

Press Release

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St. John's High School cuts the Ribbon on the Centennial Wall

Winnipeg, MB. . . Today with a crowd present, 3 students cut the ribbon on the St. John's High Centennial Wall just 2 years from the 100th Birthday Celebration/Anniversary of the school. The grand opening of the Centennial Wall drew alumni, students, staff and some of the community as this school has become an icon. The enthusiasm associated with the 100th anniversary was alive and vibrant at the celebration.

St. John's school first opened its doors to educate the community in 1910. The wall features the school's history through the years, and offers opportunities for families and individuals to purchase commemorative plaques to mark their Tiger Pride. Sue Gibb, the wall's Chief Organizer and valued member of the St. John's staff was noticeably moved as she said, "The hundreds of people that led the way will now always be remembered by this wall. The history is alive and well and now will be an ongoing part of the school. I am honoured to say I have been a part of it all."

Richard, this year's torch recipient on behalf of the grade 11 class said, "Knowing I am a part of this means more than I thought it would. Receiving the torch is a tradition that few have had an opportunity to be part of and seeing the wall helps me better understand the importance of my school. My Tiger Pride is bubbling over today."

Wendy, who is an active participant in the alumni committee and a grad from almost 30 years ago said, "The reunion weekend is going to be a true representation of our Tiger Pride and our school's history. The weekend will encompass local businesses that share in the St. John's history and offer events that demonstrate all of the schools facets. Sporting events, soc hops, theatre, lots of great food and fun, there will be something that will appeal to everyone!"

Kayla, the school's class President, who was excited and saddened at the same time said, "I am excited to be going out into the world prepared and I know that St. John's has played a key role in that. It is sad to leave this place as it has become a foundation in my life and I have had some of my fondest memories here. My Tiger Pride will continue and I am so excited to know that in just 2 years I will be celebrating along with thousands of people who walked these halls prior to me."

The 100th Anniversary celebration kicks off in June 2010. If you are interested in learning more or joining the committee please contact the committee at <http://www.stjohnshigh100.mb.ca/>. St. John's High School is located at 401 Church Avenue.

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