



St. John Brebeuf School Connection

Living, Learning, Serving in Christ

February 2012

Virtue: Friendliness

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,
During the month of January, we have been practicing the virtue of DILIGENCE; working hard and doing our absolute best at everything we do. As we begin the month of February, we will focus on the virtue of FRIENDLINESS; being a friend and taking an interest in other people.

This focus will be especially evident as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, February 12 to 18. This year's theme is: "Faith. Academics. Service." The week will begin with Mass with the School, Monday, February 13 at 9:00 am, followed by a special luncheon for our staff organized by our Parent Council. On February 14, we will have an early dismissal at 2:00 pm as our staff attends a faith formation session on Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series.

Throughout the week, there will be a number of activities. A complete schedule for the week will be sent home this week, and please see page 6 for highlights.

Friday, February 17, there will be no school as the staff attends our annual Catholic Schools' Day Inservice. This year's inservice theme is "Gifts of the Eucharist", featuring speakers, **Dr. Nancy Reeves**, a psychologist, psychotherapist, best selling author and published poet. Her co-presenter is **Linnea Good**, a singer/hymn writer and leader in the fields of music, worship, biblical storytelling and all ages. Please see the poster in the school foyer for more information.

Special thanks to our Catholic Schools Week and Faith Committees for organizing this year's events (**Mrs. St. Croix, Mrs. McClintock, Mlle. Dandonneau, Ms. Viselli, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Wolfe, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Kingdon, Mr. Bailey-Robertson and Father Mark Tarrant**).

February brings a second opportunity to celebrate Mass with the School this year. Please join us for Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 9:00 am as we come to-



gether as a community to begin our Lenten journey. As the saying goes, "A community that prays together stays together."

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 10:00 am until noon, followed by Benediction every Friday during Lent beginning February 24. Lenten Friday evenings at 7:00 pm, all are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church.

We are excited to announce that the Mabel Skelly Library is almost complete. Over the coming weeks, signage and a display board that will showcase student artwork will be installed. The library renovation project would not have been possible without the vision and support of our entire Parish and School Community. Everyone has worked hard to ensure that this project would come to fruition. I would especially like to thank **Mr. Ray Senez**, Capital Campaign Chair and his committee for their dedication and commitment to this project. In the next couple of years, I know we will be able to take on another large project as we renovate our music room and add a band component to enhance our middle years academic program.

While I am on the topic of music, I think everyone would agree that our Christmas Concert was a huge hit. Special thanks to our Christmas Concert Committee (**Ms. Geras, Mrs. Lafreniere, Ms. Campbell, Mrs. McClintock, Mrs. McGregor and Ms. Craig**) for all of their hard work and dedication. I would also like to express my gratitude to **Ms. Geras** for her great work at our school, and wish her all the best in her new position as Company Manager for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. **Mrs. Sereda** will be our interim teacher as we go through the hiring process for a new music teacher.

On Thursday, February 9, at 1:05 pm in the Parish Hall, the Winnipeg Symphony Bach to School Program will be performing for grades k to 4 (2:00 pm for grades 5 to 8). Our students in Grades 3 to 5 will also attend the WSO Adventures in Music school concert entitled "Music in Motion" on February 23.

In the event of a severe winter storm, all Catholic Schools will close if the Winnipeg Metro School Divisions close their schools. Listen for school closures on CBC, 99.9 BOB FM, FAB 94.3 FM, CJOB, 102 CLEAR FM, AND HOT 103 FM. In case of an emergency that requires us to evacuate, students will go to Ecole J.B. Mitchell. The parent in charge of each class will call the other parents using the Emergency Response Phone Tree.

FROM FATHER MARK

At times we can be glib about our faith and even judgmental about the faith of others. I have a problem with people that label those who seem to attend Mass only at Christmas and Easter. This kind of attitude towards others makes our Baptism seem trite. There is no such thing as a Christmas or Easter Catholic – there are only Catholics. The beauty is that we are all on the same path; a path that has us responding to the call of God, a call that leads many of us to a practice of the faith that is well defined and very regular. This is ideal; this is life-giving; this is the hope and the desire of the Church, but it is so important that we leave the judgment to God.

