '85 & Alex Rothwell (Since 2001)

Blair Hagkull & Tracey Hagkull (Since 2012)

Jay Hayden & Kate Ramsden-Hayden (Since 2004)

Eric Heffernan '73 & Kathleen Heffernan (Since 1991)

John G. Herpers '64 & Nancy Herpers (Since 2001)

Danny Ho (Since 2015)

Matthew Howard & Gabriele Howard (Since 2018)

Qing Ping Huang (Since 2007)

Ernie Hudson* & Frances Hudson* (Since 1995)

Bradley Jawl '02 (Since 2021)

Karen Jawl '99 (Since 2017)

Karnel Jawl* & Mindy Jawl (Since 2001)

Mohan Jawl & Kathy Jawl (Since 1987)

Robert K. Jawl '00 & Shara Jawl (Since 2016)

Guirong Ji (Since 2012)

R. Ian Kingham* (Since 1989)

Dai-Wu Kuang (Since 2008)

Bonnie Lau (Since 2010)

Irene Lawrence (Since 1987)

Ping Leung & Daisy Liu (Since 2018)

Jian Sheng Li (Since 2014)

Simon Liang (Since 2006)

Zhongrong Lin (Since 2011)

Claudius Liu (Since 2008)

David Longridge '88 & Gretchen Longridge (Since 2010)

Louis Lu & Tracy Kuang (Since 2019)

Geoffrey MacKay (Since 2015)

Koji Masuda '88 (Since 2004)

Don Mattrick & Nanon Beaubien-Mattrick (Since 2011)

Timothy McGee KC & Mary Mullens (Since 2005)

Fanliang Meng & Mingxia Zhang (Since 2010)

Robert Murphy & Brenda Murphy (Since 1987)

Grant Pittam & SanSan Li-Pittam (Since 2019)

Peter Pollen & Mary Ann Pollen (Since 1995)

Fang Qi & Xia Wang (Since 2013)

Xiaohua Qian & Jin Chao (Since 2012)

The Hon. Anthony Quainton '51* & Susan Quainton (Since 1994)

James Rigos '60 & Doreen Rigos (Since 1990)

Charlotte Salomon KC & Chris Robinson (Since 2012)

Dan Sheehan & Leslie Shewring (Since 2012)

Lianfu Shen & Huiqun Wu (Since 2019)

Robert Snowden & Joan I. Snowden (Since 1996)

Sodexo (Since 2002)

Anthony M. Souza '72 (Since 1993)

Liane Thomas '82 & Kent Norris (Since 2003)

Michael Throne '72 (Since 1993)

Scott Travelbea & Jennifer Travelbea (Since 2019)

Charles Tyndall* & Jessie Tyndall* (Since 2001)

Margaret Van Lijf (Since 1995)

Marc Vincent & Clare Vincent (Since 2016)

Da Wei Wang & Cheuk Li (Since 2013)

Hsu-Ju Wang (Since 1993)

ChunQin & YuRu Wen (Since 2008)

David Wizinsky & Mieke Wizinsky (Since 2005)

Alex Wong '73 & Rubi Wong (Since 2003)

Hengjun Wu & Rita Jiang (Since 2018)

Jijun (Jack) Xiong & Yan Tang* (Since 2017)

ShiQing Xu (Since 2008)

Fanyi Zeng (Since 2012)

Li Zhang (Since 2008)

Wei-Yang Zhang (Since 2014)

Jie Zheng & Min Li (Since 2013)

Yi Zhou & Xiaowen Yao (Since 2014)

Yue Jun Zhu (Since 2008)

Gang Zuo & Tang Yan Zhang (Since 2015)

**Deceased*

Journey For Life Donors

FLOREAT
$1,000,000+

Anonymous
The Gwyn Morgan & Patricia Trottier Foundation
Graeme Crothall & Kathy Crothall
Robert Hayes & First Hayes

VIVAT
$500,000 - $999,999

The Estate of Richard Hawkesworth '61
The All One Fund (Scott and Jessica Lake)
Tom Rigos '61 & Sue Rigos

MAGNUM
$250,000 - $499,999

Brian '71, Roslyn, & Ann Cameron
Michael Jawl '76 & Kathy Jawl
Karen Jawl '99
Robert Jawl '00 & Shara Jawl
Bradley Jawl '02 & Ashley Jawl
Mohan Jawl & Kathy Jawl
The Hon. Anthony Quainton '51 & Susan Quainton
Marc Vincent & Clare Vincent

