

# ***HELP YOUR CHILD LOOK AHEAD!***

***Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.***

***Grade 10 to 12 Parents and Students***

**Ah the future**, wouldn't it be nice to know exactly what will be a good job in a couple of years; let alone five! The question has not really changed since we left high school, but the economy and work environment facing our children today are constantly changing with events happening half way around the world. How can we help them make the necessary decisions to be ready for this climate? Come to the St. Michael School Council's **Parent/Child Career Night on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30.**

We will be going over current job trends in our area, province, and country in a general group session with smaller sessions afterwards with individuals from different walks of life. These people have volunteered to talk about the path that got them where they are today (**see reverse for profiles**). Looking back at our lives we often see that it wasn't a straight path to where we are today. We have all made decisions, some good and some bad, and learned that having options is important. Course selections and life decisions made now might not seem to impact on things for the future but as we see from the people talking on Tuesday, the path to life is not without its twists and turns; forward, backward, left and right. Let's start the conversation on the 26<sup>th</sup> and help your child look ahead!

## **Evening Program**

- School courses and where they could lead in life
- Job trends and types in our area, Province, and across Canada
- Individual career presentations

Looking forward to seeing you on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

***Robert Morais***

Chair

St. Michael's School Council

**John Borsten** owns Zak's Diner, and also is co-owner of the Empire Grill, Metropolitan Brasserie, and The Grand Pizzeria all of which are located in Ottawa's Byward Market. He started working as a dishwasher at 15 years old and has held every job in the restaurant industry since. He has a Bachelor of Arts (Law & History) from Carleton University.

**Jennifer Brown** is currently a Guidance Counsellor at St. Michael's. She originally started in the restaurant industry and moved into teaching first part-time with the Ottawa Catholic School Board and then fulltime in Cornwall with the CDSBEO in both math and science. Jennifer received her specialist certification in Guidance and has been posted with St. Michael's since. She has a B. Science – Biology and a Master of Science - Teaching.

**Brian Burns** is the Chief Financial Officer for the Almonte General Hospital and Fairview Manor. In this role he is responsible for Financial Services, IT, Diagnostic Imaging and Medical Records. Among other jobs Brian has also been Director of Institutional Research and Planning at Algonquin College and Manager of Business Operations for Carleton University. He has a B. Mathematics from Waterloo, a MBA from Queens, and is a CGA.

**Luis Miguel Huapaya** is the Chief Security Architect for Afore Solutions Inc. a developer of security software for virtual machines and the cloud. Previously, he spent over five years with Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington where he was involved with the development Microsoft's Windows operating system. Luis has authored several patents for Afore Solutions, Comsecware, and Microsoft. He has B. Computer Science from Ottawa.

**Dan Lortie** is the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship coordinator for the Catholic District School Board Eastern Ontario. Dan is a point of contact for students from all schools who are interested in pursuing an apprenticeship trade through cooperative education. Dan has had experience working in the construction trade and is also the Board coordinator for hands on learning. He is a graduate of the Advertising Business program at St. Clair College.

**Kelly Lynch** is an articling student at Morisawa De Koven Professional Corporation as part of her finalizing and becoming a lawyer. She works primarily on corporate and commercial law in the technology sector. She obtained her law degree from the University of Victoria. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Kelly obtained a B. Eng. in Aerospace Engineering from Carleton University and worked in the aviation industry. She is also a leader with the Girl Guides of Canada.

**Shelly McPhail** is a partner, with her husband, in Harshell Family Farm Enterprises, a mixed farming operation near Almonte as well as having an "off farm" position with Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association as a program representative and workshop facilitator for "Growing Farm Profits" in Eastern Ontario. She has a Business Admin (Accounting) Diploma from Algonquin and an MBA in Agribusiness from the University of Guelph.

**Marilou Robinson** is the Senior Vice President – Manufacturing & Payment Services for Canadian Bank Note Company. Marilou went to South Carleton High School and was President of the Student Council her final year. Afterwards she earned her B. Arts by combining four years at Carleton and then Brock Universities. Marilou has spent 25 years with Canadian Bank Note. She is also mother to two graduates from St. Michael's.

**Tina Saikaley** is the founder and president of Ohmbars Inc.; a company that manufactures and sells a line of successful gluten and dairy free nutrition bars. After taking business courses in high school she worked four years in the offices of the Loeb grocery chain. Tina moved on to being a waitress in restaurants for a number of years which made her realize the need for a quality healthy snack for the busy lifestyle of today.

**Sean Souter** is currently a Guidance Counsellor at St. Michael's. He started out teaching English-as-a-Second-Language in such far flung places as India, Germany, and Japan for six years. Once he came back to Canada, he became a Guidance Counsellor here with St. Michael's. Sean has Honours degrees in history and geography, a B. Education, and a general Arts and Sciences certificate from Seneca College in Toronto.

**Rob Woodbridge** is the founder of Untether.tv and one of the top thought leaders for the commercialization and use of mobile technology today. He graduated from Algonquin College in business and has been a serial entrepreneur ever since. His first venture in 1993 actually provided Internet services to people in Ottawa before most of us knew what it was! He actively coaches companies and was the keynote speaker at Algonquin College's 2010 convocation.