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**Best wishes
for 2009
from your
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Message from the President

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Well another year has passed and by all accounts 2008 was quite an exciting one for the Alumni and for the school. The 85th Anniversary Reunion is but a memory for those who attended and we are now looking forward to the 100th. Not that far away for some but a great distance for many others. Just think, in a little over 14 years from now we will be back at it again to celebrate as only Danielites can.

By the time you read this newsletter the New Year will be well underway. I hope everyone had a wonderful festive season filled with family and friends.

As one year passes to the next it also provides an opportunity to remember those who are no longer with us, be they friends, family or former classmates. Time is certainly the greatest gift we can give to those closest to us all through the year.



Our Alumni Association has been very busy over the last few months. As of this writing, the search for a treasurer continues and the Board is making every effort to find a volunteer to assume the post. We have also been busy providing new equipment for the school with funds raised through the association and are busy accumulating a wish list of requests for more. Once again I ask you to consider your Alumni Association when you are making your charitable donations for 2009. All donations are tax deductible and information as to how you can donate can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

As we have indicated in the past, due to mailing and printing costs the association issues only one print newsletter a

year. Others, like this one, are only available electronically and are distributed via email and through our web site at www.dmcialumni.org. If you have provided us with your email address then you will automatically receive the newsletter. If you, or someone you know, wishes to be on our email distribution list please contact us by visiting our web site and following the prompts. We also recognize that there are alumni who do not have access to a computer and if this applies to someone you know, we respectfully ask that you consider printing and sharing a hard copy with them so that they too receive alumni news.

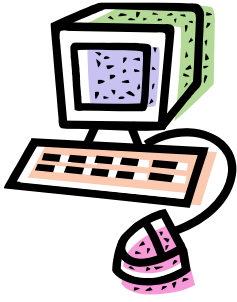
Please mark your calendars for the fall of 2009 when we will be again hosting a get together fundraiser. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters and on the alumni web site. If you have articles for the newsletter please be sure to

send them to us as we welcome your input.

Once again on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association please accept our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2009. For those of you who may be travelling in the coming weeks to escape the winter cold, please have a safe and enjoyable journey.

All the best to you and your family,

Doug Sargeant, President
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Editors' Note

Along with updates on Alumni Association activities, in this electronic issue of the *AlumnEye* we are also happy to feature items from inside DMCI, focusing on programs students are currently participating in. We thought alumni might appreciate a glimpse into these activities to see how they might differ from, or resemble, your days at Daniel. What you won't find in this issue is a list of the donors who have made recent contributions to the DMCI AACE Fund or the feature section on 'Where are they Now?' We have chosen to run these items in the next print edition which will be published later in 2009 to ensure that all alumni, with and without computers, can enjoy these very popular sections. In the meantime we welcome your newsletter submissions, which can be forwarded to us at the email or mailing addresses listed on page 1. Thank you and enjoy the issue.

Bev Sorensen and Heather Johnson, Editors

Alumni donations support school activities

The 85th Anniversary Reunion was successful for many reasons, not the least of which were the donations received from alumni to support the school and various activities, such as the scholarship program. A small profit was also realized from the sale of tickets and as a result, the alumni association was able to designate some additional funds towards school activities this year. Submissions were made by various departments and following a review by alumni board members the following projects received funding. Additional requests have recently been received and decisions are pending.

Twelve maroon and white volleyballs have been purchased for use by the volleyball teams during league games and tournaments. Each volleyball bears an acknowledgement that it was donated by the alumni association, ensuring that with each spike and serve there is a visible reminder of the proud support provided by DMCI alumni to school activities.

Funding was also provided to the English Department for the purchase of an LCD projector and cart. The projector will be used by English teachers to project various web sites and information to

students during class lectures and discussions, expanding the use of the Internet as a teaching tool in the classroom and its accessibility to all students.

The donations of the projector and volleyballs were announced during a staff dinner hosted by the alumni association on November 20 at the school. The dinner was held to thank staff for their support and involvement in the 85th anniversary reunion, particularly during the Saturday afternoon Open House, where hundreds of alumni were made to feel welcome thanks to the efforts of staff and students who worked hard to create theme rooms and areas to capture the spirit and history of the school throughout the decades.



Doug Sargeant (left) presents LCD projector to Laurie May from DMCI's English Department.

Alumni Association News

Association to plant tree in memory of Norma Busby

Just prior to the 85th Anniversary Reunion in April 2008, Norma Busby, a long time member and great supporter of the Alumni Association, passed away. Norma's contributions to the work of the association throughout the years were many, including her involvement on reunion planning committees, up to and including the 85th. To honour Norma's memory and her love for and commitment to Daniel, the Alumni Association has purchased a flowering crab tree which will be planted this spring in the Quadrangle – a fitting tribute for a woman whose Daniel roots were both strong and deep.