BONUM
$100,000 - $249,999

Anup Grewal & Devon Grewal
The Quail Rock Foundation & Harper Family
David Longridge '88 & Gretchen Longridge
SMUS Parents' Auxiliary Society
Scott Travelbea & Jennifer Travelbea

IVY
$50,000 - $99,999

Anonymous (2)
Bronwen Campbell
Fei Chiu & Jack Wong
Rod Couvelier '71 & Debbie Couvelier
Karnel Jawl & Mindy Jawl
Rita Jiang & Hengjun Wu
Dan Sheehan & Leslie Shewring

HEAD'S
$25,000 - $49,999

Travis Lee '88 & Linda Lee
John Pollen & Shara Campsall
Mary Ann Pollen
Michael Stevulak & Dana (Pollen) Stevulak
Xia Wang

CREST
$10,000 - $24,999

Paul Flanagan & Cathy Dixon
Doug Freeman '88
Ann Glazier Rothwell '85 & Alex Rothwell
Jesse Guan & Floria Shen
The Kliman Family
Kim Lobb '98 & Jordan Tessarolo
Jeffrey Mitchelmore '04 & Jennifer Mitchelmore
Neil Mulholland '88 & Carolynn Mulholland
Marc Owen-Flood & Belinda Owen-Flood
Grant Pittam & SanSan Li Pittam
Salomon Robinson Family Foundation

SCHOOL TIES
under $10,000

Ali Baggott & Mark Baggott
Karl-Eric Briere & Christine Liao
Kyman Chan '85 & Patricia Chan
Nicole Chi & Rita Lin
Kevin Crawford & Tanya Crawford
Slobodan Djurickovic & Elisa Djurickovic
Tim Dolden & Gaia Dolden
Daniel Duke '88 & Sheila Duke
Richard Eaton & Shelly Berlin
Shafiq Ebrahim & Alisha Arora
Peter Finamore '73 & Wen Finamore
Adrian French & Michelle Worth
Dr. Chanel Gallant & Cameron Lewis
Mat Geddes '93 & Lindsay Brooke
David Hancock '72
Shannon Hill '85 & Greg Southgate '84
Jane Howard & Gary McCoey
Rebekka Keough '03 & Paco Alvarez Pastor
Cory Lee '94 & Kristine Lee
Kevin Lee & Paula Lee
Spencer Lee & Emma Lou Lee
Feng Ming Li & Zhong Hui Liao
Zhong Hui Liao & Fxeng Ming Li
Mark Liu & Anki Zhang
Yen-Ni Lo & Chien-Liang Tsao
Steven Lobb '96 & Josie Lobb
Paul Longridge '60
Rita Lord & Derek Cockburn
Scott Marks '90 & Laura Marks
Naomi Matsuzaki
Philip McCune '83 & Jill McCune
Toshiaki Megumi & Miki Megumi
Koji Ohara & Rie Ohara
Tom Pressello & Christina Kay '89
Michael Symons '63 & Lee Symons
Chris Talbot '87 & Pamela Talbot
Timken-Sturgis Foundation
Lindy Van Alstine
Miles Wang & Shelley Feng
Michael Webb & Patricia Webb

Lara Tomaszewska '91, Susie Wall '91, Tania Tomaszewska '88

2025-26 Annual Fund Donors

BONUM
$100,000 - $249,999

The All One Fund (Scott & Jessica Lake)

IVY
$50,000 - $99,999

Patrick Gill '97 & Amyrose McCue Gill '96
Marc Vincent & Clare Vincent

HEAD'S
$25,000 - $49,999

Robin Forbes '93
Michael Jawl '76 & Kathy Jawl
David Kim '05
SanSan Li Pittam & Grant Pittam
Tom Rigos '61 & Sue Rigos
Kelly Rowan
David Thomson

CREST
$10,000 - $24,999

Jinwoo Baek 02'
Christopher Considine K.C. '70 & Susan Considine
Eric Heffernan '73 & Kathleen Heffernan
Courtney Kala & Thomas Kala
The Quail Rock Foundation
Susan Quainton
Jesse Guan & Flora Shen
Jeong Min Song & Eunseok Lee
Allen & Loreen Vandekerkhove Family Foundation
Cait Walton & Stuart Walton