When we have crowds of visitors that come into our community, we need to be people who show, in our faith, in our welcome and in our joy, who we are, what we do and how we live. This is a reflection that is given to us through the ages. We do our best work as Catholics when we hear the words of Jesus to the apostles when he said, "Go to the whole world and make disciples". That means when someone comes to our door at the high holy days we don't check their attendance record, we don't ask them where they have been, and we show them the hospitality that is of Christ. We open our hearts and greet them like the long lost love of our lives. When we are able to do this, they will get a sense that they are coming home and that we are not complete until we are one in Christ in his Church.

This, I believe, translates into how we teach our children about our faith. They see us welcoming, not judging. They see us rejoicing, not frowning. They see us opening our hearts to people, not being stiff-necked. From this, they will see that we are not seasonal believers but that we live our faith to the fullest wherever we are and with everyone we meet – simply because that is the example of the Child born in the manger.



Father Mark Tarrant
Pastor

Did you know...

St. John Brebeuf School receives close to \$10,000 from Manitoba Lotteries through the Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools bingo program. In order to receive this money, the school MUST provide two volunteers at each bingo held throughout the year (approximately 10 bingos). Grab a friend and come out and volunteer! **Next bingo dates are March 1st and March 21st 4:30-7 pm at Club Regent.** Contact Bingo Chair Andrea Hall (raffoler360@gmail.com) for further information.



PARENT COUNCIL

A huge thank you to all who baked and who volunteered their time for the Concert Receptions and Pancake Breakfast. SJB Idol provided lots of entertainment and showed just how much talent we have in the building! Many thanks to our wonderful event chairs Vinita Pandey, Shannon Roberts and Danielle Savage for all their hard work in making these events so successful! Thanks also to our Idol MC Phil Samyn and the judges panel: Jennifer Moncrieff, Tom Bailey-Robertson and Nathan Polakoff.

The Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held Monday, February 13th and chaired by Tricia Precourt and Marni Waggoner (cspi587@mts.net / marniw@shaw.ca). If you would like to donate baking for this event, please contact Vinita Pandey at vpandey@shaw.ca. To volunteer that day, please contact Jodie Smith at sjbpc.volunteer@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars – Sunday March 4th is the 2nd Annual SJB Community Boston Booster 4:30-7 pm at Boston Pizza Taylor Avenue. 10 amazing raffle prizes and surprise silent auction item this year! Raffle tickets sent home with students this week. Funds raised will support the gymnasium climbing wall. Advance reservations for dinner are REQUIRED – be sure to call 925-4106 or email SJBreso@yahoo.ca to book your table.

Mrs. Kristi Cumming
Parent Council Chair

GRAD COMMITTEE

Greetings All and Happy New Year!



The Grade 8 Students and Parents are looking forward to a very exciting year!

The Grad Committee is equally enthusiastic and is hitting the ground running with the kickoff of the Grad Pizza Lunch as the first fundraiser of the year. Thank you all for your support!

Sincerest thanks also to Mrs. Goretti Xavier, for volunteering to take on the role of Grad Pizza Lunch Fundraising Coordinator.

We look forward to making and sharing many happy memories as the year unfolds.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Sara Cianflone
Grad Committee Chair

LIBRARY NEWS

Brrr, it's cold outside, so we've decided to embrace winter in the library in January and our story times have features stories with frosty themes as we celebrate snow!

Older grades have been learning about organization in the library and how it helps to find the information that they are looking for. As well, students are learning how to browse for an interesting book.

We are very excited about our participation with Boston Pizza in the Partners in Reading Program. The students have been logging their reading for over 6 months. And now, Boston Pizza has given a \$500 donation to our library for our participation. Since it's the students' efforts that have made this possible, I've asked the students what they would like to add our library collection.