In search of...

Did you used to wear a maroon sash with your tunic? How about a maroon blouse? Do you know someone who did? Better yet, are you still in possession of these items and looking for an opportunity to donate them to DMCI's archival collection?

The Archive Committee is always in search of items that reflect the school's history – be it old year-books, crests, uniforms and sports memorabilia. Committee members have heard about the maroon sashes and blouses but thus far neither have come into our possession. Be the first to end our search!

We appreciate any and all donations of items from alumni – many of which are on display in the school or used at special events like the recent 85th anniversary reunion to help keep our history alive with present and past students and visitors. You can reach the committee through the alumni association's email at info@dmcialumni.org or mailing

address: DMCI AACE Fund, Inc.,
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Alumni Association sent to principal's office

With the support and approval of DMCI Principal Gilles Beaumont, the space on the main floor of the school formerly used as the principal's office during the early days of the school (now Room 16) has been designated as the permanent home for the Alumni Association. This designation will enable the association to house its records and materials in one location and provide a working area for board and committee members. The longer term goal of the Archive Committee is to restore the space to its former grandeur as a principal's office (complete with a fireplace) to capture the history of the era. A committee has been established to investigate funding options to finance future renovations. Committee members are Bill Fraser, Elsie Hignell, Vailla Hoggan, Brenda Kennedy, Marina McCaffrey and Bev Sorensen.

WE NEED YOU! And your support

Revive your school spirit. Take an active part in supporting DMCI!

☐ I wish to make a donation to the Alumni Fund in the amount of \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to DMCI AACE Fund, Inc. Address: P.O. Box 2475, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4A7

Please print name as it should appear on donor wall (for donations of \$100 or more). Max 35 letters including spaces

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

W.O.W. at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate (World of Work)

The 2008-09 school year continues at a quick pace. The Career Development program for Grade 11 and 12 students is under way once again. The students do an in-class component dealing with career searches, career interests, resumes, cover letters, and interviews. The students then go out on a 10-week practicum in a placement of their choice. Upon completion of their practicum, they complete the next in-class component consisting of preparing thank you letters to their prospective employer, resume updates, and writing a time capsule letter "Where I think or hope I will be five years from now." At the five year mark, I mail the letters back to the students. Many students have contacted me at this point and it becomes a wonderful opportunity to touch base with them once again and to find out how they are doing.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2008 DMCI was involved in Take Our Kids to Work Day. It was a very successful day. The students discovered some things about where their parents work or about other jobs held by a variety of adults. The students enjoyed their day at work, learned some new things, met some new people and got to see what a day at work can be like. Some students had lots of fun and some of them came home very tired at the end of the day. The students had some very good and positive experiences.

The Career Internship program starts again at the beginning of Semester 2. The program is composed of Grade 12 students who have applied for the program, been interviewed, and selected to participate. The students are expected to complete career research, career interest surveys, post-secondary research, resumes, cover letters, interview techniques, and develop an employability portfolio. Students are placed with professionals such as medical researchers, lawyers, financial advisors, accountants, journalists, etc., and must complete a 30 hour practicum.

Upon completion, the students present their portfolios to independent, outside individuals who evaluate their portfolios and presentation. The Internship students then assist me in planning and delivering an Appreciation Luncheon for our mentors with entertainment provided by the music and dance department. Many of the mentors are alumni, but we can always use more volunteers. If there are any alumni who would be willing to act as mentors for the Career Internship or Career Development students, please do not hesitate to contact me, Lynne Hanson at 783-0502 or lhanson@wsd1.org. Your time and assistance would be very much appreciated.



DMCI student Bunmi (right) does Career Ed at the Royal Bank – Sargent & Sherbrooke. For more photos see page 7.

DMCI also assists our EAL (English as an Alternate Language) students to create resumes and to find jobs. Many of these young people are very anxious to work and have extremely good work habits. I assist them in finding the jobs and then act as a liaison between the students and the employers to overcome the language barriers. To date, the program has been very successful and the students are doing their "HAPPY DANCE" on payday.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the various companies and individuals who so generously support the program by donating very much of their time to training, working with and in some cases hiring some of the W.O.W. students. I am very proud of the students and they certainly deserve a big pat-on-the-back for jobs very well done.