SCHOOL TIES
under $10,000

Anonymous (25)
Jose Abad-Garcia
Matthew Adey '87 & Gillian Adey
Jeff Aitken & Mariana Aitken
Veronica Allard & Paul Allard
Mohammed Al-Musawi
Robyn Amiel & Ollie Amiel
Becky Anderson & Eliot Anderson
Leith Anderson & Geoffrey Streitel
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Shawn Aylesworth & Deana Fawcett
Ali Baggott
Wayne Bai & Jenny Gan
Michael Barber '80
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Tara Bashforth & George Bashforth
Birgit Bateman & Robert Bateman
Christopher Bateman '94 & Jennifer Bateman
Monique Batoni & Joseph Batoni
Danielle Beare
Jonathan Beare
William Beeston & Valerie Beeston
Cathy Beglau
Sean Bell '02
Denis Berntsen & Jannie Berntsen
Colin Brown '90 & Cindy Brown
Marni Brydon & Mike Davison
David Buchan '71
Anna Burton
Sam Butler
Barbara Cade-Menun '82 & Charles Menun
Robert Card '93
Lindsay Carswell & Cindy Cheuk
Katherine Cathrea & Michael Cathrea
Deanna Catto & Mark Catto
Matthew Celuszak '01
Chris Champion & Alex Bertram
Bryan Chan '92
Kit Man Chan & Yu Tat Ma
Angie Chau & Neil Buckley
Kelly Chen & Lingyun Zhao
Zhi Juan Chen & Yecai Fan
Raymond Cheung & Claudia Leung
Kay Choi & Andrew Reid
Chris Chong & Aiko
Mark Chou
George Clark '59 & Zandre Clark
Karalee Close & Serge Santos
Alison Coelho & Wes Coelho
Jennifer Couvelier Chhatwani '04 & Girish Chhatwani
Janine Cowie
Kevin Crawford & Tanya Crawford
The Estate of Beatrice Margaret Creek
Erin Cristall '95
Craig Crooks & Clementine Crooks '03
Deirdre Cropper
Burke Cuppage '58
Edward Curran & Surinder Curran
Richard Curry & Susanne Walker Curry
Dean Curtis & Soraya Centeno-Curtis
Reagan Daly & Aimee Daly
Chika Daniels & Uduak Daniels
Clayton Daum & Amanda Daum
Kirsten Davel & Keith Davel
William Davis '66
Pieter De Groot & Sheila Wynn
Kirsten De Launiere & Vincent De Launiere
Lynette Delainey
Richard DeMerchant & Darlene DeMerchant
Yawen Deng & Nick Chang
Valerie Denike '86
Maureen Denux & Nicolas Denux
Ryan Dewar
Ajit Dhillon '07 & Melissa Dhillon
Kirn Dhillon '94 & Harpreet Dhillon
Anna Dieringer & Mike Dieringer
The Dixon Flanagan Family Foundation
Slobodan Djurickovic & Elisa Djurickovic
Maya Djurickovic '23
Markus Djurickovic '25
Luka Djurickovic '21
Riley Doland & Brady Doland
Fiona Donald '82 & Colin Reed
Caryn Drabitt
Michael Drew
Gerald Drews '84
Keith Driscoll & Michelle Driscoll
Mark Drum '64
Eva Du & Ge Gou
Bronwyn Dunbar & Jason Bond
Colin Dykes '66 & Linda Dykes
Brad Edgington & Kim Edgington
John Ellis & Elisabeth Ellis
Fiona Ely '93 & Torsten Ely
John Esling
Claire Ezzeddin '96
Lucky Gem Famero
Patricia Fang & Shan Su
Ian Farish '89 & Tanis Farish
Craig Farish '90 & Bonnie Davison
Emily Feng '09 & Daniel Baldwin
Sarah Ferrante
Eric Findlay '00
Keven Fletcher & Jennifer Fletcher
George Floyd
Anna Forbes
Adrian French & Michelle Worth
Henry Frew '78
Russell Fulton '58 & Gaye Hartt
Gurjit Gakhal & Eryn Gakhal
Greg Ganz & Heather Clark
Yu Gao & Rachel Wang
Peter Gardiner & Jane Gardiner
Mathew Geddes '93 & Lindsay Brooke
Stephanie Geehan '95 & Jon Geehan
Peter Genge '65 & Sharon Genge
Gargee Ghosh '93
Robert Gill
Kent Glowinski '96
Jeremy Goodwin
Leotta Gordon Foundation
Ian Grady & Andrea Grady

Victor Chu '98 and Victor Drohomirecki '98 reunited at the Vancouver alumni reception.