In February we are going to be celebrating I Love to Read month. We will once again be holding our Drop Everything and Read contest, so students and staff, join the fun and make sure you always have something to read with you at all times.

I Love to Read

Finally, I encourage parents or family members to volunteer in the library. Your assistance with the daily operation of the library will help move us forward and would be much appreciated. You can volunteer for as little or as much time as you like, short or long term. You would also be making a contribution to our children's education. There are a variety of areas to work in. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Poirier in the library (ext. 239).

Mrs. P. Poirier
Library Technician



RECONCILIATION LEARNING STATIONS

On Tuesday, January 24th, an "Evening of Forgiveness" was held for candidates preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for their families. "Reconciliation Learning Stations" are a series of activities designed to give concrete experiences to the theme of forgiveness.

- The children and their parents read a paraphrased version of "The Parable of the Lost Sheep" Luke 14:4-7 and then made craft sheep out of a paper plate and cotton balls.
- Hearts were prepared in advance and decorated with labels according to whether a behavior brings us closer to God's love or pulls us away from God's love.
- Children read "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak and questions provided helped clarify how this is a story of forgiveness and reconciliation. Children reflected upon whether specific actions would help them "sail their boat" towards God or away from God if they were Max, the character in the story causing trouble and making mischief.
- Parents helped their children through a series of questions – An examination of conscience - to help them understand how we sometimes choose to do what we know to be wrong. Families recorded ways that they say "I am sorry" and ways they say "I forgive you" within their family unit.

A Veggie Tales movie and pizza dinner were also incorporated into the evening and enjoyed by all. Our thanks go out to the many volunteers who gave of their time to supervise activities.

Mrs. M. St. Croix

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliations will take place on the following days:

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, March 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday March 10, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Please contact Mr. Bailey-Robertson in the Parish Office at 488-4467 (Ext. 217) or tombr@sjbcommunity.ca to sign up for a 10 minute slot if you have not already done so.

Urgent Appeal

A recent fire in our city has left a mother without adequate clothing for her five year old daughter. St. John Brebeuf Parish is seeking donations of new and gently worn children's clothing suitable for a five year old girl. Clothing can be dropped off in the outreach bin located at the main church entrance.



Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Here's what some Grade 4 students had to say about theme 5: Sleep.

Arianna: Sleep is very important for babies because they need more REM sleep than adults to develop their brains. You can see someone's eyes moving when they are dreaming.

Noah B.: REM means rapid eye movement. REM happens when you are dreaming. Babies need about 12 hours of sleep each night.

Braden: There is a cycle when you sleep. We go in and out of REM sleep. Baby's sleep may be 50-95% REM. Adults don't have as much REM as babies and kids.

Quinn: SIDS means "sudden infant death syndrome". SIDS happens when a baby stops breathing and dies for no reason.

Noah: Three Canadian babies dies every week from SIDS.

Giovanna: Sophie goes to bed well. She gets about 12 hours of sleep a night. Parents need to be careful what they put in the crib with their baby.

Mrs. M. Lafreniere



CANWEST SPELLING BEE

This January, students in Grades 1-8 had the opportunity to be a part of the Canwest Spelling Bee Program. All classes participated in this program in their classrooms throughout December and into January.

Finally, on January 11, 2012, all students took part in a written spelling bee in each of their classes. Two to three students were then chosen to represent their room in the school wide bee on January 13, 2012. The competition was steep, but these participants sure studied hard and knew their stuff!

It all came down to the final three, Andrew Chau (Grade 6), Noah Banmann (Grade 4) and David Abad (Grade 7), as the competition moved from the parish hall into the gym for the final rounds.

As the crowd cheered them on, all three boys did their best to win it all. When it was all said and done, Andrew Chau emerged as the winner and will now be moving onto the Regional competition in February. Noah Banman took second place in the competition. Congratulations to all of the spellers and good luck to Andrew at the Regional Spelling Bee on February 11, 2012.