*Submitted by Lynne Hanson,
Career Development Coordinator*

BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS

How our world has altered since the manual typewriter! From typewriters to IBM Selectrics, to Word Processors, to PC's – and this is just a snapshot into how much we have changed. Not only has the learning curve been steep, but there is something new on a daily basis. We have truly gone from Analog to Digital.

The Business and I.T. Department has received new provincial curricula which were implemented in September 2008. Our new courses include subject matter such as Web Page Design, Digital Layouts (Digital Pictures & Desktop Publishing), Digital Film Making, Print Communications,



Data Collection & Analysis (spreadsheets), Relational Databases, and Animation and Game Design. We still also maintain our Accounting, Business, Entrepreneurship and Law courses. Many of the 'new' courses are not totally new, as here at DMCI we had several of these options offered through School Initiated Course curriculum.

In other news, the Business & Information Technology Department has been very active with our special area group (EBIT) this year. We hosted the SAG conference entitled "Game For Change?" Innovations, Ideas & Illustrations. The one day conference went very well, primarily due to staff efforts, but also because we have an excellent facility here at DMCI. There were 150 participants, and as always, they had many positive comments about our beautiful building.

*Submitted by Nancy Valenta,
Department Head, Business &
Information Technology*

SPORTS

For those wondering about the sports programs at DMCI, here's a brief update on the various teams and activities, courtesy of Heather Ruby from the Athletics Department.

Football

The team will begin training for next year in the New Year.

Volleyball

The JV girls finished their league schedule undefeated and suffered an unfortunate upset in the playoff semi-finals.

The JV boys finished their league schedule 8-0 and defeated Sisler in the finals of the division championships.

The Varsity girls finished in third place in the regular season and lost to Kelvin in the semi-finals.

The Varsity boys finished second in the regular season and lost a hard fought five set battle to Kelvin in the city finals.

The volleyball teams would like to extend a special thanks to the alumni for their generous support. Thanks for the volleyballs!!!

Track and Field

DMCI is excited to have an indoor track and field team this year. They are competing in the following events in 2009: The Grand Prix, Cargill Games, Indoor Grand Prix (February 25), Boeing Age Class (March 5-7).

Boys Soccer

Last year the boys indoor soccer team had an excellent season finishing second place in the Winnipeg High School Indoor Soccer League. This year they are looking to build upon that success.

Basketball

The basketball teams have been selected and are practicing for their upcoming season. League games begin in the New Year.



Faces at Daniel



The above pictures features students from the Career Development Program at Daniel. For more information on this program, see story on page 5. *Clockwise from top left:* 1. Richard at Canada Safeway with his mom for Take Our Kids To Work Day; 2. Benedict who was hired by Salisbury House – Notre Dame Ave. from the job finding program; 3. Liezl at Riverview Health Centre with her mom for Take Our Kids To Work Day; 4. Eden who was hired by Tim Hortons St. James Street from the job finding program.

**Show your
true
Daniel
colours!**



Looking for just the right item to show your school spirit? See page 8 for a listing of souvenirs available for purchase—from t-shirts to pens, pins and more. *(Not all items are shown in photo)*

Get your souvenirs here!



A variety of souvenir items were on sale during the 85th anniversary reunion and a number of these items are still available for purchase. What better way to show your school spirit! Souve-

nir items feature the DMCI flying torch logo (see

left). If you wish to purchase an item, please complete and send in the order form below. Orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis and will be mailed to you. A flat fee of \$5.00 will be added to all orders to cover mailing costs. In the event we are unable to fill your order, you will be notified. Proceeds from the sale of all souvenirs go to support DMCI.

Item	Sizes/Description	Price (incl. taxes)
Men's and women's maroon polo shirts	Men's: S, M, L, XL, 2XL Women's: XS, S, M, L, XL	\$30.00
Men's t-shirts (available in maroon or white)	S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$10.00
Women's t-shirts (available in white only)	S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$10.00
Glass java mug		\$15.00
Coaster set (with wooden stand)		\$25.00
Baseball cap	Maroon with embroidered logo	\$15.00
7-piece shooter set	6 shooter glasses with glass carafe	\$49.99
Rosewood ballpoint pen		\$5.00
Shot glass		\$5.00
85 th anniversary pin	Logo created for reunion.	1 for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00

DMCI Souvenir Order Form

Please print

Name:

Mailing Address:

Item (specify colour if applicable)	Size (if applicable)	Quantity	Cost
Mailing cost			\$5.00
TOTAL			

Please make cheques payable to DMCI AACE Fund, Inc. & send to: P.O. Box 2475, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4A7

Thank you for your order. Orders will be processed as quickly as possible.