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Special points of interest:

- A March Calendar of Events has been attached to your Newsletter, please consider posting this on your fridge for easy reference.
- All newsletters and events calendars are available on our website: saintmaryschurch.ca/youth
- Permission Forms for Events are on the Youth Bulletin Board

The Growing Edge: "DUH?!!!"

.....OUCH! ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT TIME...

I hate, I mean hate, absolutely hate that word "DUH". Do you ever hear it? Well, I have been in enough classrooms over the years to know how often it is used....AND I HATE THAT WORD!!!! Let's be honest. Sometimes you know more about something than someone else..okay, so you're smarter! There I said it. Feel better now? It's true. Well, sort of true, at least some of the time, well even if it is a lot of the time you may be smarter than someone else., NEVER SAY "DUH?!"...NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER....Whew,

I am feeling much better now, yes, I will take a sip of my tea, and do some breathing exercises....

Know what it really means? Okay, lets say you're at school, it's lunch and you and your friend are just sitting there and you say "I think Mr. Baldyhead is a great teacher." And your friend says,

"DUUUHHHHUHH???!!!!"
 What just happened? How come you don't feel so good? How come you're thinking of smashing that tuna sandwich into you're friends face?
 BECAUSE OF THE WORD...."DUH?!" It

means a lot of things like these: "So What?", "Whoopdeedooo Smartie Pants.", "obviously you're an idiot", "ask me if I care?", "I am sooo much smarter than you.", "LOSER!", "Who cares?" and so on...and so on...

Get the point? If you hear this word you know what I mean...If you use this word, then it is time for an ATTITUDE adjustment. Philippians is one of the neatest books in the whole bible. Did you know that it contains a song to Jesus? Yup, more like a Psalm or

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THE FlipSide™ BY MIKE PURCELL



Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Growing Edge Cont'

Hymn, but it is probably the earliest Hymn ever written for Jesus...NO KIDDING....Read Philippians 2: 5-11. The Apostle Paul is in JAIL! Why? Because he was PREACHING! Paul probably didn't write this song himself, but he sure remembered it well...or maybe he had it tucked away in his knapsack!

What does it say? It basically says this: Even though Jesus was God, He didn't try to be

the big cheese and push everyone around...Nope. He actually decided not to use His great power but decided to serve people by becoming a human being! After He died, God was so proud of His son, He raised Him up from the dead so that everyone in the WHOLE UNIVERSE would know that JESUS CHRIST IS GOD!!

Cool huh? Jesus had all the answers but He never once said

"DUH?!" when people said things. Remember when Thomas put his hands into Jesus' wounds and then said: "My Lord and My God" (read John 20:28)...Jesus could have said "Duh?!" But He didn't. He never did. I think that we should have the same attitude...so does the Apostle Paul...so does Jesus. So next time you are tempted to say "DUH?!" because someone has said something you think is

stupid, or because you are just plain smarter...remember Jesus. Take a deep breath and think about how it feels when someone says it to you.

Peace,
Michael

Punk Music and Jesus???

Hey Guys. Do you like punk music, but not the antireligion and offensive messages that some of them give? Then I challenge you to take a look at some of the Christian punk music that is out there. Did you even know there was Christian punk music?? There is, I bet you have even heard of a few of them like MxPx and Switchfoot. Prefer ska music?

Try The Supertones. Like harder punk, try POD. These bands write and play their awesome punk music. Nooooo, its not "church music". It is punk music without the lyrical messages of hate and violence that punk bands like Blink 182 and Mad Caddies convey. Not that these other bands aren't talented musicians but I feel as Christians we should be

listening to music that reflects the lifestyle that Jesus asked us to live. If you want to check out some of these bands, or look for others, try www.toothandnail.com. This is Tooth and Nail Records web page who represent most Christian Punk bands. If you want anymore information, or a CD to try out just ask Lauren or Kendra.

Puzzles

The answer to last months Puzzle was : **COME BEHOLD THE WORKS OF THE LORD.** Try the next one at the back. You may need help from mom or dad looking up the bible for the hints...HAVE FUN!

We're starting a music library for The C.R.Y.P.T. If you want to learn more about borrowing some Christian music, please speak to a member of the Ministry team.

CONTEST...CONTEST...CONTEST...

"MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT" ...In 250 words or less, tell us about your most memorable moment and what it taught you about God. Maybe it was when you broke your ankle while surfing in Hawaii? No matter how big or small, we want to hear about it. DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS APRIL 30TH!

We will publish all of the winning entries in our May Newsletter!! Essays will be marked on the basis of originality, creativity and use of the bible!!

First Prize: Portable CD Player (valued at \$80.00)

Second Prize: CD Gift Certificate (valued at \$40.00)

Third Prize: Extra Large Pizza delivered to your home by Michael (value \$20.00)

Hmmm...

"According to Teen Magazine dreaming about monsters really means something in your life is bugging you."

Hmmmm... I once dreamt that I was being eaten by a large cockroach....bugging? get it? Hahaha

Avril Lavigne: "I'm authentic, people can relate to that. They need that."

