Summer 2019 Newsletter

St. John Brebeuf School connection

Living, Learning, Serving in Christ

SUMMER!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As another school year draws to a close, it is good to take a moment and reflect upon the last ten months. They have certainly been eventful and productive. This year we celebrated the strength of our community as we met both challenges and successes head on. Our staff and students, together with our families, have shown strength of character and practiced many of the virtues consistently while keeping faith, and for me that is what the community of St. John Brebeuf is all about.

From our House Induction Assembly and Terry Fox Walk, to the Christmas Concert, SJB Idol, and Pancake Breakfast, to our Family Games Nights and Carnival, this year has been rich in opportunities to build community and come together for the betterment of our students. Our parent community is essential to the school and I would like to sincerely thank PAC their hard work this year. The support you offer the school and your strengthening role in the community are immeasurable.

Our students have accomplished much this year academically, spiritually, and beyond, and deserve to be commended for their efforts. Our grade eights and some of our grade sixes are moving on to high school and while we will miss their presence in our halls, we are happy for them in having reached this milestone and wish them well as they continue their educational journey. For those families whose journey is ending with us this year as your children move to new schools, thank you for your commitment and support over the years. We will miss you. Don't be strangers!

To our staff, who give so much of themselves and work so tirelessly for the betterment of our students. I appreciate the patience and caring you have shown as you have journeyed with our students this year. You have put in countless hours of work and are always diligent and exceptional role models for our students.

A restful, enjoyable summer to all! Until September….

Cara Campbell

TRIADS

We begin the 2019-20 school year with our Student/Parent/Teacher Triads on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. By having only a small number of students at a time in the classroom on the first day of school, parents, students and teachers are provided with an opportunity to have introductory time at the beginning of the school year. Parents are able to meet the teachers who will be working with their children, ask questions and review expectations. The students have time to unpack their belongings and organize themselves. The teachers are able to assign lockers, seats, text books, etc. Triads also provide our new students with a low stress introduction to their new school. Please check the schedule below to determine your assigned time:

TRIAD SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Time of Triad:	Last names beginning with:
8:30 am - 9:30 am	A, B, C
9:30 am - 10:30 am	D, E, F
10:30 am - 11:30 am	G, H, I, J
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	K, L, M, N
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	O, P, Q, R, S
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

WACKY HAIR DAY

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The school organizes the purchase of bulk student school supplies as a saving for our environment and for our families. The cost per student from grades 1 to 8 is **$58 per student**. This covers common supplies of pens, pencils, sharpeners, scissors, glue sticks, binders, markers, rulers, scotch tape, tissues, Ziploc bags, etc. Please bring your cheque payable to St. John Brebeuf School to the Triads on September 4th. **Parents must supply water bottles, backpacks, lunch kits, gym bags for grades 2-8, and scientific calculators for grades 7 & 8.**

CARNIVAL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Wow, what an amazing year we had at St John Brebeuf School. We had many successful fundraisers: with QSP, the introduction of SJB wear, lunch program, used uniform sales, and we continue to sell our necklaces.

We had a very successful SJB Casino Royale Gala that raised $28,500.00 towards the playground enhancements. We will continue to fundraise so we can meet our goal to improve the playing area for our children. Thank you to everyone who donated and came to the Gala. This year's initiative was Fit Kids. I would like to say we donated $7500.00 towards new basketball equipment, CrossFit equipment for the gym and purchased a new high jump mat.

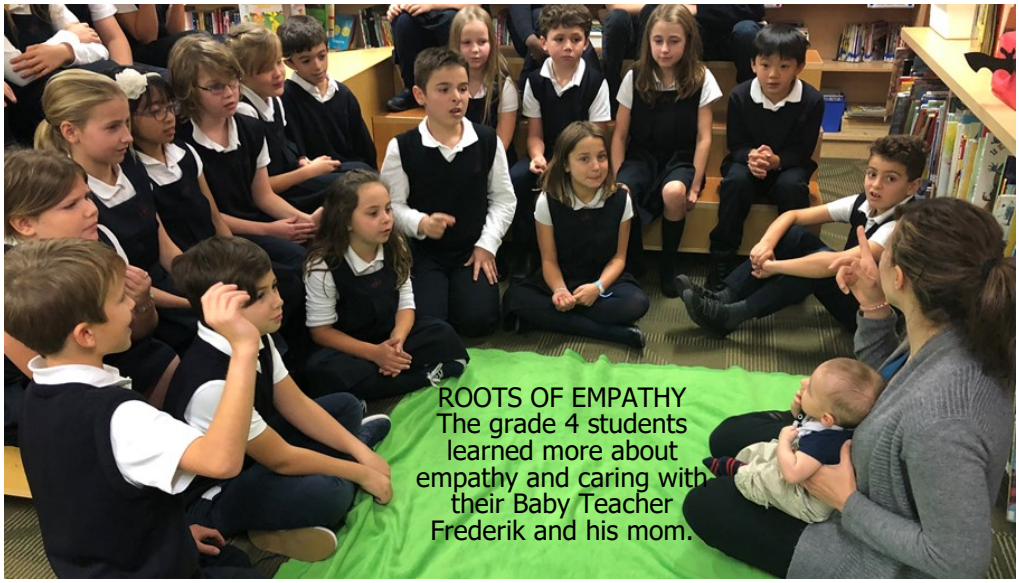
This year's SJB Carnival brought over 300 people to celebrate our community. I believe the kids and parents had a great time. I would like to thank our PAC committee that came out and volunteered their time. Without your help all of these fundraisers and events would not be possible.