Ms. L. Craig



INVITATION

The students and parents of St. John Brebeuf School are cordially invited to the Opening of the "Art of Compassion", tonight (February 1, 2012) at 7:00 in the Great Hall at the Canadian Mennonite University. The art of the Gr. 5 and Gr. 6 students will be displayed and a group of middle years students will perform a musical number. The Minister of Education, the Honourable Nancy Allan, and the Minister of Culture and Heritage, the Honourable Florence Marcelino, will be in attendance, as well as other honoured guests.

BOBCAT BEAT

ST. JOHN BREBEUF

Physical Education

With the advent of the New Year, students from Grades K – 4 have begun their study of manipulation skills. The first being the *ball roll* had students enjoy such games as *Monster Ball* and *Roll You Over*. The next unit learned was *Ball Bounce* which has students playing *Pirates* and *Bounce Tag*. In mid-February the focus will move to *Catching* skills which includes such games as *Prison Ball* and *Bench Ball*. Students in grades 5 – 8 have been learning/developing their skills in the sport of Basketball. This unit will carry over until near the end of February at which time they will resume their fitness circuit training unit. Remember to update your Personal Activity Records (P.A.R.'s) due Feb. 3rd.



Intramurals

Students from grades 2 - 8 are enjoying a Dodgeball intramural that carries over from last month. In mid-February, grades 2-4 will switch into a Floor Hockey intramural while students in grades 5 - 8 will start Basketball. Students need to remember to walk down the halls to the gym as well as change quietly before and after their intramural.

Basketball

Both the boys and girls Basketball teams have been selected and the season kicked off in late January. We have five teams this year thanks to our dedicated staff that put in many hours at lunch and before and after school in order to give our students the experience of playing on a Basketball team. The coaches wish to extend a thank you to all the players who expressed an interest in this year's team. Congratulations to all athletes.

Please support our athletes by coming out to watch our Bobcats in action! All of the team's schedules can be found on the calendar on the St. John Brebeuf Athletics wiki: <http://sjbathletics.pbworks.com>

Good luck to all teams and have a great season!

Mr. D. Bueti
Physical Education

2011/2012 BASKETBALL ROSTERS

Bobcat Girls "Blue"

(Ms. Balla, Coach)

Emilie Lewis	Sarah Moir
Angelica Buccini	Senna Scerbo
Victoria Young	Kiara Calista
Sydney Maconachie	Alexia Anadranistakis
Julia Cantafio	Sophie George

Bobcat Girls "Black"

(Ms. Craig, Coach)

Elke Hasselman	Cameron Armstrong
Eyala Doumbé	Claire Sagan
Dahniel King	Emma Simpson
Chloe Ellerbrock	Aislynn McIssac
Camilla Ticzon	Camryn Kangas

Bobcat Developmental Boys "Maroon"

(Mrs. Lafreniere & Mr. Suban, Coaches)

Trey Garlinski	Yusuf Taguri
Matthew Hedden	Christopher Ethans
Joseph Thille	Tyler Frizzel
Bryan Nieva	Braden Ames
Daniel Nguyen	Noah Brimble
Drew DePape	Andrew Chau
Simon Depasquale	Gabriel Steeds
Spencer Filmon	Jared Bento
Marco Scerbo	

Bobcat Developmental Boys "Navy"

(Mr. Hunt & Mr. Gowdar, Coaches)

Keenan Gowdar	James Young
Nick Cantafio	Connor Stewart
Kieren Guttormson	Michael Marshall
Duncan Gowler	Shane Simoens
Mic Lanctôt-Sturk	Michael Parkin
Owen Briscoe	Sam Duncan
Christian Smyth	Quinn MacKay
Lucas Boaler	Liam Tessier
Jordan Gowdar	

Bobcat Competitive Boys

(Mr. Bueti & Mr. Fiorentino, Coaches)

Jim Peterson	Giuseppe Colatruglio
Max McLean	Luke Edmond
Conor Timlick	J.P. Lovell
Brendyn Boaler	Ablel Tewelde
Karamvir Chatha	Luke Thille

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Catholic Schools

**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week:
Feb. 12-18, 2012**

Please check your schedule for events,
or visit www.sjbcommunity.ca/school

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK REMINDERS

Monday, Feb. 13, 9:00 am: Please join us for Mass with the School to kick off Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, Feb. 14: Classes will 'buddy up' for Valentines activities.