Nick Grant '84 & Colleen Higgins
Kerry Gray
Susan Green '01
John Green '66 & Sharon Green
Andrew Greig '87 & Samantha Greig
Fei Gu & Sijia Wang
Pei Guan & Feng Li
Cathy Guo & Nick Liu
Elizabeth Hanbidge
Jeremy Harris '92
Barret Hatton '93
Brandon Hawes & Alice Hawes
George He & Lin Luo
Jonathan Hennessey & Annie Oelschlager
Cindy Henry & Justin Henry
Greg Southgate '84 & Shannon Hill '85
Dave Hlannon
Jennifer Hlannon
Brian Ho
Sheila Hodgson
Elise Hoeppner & Brent Hoeppner
Alexander Hoole '94 & Lindsey Hoole
Michael Hooton & Moira Taylor
Matthew Howard & Gabriele Howard
Andy Hu & Stephy Zhang
Lize Huang & Lin Sun
Lijun Huang & Haixiong Wang
Mary Humphreys
Atarah Humphreys '99 & Felipe Prado Gomez
Ian Hyde-Lay & Lisa Hyde-Lay
Stephen Ingle & Edwina Ingle
Tomohiko Ishihara & Misa Ishihara
Alexander Isphording '04
Zyoji Jackson
Sahil Jani
David Jawl '02 & Courtney Jawl
Karen Jawl '99
Jasper Johnston '16 & Lina Tori Jan
Raechel Jones
Claire Jones Royce '00 & Jonathan Royce
Daniel Jost '84
Tejasree Katireddy & Chinna Katireddy
Nikki Kaufmann
Jennifer Kayal & Philip Kayal '90
Tony Keble '62 & Sarah Morphy
Warren Keens & Eileen Terron Soto
Rebekka Keough '03 & Francisco Alvarez Pastor
Keith Kerr '65 & Carrie Kerr
Peter Kerr & Lilian Kerr
David Kerr & Susan Kerr
Laura Keziere & Howard McElderry
Bindon Kinghorn & Linda Rajotte
Reed Kipp '02
Deborah Knopp
Mark Knudsen & Sarah Fisken
Tadanori Kokubun '00
Beatrix Kolinkova & Lubomir Kolinek
Frederick Koo & Paulie Lam
Anna Kratofil
Jaron Kropp '06
Stine Kuepper & Sebastian Kuepper
Jason Kuzminski & Megan Parry
Nicole Laird '07 & Philip Laird
Denise Lamarche & Daniel Pontefract
Helen Lamla Gosniak '96 & Peter Gosniak
Alexis Lang Lunn
The William & Emmy Lawrence Family Fund
Shung Lee & Rhonda Lee
Kevin Lee & Paula Lee
Tanya Lee & John Lee
Logan Lee & Deb Lee
Tara Leggett & Kyle Leggett
Adam Li & Sophie Zhang
James Li & Alice He
Zhaohong Li & Tao Wen

George Floyd, Patrick Gill '97, Peter Gardiner, Amyrose McCue Gill '96 and Jane Gardiner at the Founders and Benefactors dinner.