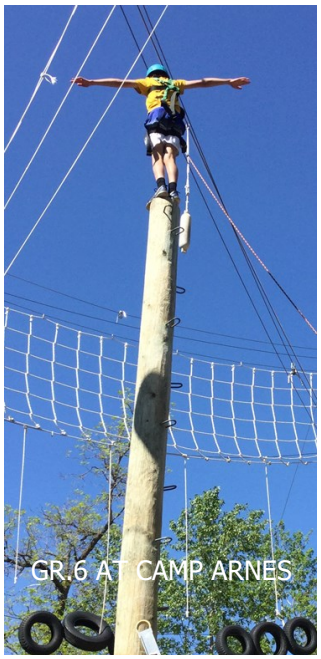
I had a wonderful 3 years as your PAC Chair. I got to meet and work with wonderful parents, the staff and the administration. A special thank you to Cara and Veronica who always supported PAC. I will now pass on the torch to Kerri Moore who will be Chair of PAC and Kelly Morganti as Vice Chair of PAC. I will continue as past Chair of PAC to support Kerri and Kelly.

Be sure to follow SJB on Facebook and Instagram. Have a wonderful summer!

Jennifer Melo
Chair of PAC

GRADE 2 AT FORT WHYTE
"CATTAILS & COOTS" PROGRAM


ROOTS OF EMPATHY
The grade 4 students learned more about empathy and caring with their Baby Teacher Frederik and his mom.


GR.6 AT CAMP ARNES

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Grade 6 building electrical circuits with U of M student scientists

We have been quite busy in grade six for the past couple of months. Some highlights are participating in the school science fair, a Lent retreat, and field trips to the Red River Stevenson Aviation Training Center. At the Stevenson Aviation Training Center, students used their knowledge of the principles of flight and applied them to real-world scenarios. Students were able to participate in some of the training and skills that aviation engineers have to do on a daily basis. We were able to get close and personal with many plane models and explore their various components. In social studies, we learned about the Canadian contributions to World War II. We inquired about various topics of interests and created learning games to communicate the significant information in them. We then explored and played each others' learning games. We are saddened at the fact that the girls in our class are leaving and we wish them well in their future. What a wonderful year we have had and I am sure you will each have many more wonderful years ahead!

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This was the final term for all of us before we entered high school. With our eyes looking towards grade nine, we still had lots to do here at St. John Brebeuf. In math, we figured out how to calculate the surface area and volume of 3D shapes. We explored how the surface area per unit of volume increases as your object gets smaller, which explains how bugs can fall far distances without getting squished. We also looked at probability with casino games and found that no matter what you bet on in a roulette game, the long-term payout will be the same. In science, we played a computer game called Cellcraft in order to learn about the inner workings of cells. We then looked at cells in a variety of places, including eyes and plants. One hundred years have passed since the Spanish flu, and we learned about how Winnipeg banded together to assist each other without caring about what neighbourhood or socioeconomic background you came from. In history we learned about the Mayan Empire and the Middle Ages, making our own family coat of arms. We joined up with the grade two class to analyze the environmental themes in the book The Lorax. The book I Am David, which explores a boy who escapes a concentration camp in order to search for his mother, was our focus in literature. Of course, not everything we did was academic. Many of our classmates lead the school's soccer team in the tournament at Grant Park. We traveled with the grade 7s to Quebec City, Montreal, and Ottawa. Some of our notable moments were exploring the Montmorancy waterfall, the smoked meat sandwiches in Montreal, and the War Museum in Ottawa. We also had a great tour guide, Jean-Francois, who knew a lot about everything we saw, and had many great stories and facts to tell. Eight of our students also received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the beginning of June, which has been something we have been preparing for since January. We explored how the act of accepting the Holy Spirit into our lives requires having an open heart, and that the work to live like Jesus did will continue throughout our lives. Thanks for everything, St. John Brebeuf, and goodbye!