- **9:00 am:** Join us for presentations by guest speakers, Muuxi Adam and the Ames Family
- **2:00 pm:** Early Dismissal

Wednesday, Feb. 15: 2:00 pm dismissal (After School Care Available)

Thursday, Feb. 17:

- Grade 7/8 Ski Trip
- K to 6 Voyageur Day (am)
- Grade 1-6 Sock Hop (pm)

Friday, Feb. 17: Inservice Day (No Classes).

SJB CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Kindergarten: <http://sjbkindergarten.pbworks.com>

Grade 1V: <http://sjbgrade1v.pbworks.com>

Grade 1W: <http://sjbwolfe.pbworks.com>

Grade 2: <http://sjbgrade2.pbworks.com>

Grade 3C: <http://grade3campbell.pbworks.com>

Grade 3P: <http://sjbpolakoff.pbworks.com>

Grade 4: <http://sjbgrade4m.pbworks.com>

Grade 5: <http://sjbmsballa.pbworks.com>

Grade 6C: <http://mscraigsggrade6class.wetpaint.com>

Grade 6W: <http://misswaroway.pbworks.com>

Grades 7& 8: <http://sjb7and8studies.pbworks.com>

French: <http://sjbfrench.pbworks.com>

Music: <http://sjbmusic.wikispaces.com>

Athletics: <http://sjbathletics.pbworks.com>

Computer: <http://sjbcomputers.pbworks.com>

Library: <http://sjblibrary.pbworks.com>

SJB UNIFORM SALE

Tuesday, March 20, 2:00—7:00 pm
St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall

- Gently Worn Uniforms available
- On-Site Fittings
- Order now for arrival by September

For more information: email barry@sjbcommunity.ca



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

(continued from front cover)

Students can also look forward to continue their musical journey as we restart the guitar club on February 15 during the lunch recess. Thanks to **Mr. Polakoff** and **Mr. Subban**, who will be running the club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Council for their amazing work and support of our school since our school year began. To date, they have organized cookie days each month, hot lunches every Thursday, magazine and vegetable fundraisers, Christmas concert receptions, a pancake breakfast for the entire school community, and the Boston Pizza Partners in Reading Program. Looking ahead, the next Parent Council project will be the second annual Boston Booster, a fundraiser in support of our future climbing wall for the gym. (Details can be found on the adjacent page.) Last year's event was a huge success, and we look forward to seeing you all again for an evening of fun and fellowship. We hope to have this exciting new equipment installed and ready for our students during the last school term.

Our annual Informational Open House will take place this Thursday at 7:00 pm. The best advertising is always word of mouth, so if you know of any families who are interested in attending our school, please share the information. I am grateful to our staff and School Board for their help with this important evening.

A re-registration form for 2012-2013 will be sent home by mail this month for returning students in good standing. Lunch fees and BASC fees will remain at the same cost for the upcoming school year. Instead of a registration fee, parents will notice that the Board has implemented a technology fee which is part of re-registration for the next school year, and it is to accompany the returning form.

The Finance Office will soon be preparing tax receipts for lunch, BASC and tuition fees. For more information, see the back cover of this newsletter or call Ms. Makinson at 488-4467 (Ext. 211).

Finally, a note for parents who use the BASC program on a casual basis. Please make payments promptly to Ms. Kim Graeili in the Parish Office. Her working hours are Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, or you can call and leave your credit card information on her voicemail: 928-7454. Failure to comply may result in suspension of service.