Raymond Li & Xing Chen
Quinn Liberatore & Jennifer Elliott
Graham Lilly
Jackson Lin '95 & Peijun Lin
Michael Lin '00
Tessa Lloyd
Steve Lobb '96 & Josie Lobb
Kim Lobb '98 & Jordan Tessarolo
David Longridge '88 & Gretchen Longridge
Paul Longridge '60
Ally Lord
The Lovell Family
Matt Lu & Tracy Cui
Pia Luka & Gabor Luka
Aiyang Ma & Hui Chen
John MacKay & Karen Power-MacKay
Laurie MacKenzie & Ray Elrick
Robin MacLeod '63 & Sylvia Calder
Cheryl Major
Jennifer Mao & Chris Mao
Alexei Marko '85
Jill Marriette & Greg Marriette
Kristy Martens
Debra Martin & Ken Martin
William & Vicki Mather
Mona Mazgani & Sasan Shariaty
Philip McCune '83 & Jill McCune
Adam McLean & Lyra McLean
Morgan McLeod '92 & Kelli McLeod
Chad McMillan & Carole McMillan
Katie McNeil
Scott McQueen '91 &Kim McQueen
Miki Megumi & Toshiaki Megumi
Kevin Mennie & Nicoleta Mennie
Danika Miciano
Gaby Milla & Juan Zapata
Laura Miller & Dominic Seiterle
Anthony Mo & Nicole Chiu
Insook Molnar & Edward Molnar
Andrew Moore '86 & Jose Otero
Jim Mousel '63
Joanna Muir '87 & Michael Brown
Neil Mulholland '88 & Carolynn Mulholland
Michael Murgatroyd & Signi Murgatroyd
Robert Murphy & Brenda Murphy
Paul Neate & Yin Pon
Nicky Newsome & David Juteau
Iris Ng & Kwok Wai Wong
Lisa Ng
Nina Ni & Wallace Tang
Grant Nicholson '15
Jamie Nott & Ollie Nott
Bill Olafson '66
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Rose Parasynchuk & Darcey Parasynchuk
Irvin Pathak & Alka Pathak
Michelle Patton
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Christopher Pollock '95
Pope-Lau Family
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Eric Randall '86
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Grace Ren & JinRong Li
Aya Robinson & Scott Robinson
Andy Rodford & Elizabeth Rodford
Geoff Rooper '54
Emma Rossum & Junior
Richard Roy '53
Tamara Rusnak '90
Andrew Sabiston '82 & Stephanie Martin
Kevin Saimon Kosaku '00 & Heyoung Jeon
Liisa Salo
Erin Sask
Melissa Sawyer '94
Jeanette Sawyer & Donald Sawyer
Brian Scanlan '92
Randy Schafer '79 & Alison Schafer
Alicia Schlag
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Carrie Shao & Frank Huang
Dan Sheehan & Leslie Shewring
Joe Sheldrake '85
Alvin Sheng '03
Sarah Shum & Cyril Ng
Jindi Singh & Meenu Kaur
Dottie Smith
Mary Smith & Stephen Smith
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Chris Spicer '70 & Alex Spicer
Ian Stark & Lilibeth Stark
Shawn Steele & Rebecca Steele
Sam Stewart
Nigel Stoodley '84
Viktor Stukalo & Viktoriia Stukalo
Stephanie Sturgis '95 & Jason Sturgis '93
Warren Sun & Joyce Lai
Michael Symons '63 & Lee Symons
Philip Symons '55
Chris Talbot '87 & Pamela Talbot
Ivan Tam & Jessica Wong
Xuyin Tan & Xu Wang
Minako Tanaka & Nobu Tanaka
Chidchok Tanphiphat & Ple Tanphiphat
Jeff Taylor
Jessica Thomson & John Thomson
Tara Toller
Gordon Tolman '69
Lara Tomaszewska '90 & Andrew Trinder
Tania Tomaszewska '88
Kazuhiro Tomita & Kana Tomita
Cara Triconi
Nicole Tripp
Ming Tsang & Carey Davies
David Tseng '98
Michael Tso '01
Mark Turner & Elizabeth Turner
Joan Tweedie
Rob Tweedie
Lindy Van Alstine
Linda Vanderdonck
Manuel Villanueva
Brenda Waksel
Cindy Wan & Mingjie Cai
Linda Wang
Sonny Watson & Nancy Borden
Patricia Webb & Michael Webb
Tiffany Webber
James Wenman '66 & Deborah Adam
Robert White '60 & Militza White
James Williams & Marilyn Bater
Allister Wilmott '95 & Vanessa Silva Aristi
David Wilson '97 & Michelle Butler '97
Robert Wilson
Moira Wilson '90 & Andrew Lynch
Kristen Wilson '95 & Karen Wilson
Brent Winnett & Anastazia Winnett
Raj Wirk & Ashka Wirk
Ulrike Wittmann & Markus Wittmann
Lawrence Wong
Dawit Workie '13
Marc Worthy '88 & Britta Worthy
Winnie Wu & Eric Leung
Jenny Wu
Russell Xu & Theresa Wang
Jianbiao Yang & Yanping Wang
Adrian Yee & Janet Mak
Anne Young
Warren Yu '79 & Betty Yu
Tommy Yu & Cindy Zhong
Nader Zabaneh '83 & Claudia Teran
Min Zhan & Gang Yin
Bo Zhang & Li Li Cheng
Michelle Zhang & Alick Lei
Ruyan Zhang & Kevin Liu
Celia Zheng & Zhigang Yao
Michelle Zielinski & Jon Zielinski

SMUS Parents' Auxiliary

"Parents working together to support excellence in education."