The grade seven class completed a busy spring full of anticipation. They were eagerly awaiting the cultural trip to Quebec and Ottawa. The waiting proved to be justified as they returned with glowing reviews of their experiences. The trip was a learning experience on an academic, cultural, and social level. Upon their return, the mindset shifted to prepare for the June exams looming around the corner. Ultimately, the goal of finally reaching grade eight, the pinnacle year at St. John Brebeuf, is quickly approaching. Striving to prepare for the exams and achieve academic success was a topic echoing between the classroom walls.

Their courses led them through various avenues of learning. The completion of an independent novel study and We All Fall Down by Eric Walters sparked, not only their curiosity, but a self-reflection into their own lives. Building connection between themselves and the characters from a modern day historical fiction novel, opened their eyes to the interconnected web that is our world. The students attacked algebra problems with vigour and accurately created graphs during their math lessons. They enthusiastically produced beautiful pieces of visual art using a variety of mediums, including pastels and charcoal.

The grade sevens ventured outside of the SJB walls several times this season. They attended a retelling of the Jules Verne classic "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People. Although an unknown story for many of the students, the modern twist on the classic tale was enjoyed and sparked discussions in the classroom. The students participated in a call to action by supporting the elderly, the young, and the environment. Responding to the call from Pope Francis to use our gifts and talents to help others is an important aspect of developing the students in our community.

Applying their technology skills and talents was evident as the academic year came to a close. Creating a professional level PowerPoint based on their experience at the National Museum for Human Rights was a lesson in not only culture, but also in the effectiveness of a strong presentation. Using the iPads, the students expressed their learning in new and exciting methods. The confidence and knowledge to use the technology at their finger tips is a goal for the students as they prepare for their final year at St. John Brebeuf.

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Student Council serving ice cream at the school picnic

BOBCAT BEAT!

How quickly the school year comes and goes! Here we are in June, the weather is beautiful, and students are getting active outside.

This April, Ms. Chilelli and Mrs. Isfeld put together a solid team of singles and doubles players for the badminton season. Each member of the badminton team had the chance to practice together, and then compete around this city in the annual MCSAA badminton tournament. Patrick earned 4th place for grade 7 boys singles. The grade 6 team came out well, earning a 2nd place win, and two 5th place finishes in the tournament. Thank you to the coaches and players!

The middle years students also had the chance to participate in the annual SJB Bobcats Badminton Tournament. Congrats to the following players for their accomplishments in the tournament:

Grade 5: 1st place: Vikram and Luca 2nd place: Myles and Sam 3rd place: Micheal and Zach N.
Grade 6: 1st place: Andrew and Sebastian 2nd place: Mark and Lucas 3rd place: Ella and Antonia
Grade 7: Nolan and Harry 2nd place: Patrick and Ben 3rd place: Kai and Brennan
Grade 8: 1st place: Eamon and Rylan 2nd place: Jackson and Riley 3rd place: Carter and Keegan

This May, Ms. Cerminara and Mme Bector had a number of boys come out for the Bobcats soccer team. They were able to pull together a great team of 15 boys from grades 6-8. On May 22, the team competed in the MCSAA tournament. They had a solid showing, but lost in the semi-final round. A huge thank you to the coaches for their time and effort this season!

This May, the grade 2-7 students had the opportunity to learn all about the game of basketball with our special guest, Team Nigeria player, Keith Omoerah. The students welcomed the 6'5" player into the gym for the full day, and were enthusiastic to learn new games and skills from the professional baller. He brought many stories to the group about his time with the Nigerian National team, his pro career in Norway and Ukraine, and how team sports have positively affected his life. A huge thank you goes out to Keith for joining our school for the day!

On May 15, students in grade 4-8 had the chance to participate in the SJB track and field meet at Grant Park. Track events, ball throw, shot put, discus, high jump and so much more! This year, there were so many wonderful performances. Many of the athletes who did well at the meet, participated in the Knights of Columbus meet at the U of M in June. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who made this day happen.

A big shout out goes to a number of athletes who broke records this year! The future looks bright!

80m: Grade 5 boys – Fenton 11.32s, Grade 6 girls – Bianca 11.94s
200m: Grade 7 boys – Liam C 28.00s
300m: Grade 7 boys – Liam C 43.25s
600m: Grade 5 girls – Brigitte 2:08, Grade 6 boys – Bodin 2:09.06
Long Jump: Grade 6 girls – Bianca 3.84m
High Jump: Grade 6 girls – Bianca 1.29m, Grade 6 boys – Lucas 1.26m
Ball Throw: Grade 5 boys – Luca 41.24m
Shot Put: Grade 5 girls – Charlotte 6.81m, Grade 5 boys – Luca 7.83m

Finally, the PE department is very excited to announce the results of our Jump Rope for Heart campaign. This past April and May, students had the chance to jump for their health, and raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The students learned a lot about the heart, fitness, and giving back. The school had a goal to raise $4000 this year. We were blown away with the response, and after all the funds were counted…**St. John Brebeuf raised $10,983.60!!!!** WOW! Overall, the school had 87 students raise funds, with the grade 3 classes raising the most money overall! A huge shout out goes to the top three fundraisers in the school: Milla (grade 3), Kai (grade 5), and Isabella (grade 4). Thank you so much to everyone who helped raise money and spread awareness about the Heart and Stroke Foundation! June 17th was our Jump Day at the school to celebrate our accomplishments.