As we enter into another Lenten season, may we take the time each day to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, fasting and good works. I wish you a joyful and prayerful time of renewal.

Mrs. Laura Carreiro,





ST. JOHN BREBEUF COMMUNITY

BOOSTER B O S T O N

SUNDAY MAR. 4th 4:30^{pm}

PRIZES * SPECIALS * FUN * TICKETS \$10

Ticket includes 10 door prize ballots for your chance to win.

New this year: special silent auction prize!

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- * Signed Winnipeg Jets Jersey
 - * Winnipeg Jets Tickets
 - * Ipod Touch & Kobo E-Reader
 - * Tween Fashion Pack
 - * Acer Laptop
 - * Backyard Firepit Party
 - * Dinner and a Movie Pack
 - * Best Seats in the House
 - * The Sweet Party
 - * Get Fit Package
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RSVP: SJBReso@yahoo.ca or call: BP Taylor - 925-4106

All monies raised will go towards a new climbing wall for the gym.

1160 TAYLOR



Boston Pizza



Knights of Columbus – Basketball Free Throw Competition

Wednesday February 15th – 3:30 PM – School Gym

Open to all St. John Brebeuf Boys &

Girls Ages 10 to 14 (as of January 1, 2012)

Please see your Home Room teacher for an Official Entry Form

GRADES 7 & 8 SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED!

Attention all scientists; both amateur and professional!

The St. John Brebeuf School Science Fair will take place on March 7, 2012. Parent volunteers are required to assist in the judging process. If you have a passion for science and have some experience, either at the professional level or the amateur level we need you.

Judging takes place over the entire day, with awards being presented in the evening at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall when the fair is open for public viewing.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mr. Steven Hunt at hunt@sjbcommunity.ca or call 489-2115 (Ext. 229). Please note that there are only a limited number of spots for judges so please act quickly and provide a brief description of your science background.

Mr. Steven Hunt



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest



This year, approximately 160 students at St. John Brebeuf Parish and School took part in the Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest. Thank you to all who participated in and helped with the contest. Congratulations to the following winners:

Group A (Kindergarten):

- 1) Lila Kynaston
- 2) Ben Muisse
- 3) Meghan Lagadi

Group B (Grade 1 & 2):

- 1) Abby Sywake
- 2) Ellie Lee
- 3) Adam Cohen

Group C (Grade 3 & 4):

- 1) Emily Cumming
- 2) Noah van den Berg
- 3) Sophia Anadranistakis

Group D (Grade 5 & 6):

- 1) Shane Simoens
- 2) Marianne Thibodeau
- 3) Henry Hoang & Jade Blando (Tie)

Group E: (Grade 7+):

- 1) Nicole Brekelmans
- 2) Lucien Stratton
- 3) Katrina Stratton

FEBRUARY AT THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN BREBEUF

Feb. 1, 29: Peace Rosary 7:00 pm

Feb. 2: School Open House 7:00 pm

Feb. 6,13,27: Lectio Divina 1:30 pm

Feb. 5-12: Respect Life Week

Feb. 8: K. of C. Mass/General Mtg. 7:00 pm

Feb. 12 K of C Basketball Freethrow 11:30 am

Feb. 15: K of C Basketball Freethrow 3:30 pm

Feb. 19: K of C Pancake Breakfast (following 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses)

Feb. 19: C.W.L. General Mtg. 2:00 pm

Feb. 20: Louis Riel Day– Parish/School closed

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday

Mass with the School 9:00 am

Mass: 7:30 pm

Feb. 24: Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament : 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Benediction: 12:00 pm

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm

Feb. 25: Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

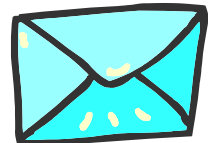
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Feb. 29: Adult Faith Formation: 10:00 am

Please note: Dates and times subject to change.

TAX RECEIPTS

All School tax receipts, including Tuition, Lunch and Before and After Care Program will be mailed out the week of February 20.



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