The SMUS Parents' Auxiliary (PA) is a non-profit society made up of SMUS parents and guardians. Our primary objective is to promote a strong, vibrant community for students and families through events, fundraising and enriching the school experience. One-hundred-percent volunteer run, we welcome all parents to participate. Funds we raise support the school and its community.

The PA is a separate legal entity within the SMUS community. Our board includes parents from the Junior, Middle, and Senior Schools as well as boarding parents. In addition, the PA President sits on the SMUS Board of Governors and contributes our voice to school policies and strategic direction.

In accordance with one of our school's strategic directions, we continued in 2025-26 to host activities and events that build community and foster a strong sense of belonging and connection.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy to the PA this past year. We look forward to another exciting year of supporting the school and our students in 2026-27.

Used uniform sales are a substantial source of revenue for the PA.

2025-26 Executive

President: John Ellis
1st Vice-President: Gabriele Howard
2nd Vice-President: Margaret McKeown
Treasurer: Girish Chhatwani
Secretary: Scarlet Williamson
Member at Large: Francis Leung
Member at Large: Jennifer Patterson

School Parent Liaisons:
Jessica Kliman *(Junior School)*
Stephanie Sturgess/Deborah Lee *(Middle School)*
David Delisle *(Senior School)*

Communications: Erinn Grant
To Email the PA: paraux@smus.ca

Community Engagement

- Over the past year, we organized dozens of events ranging from small social gatherings to larger events involving the entire school community. Many events, like Quiz Night, Welcome Back Cocktails, and our Christmas Party have become much anticipated annual traditions. Some were exciting new events. This past year those new events included a "Santa Brunch" for JS families, a Boarding Parent social in Vancouver. Additionally, we partnered with the Alumni Association and Advancement and operated the "Fun Zone" at Alumni Weekend. The PA also supported several popular school-led activities, including the annual Hallowe'en fireworks display.
- We hosted annual Staff Appreciation Lunches at both campuses, an event consistently enjoyed by staff. It is a tremendous pleasure for the PA and its parent volunteers to show our depth of gratitude to the school staff, particularly through the thoughtful crafting of many delicious food items and gifts.

Services

- PA-funded activities and programs would not be possible without revenue received from our school programs. In turn, the PA is deeply indebted for the many hours over one hundred volunteers devoted to operating and staffing our popular used uniform (which continued to break sales records in 2024-25) and hot lunch programs, benefitting all three schools. These services generate substantial revenue for the PA, build community and, in the case of used uniform, contribute to environmental sustainability. This revenue allows us to direct significant funds to the Allocations process, to enhance student life and learning.
- To support our boarding students, we offer birthday treat delivery services.

Philanthropy

- Raising revenue for purposes that supplement and enhance the SMUS student experience is a key function of the PA. PA revenues continue to support a scholarship fund for a PA named scholar within the school endowment.
- The PA contributes a portion of the proceeds from our investments to the Annual Fund
- The PA also makes available a significant annual contribution to the Boarding Houses.
- PA funding supports grade-specific class and family social events, enhancing social opportunities and fostering deeper connections across the parent community.
- We support various school awards and provide grants for Grades 5, 8 and 12 class celebrations, marking these important rites of passage.
- Our greatest expenditure is the "Allocations" process, funding staff and student applications for enhancements to student life and enrichment opportunities within and outside the classroom. In response to strong demand, the PA awarded over $60,000 in grants across a diverse range of programs. Funded proposals included support for several SMUS Clubs to travel to competitions or events, purchase of items to support STEAM education, lighting for the Chapel, and sports equipment, notably new soccer nets.
- The PA contributed $50,000 towards purchase of new furniture in the Student Commons of Sun Centre as part of the refurbishment of that space.

The Parents' Auxiliary organized and sponsored the Family Fun Zone during Alumni Weekend.

Treasurer's Report and Financials

On behalf of the Finance Committee and the Board of Governors, I am pleased to report that the school's auditors have once again issued an unqualified report to the financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. A summarized statement of operating revenue and expenditures is included with this report.