Hmmmmmm... Ya gotta admire the girl for being honest!

"I am the Way the Truth and the Life." Jesus Christ

Hmmmmmm... "Now this is AUTHENTICITY...Amen"

Jennifer Lopez "I started out just wanting to do good work. and because of what I do, that inspires people..its not so much a responsibility as it is a gift."

Hmmmmmm... "Are you kidding me? Perhaps Jenny from the block needs a reminder that Fortune and Fame is nothing without RESPONSIBILITY!"

Wazzuuppp!!!

Up & Comi ng–February

March 4th

Pancake Supper—5:30-7pm

We're organizing a pancake supper again this year on Shrove Tuesday. We need help serving, cooking and selling tickets. Let us know if you can help out and don't forget to bring your family along for a great meal!
\$4/person or \$12/family

March 10-16th

March Break Madness:

A week long program of activities for all youth in grades 6 and up.....For those of you who are stuck with nothing to do during March Break....Never Fear

Come to the **PLAYDIUM**....Monday March 10th

WANNA GO SKIING?...Tuesday March 11th

SPORTS GAMES....Thursday March 13th

MOVIE NIGHT...Friday March 14th

XTREME WORSHIP....Sunday March 16th

Permission forms and sign up sheet are on the Youth Board

March 16 – Junior High (Grade 7&8)

March 23 – Senior High (Grade 9+)

Round Table Discussion

What do you want to see happening at St. Mary's? What are you interested in doing? Come out and join us in March as we discuss the future and where we are going. Meeting directly after the 10:30 service

March 30th

Sunday Night Praise Service

7pm in the Chapel, bring the whole family. Friends always welcome!

WANTED: Family Activities Surveys

Please fill out your Family Activities Survey and Drop them in the box at the back of the church!

Praise ' N God

(This is your opportunity to share something exciting that you want to PRAISE God for)

- CALEB IS OKAY! Did a face plant when he decided to use a cardboard box as a snowboard on a hill of ice!! His face was swollen and red, but no missing teeth!! Yay..
- March Break is COMING!!!!!!
- Julie is going overseas to visit her family!
- For Craig who has been joining us for Hang Time!

Fast Forward

April 4th and 5th:

World Vision 30 hour Famine lock-in.

Grade 7+ Minimum pledges of \$75

You will be given juice and water...That's all! We will make sure you have a great time and you can raise lots of money to buy food for needy kids around the world!! Details will be out shortly.

We need a few young people to act as hosts for the other kids coming from the various churches. Let one of the Ministry Team members know if your interested.

April 17th:

Annual Maundy Thursday Vigil

All youth invited. Mark this one down too! Keep an all night prayer vigil at the church...sounds like a great time. This event is a great chance to combine some quiet reflective time with a great deal of fun for all. Permission forms will be posted on bulletin board.

May 4th:

Youth Service at 10:30 Sunday Service

We're leading the service! Let us know if you want to be involved and definitely come out to participate.

July 14-17th:

Cyprus Lake Camping Trip



If you are in current in grades 7-8..THEN YOUR' E INVITED! Mark your calendars, buy the bug spray 'cause this is one event you don't want to miss. Join with 30 other 7-8 kids from the area for a great CAMPING TRIP AT CYPRUS LAKE. Presented by the York Central

Youth Network. Permission forms will be out shortly. Space is limited so get your forms in early!

WANTED:

Articles, stories, Praises and poems.

If you like to write or want to help with any part of our monthly newsletter "The C.R.Y.P.T." Let us know!!!

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If you ever have any questions or concerns feel free to get in touch with any of us. For general information or if you're not sure who to contact, drop us a line at: youth@saintmaryschurch.ca

Where can I find more information? saintmaryschurch.ca/youth/

Want to keep up to date with what's going on? We're setting up email lists to help keep everyone is touch. There have been three lists created. You might hear from us or let us know if you want to be included on one of these mailing lists.

Senior Youth (grade 7+) List: senioryouth@saintmaryschurch.ca

Junior Youth (grade 4-6) List: junioryouth@saintmaryschurch.ca

Parents (you know who you are!): youthparents@saintmaryschurch.ca

Check Out Our website:

saintmaryschurch.ca/youth/

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This newsletter is online. If you would rather access the online copy instead of being mailed each month, please let us know.
youth@saintmaryschurch.ca

The CRYPT-Events Calendar

March 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Pancake Supper 5:30-7pm	5 Ash Wed. NO Hang Time	6	7	8
9	10 PLAYDIUM	11 SKIING	12 Hang Time	13 SPORTS GAMES	14 MOVIE NIGHT	15
.....March Break Madness.....						
16 Junior High Round Table Discussion		18	19 Hang Time 6:30-8pm	20	21	22
23 Senior High Round Table Discussion	24	25	26 Hang Time 6:30-8pm	27	28	29
30 Sunday Night Praise 7pm	31					

Hang Time - Grades 4-6 ... ASN - Grades 7+ ... March Break Madness - Grade 6+... Sunday Night Praise - All!!!