The school's strategy is to achieve a balanced annual operating budget where revenues are equal to expenditures, with an appropriate allocation to the reserve fund. In 2026 the transfer to reserve was approximately $3.2 million (2025: $3.5 million). For the 2026 fiscal year, there was an overall operating surplus of $4,613 (2025: $4,711) after interfund transfers.

The school continues to prioritize affordability for all families who choose SMUS. In fiscal 2026, a total of $3.0 million (2025: $2.4 million) was awarded to families through financial aid and staff bursaries. Financial aid is funded from several sources including endowment funds, Annual Fund, and school operations.

A strong fiscal 2026 is a critical component to meeting the school's goal of providing the highest quality education within a sustainable operating budget going forward. Some specific highlights from fiscal 2026 are:

- The school's financial position remained strong with combined net fund balances of $59.1 million (2025: $56.1 million) including $49.8 million (2025: $39.9 million) in capital funds at the end of the fiscal year.
- The school's long-term bank debt stands at $4.0 million (2025: $4.1 million) with annual debt-servicing costs representing 0.9% (2025: 1.1%) of gross operating revenue, which is well within the 10% allowed under the Society's bylaws.

Full audited financial statements of the school are available by request.

Scott Marks, CPA, CA
Board of Governors Treasurer

St. Michaels University School Summarized Combined Statement of Financial Position as of June 30

	2026 $000s	2025 $000s	2024 $000s
Assets			
Cash and Treasury Bills	$ 24,578	$ 32,285	$ 32,566
Accounts Receivable	2,323	1,736	1,776
Inventories	213	234	273
Prepaid Expenses	629	1,023	744
Investments and Other Assets	52	9	9
Land, Buildings and Equipment	81,230	69,388	62,575
Total Assets	**$ 109,025**	**$ 104,675**	**$ 97,943**
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Accounts Payable	$ 8,057	$ 8,519	$ 5,355
Fees Received in Advance	35,398	33,653	33,421
Long-Term Debt and Liabilities	6,425	6,416	5,813
Fund Balances	59,145	56,087	53,354
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	**$ 109,025**	**$ 104,675**	**$ 97,943**

St. Michaels University School Summarized Statement of Operating Revenue and Expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2026

	Budget 2025-26	Actual 2025-26	Budget 2026-27
Revenue	$000s	$000s	$000s
Tuition and Boarding	$ 45,675	$ 46,159	$ 48,430
Registration Fees	655	736	655
Bursaries and Scholarships	(3,045)	(3,028)	(3,170)
Provincial Government Grants	3,195	3,668	3,285
Other Revenue	3,785	4,400	3,910
Donations	785	785	885
Unrestricted Donations	-	213	-
Total Revenues	**$ 51,050**	**$ 52,933**	**$ 53,995**
Expenditures			
Classroom Instruction	$ 19,275	$ 20,163	$ 20,273
Student Support	4,715	4,687	4,913
Educational Administration	3,830	3,723	3,875
Boarding	4,020	3,913	4,213
School Advancement	1,050	937	1,089
Marketing	1,040	1,025	1,075
Admissions	1,695	1,691	1,752
Technology	1,740	1,752	1,888
Physical Facilities	4,745	4,964	5,102
Administration	1,695	1,595	1,951
Other Expenditures	2,570	2,966	2,699
Total Expenditures	**$ 46,375**	**$ 47,416**	**$ 48,830**
Operating Surplus	**$ 4,675**	**$ 5,517**	**$ 5,165**
Transfers to Other Funds			
Debt Servicing	$ 590	$ 510	$ 915
Capital Funds	2,005	2,185	2,130
Reserve Fund	2,080	3,220	2,120
Transfer of Unrestricted Donations	-	213	-
Transfer to (from) Other Funds	-	(616)	-
Total Transfers	**$ 4,675**	**$ 5,512**	**$ 5,165**
Excess of Revenue Over Exp. & Transfers	**$ -**	**$ 5**	**$ -**

Morgan McLeod rallies the cast of Les Misérables at the dress reharsal of the 2025-26 Senior School musical.

St. Michaels University School Society Board of Governors 2025-26

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Keith Driscoll, *Director of Boarding and Student Life*
Deborah Knopp, *Director of Human Resources*
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