Have a great summer, Bobcats!
Ms. Craig

SOCCER TEAM

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART CAMPAIGN

STORAGE
BASKETBALL TRAINING

BADMINTON

TRACK & FIELD MEET

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Another busy year is nearly finished for the SJB music offerings! The violin clubs all wrapped up soon after the recital performance, and information will be coming home regarding the beginner violin club starting for Grade 1 & 2 students in September. Grade 2 students can also think about joining the Mass Choir that meets at lunch and is led by Mrs. Walker. Grade 3 students have the opportunity to join the boys and girls choir, and the Psalm club if they would like to sing alone or in a small group at Mass. Grade 4 students can join guitar club in September, and there are opportunities for grade 5-8 students to be in student directed extracurricular music clubs as well. 2019/2020 club sign ups will take place on Triad day, please come see me in to sign up or ask any questions you may have regarding the music offerings at SJB.
Thank you and congratulations to all students on another successful year here in the music room. I look forward to continue making music with you all in September!

Mr. Frykas

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS IN GRADE3 BUILDING STRUCTURES THAT CAN WITHSTAND A FORCE AND THAT CAN HOLD A LOAD.

Effective Sept. 1st, to email Ms. Slugoski in the front office regarding attendance, please use schooloffice@sjbcommunity.ca.

To contact Mrs. Gel in the school finance office, please use finance@sjbcommunity.ca.

Look how much we've grown!

The following Nifty Niners have been students at St. John Brebeuf School since Kindergarten:

Rylan Bohonis

Giordano DiSanto

Angelo Grande

Ayden Hansen

Adrian Havixbeck

Bryce Jackson

Oscar Lavitt

Keegan McCaughey

Jackson McLeod

Owen Prendergast

Tristan Rodrigues

Matteo Wilson

Farewell 2019

On Thursday, June 20th , Farewell Mass and Awards Ceremonies
were held at St. John Brebeuf Church
for our twenty-two grade 8 students and for the grade 6 students leaving our school

Congratulations to the St. John Brebeuf School Class of 2019:

Rylan Bohonis
Azam Coward
Marco D'Andreamatteo
Darshan Dhillon
Giordano DiSanto
Carlos Furber Espinosa
Angelo Grande
Ayden Hansen
Adrian Havixbeck
Bryce Jackson
Oscar Lavitt
Sumeer Mangat
Keegan McCaughey
Jackson McLeod
Riley Patterson
Owevn Prendergast
Dylan Prtichard
Tristan Rodrigues
Carter Shippam
Benjamin Slugoski Walters
Eamon Wallace
Matteo Wilson

Grade Eight Honour Roll

Azam Coward
Darshan Dhillon
Carlos Furber Espinosa
Angelo Grande
Oscar Lavitt
Sumeer Mangat
Keegan McCaughey
Tristan Rodrigues
Benjamin Slugoski Walters

Grade Seven Honour Roll

Enrique Cordova
Emrik Holtmann
Owen Kochanski
Partick McManus
Ben Muise
Brennan Pragides
Mikhail Precourt

Grade Six Honour Roll

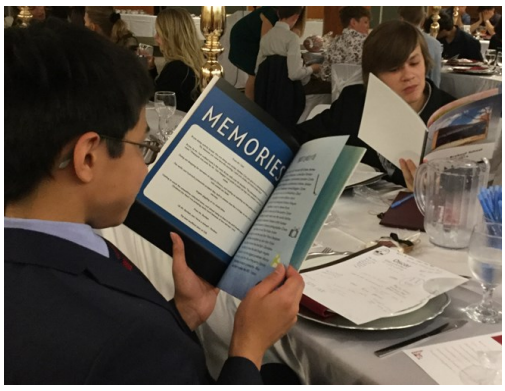
Ian Bell
Joanna Braun
Ethan Bezabeh
Andrew Earle
Steven Kosa
Isaac Lavitt
Logan Lechner
Sara Manness
Nolan McKay
Sebastian McManus
Antonia Melo
Lucas Prendergast
Bianca Pura
Ella Santasieri
Kevan Savage
Robin Wallace
Jack Sebastio
Bodin Senkowsky
Callie Sharma
Kirin Stuart
Mark Van Caeseele

Congratulations to the St. John Brebeuf School grade 8 class of 2019

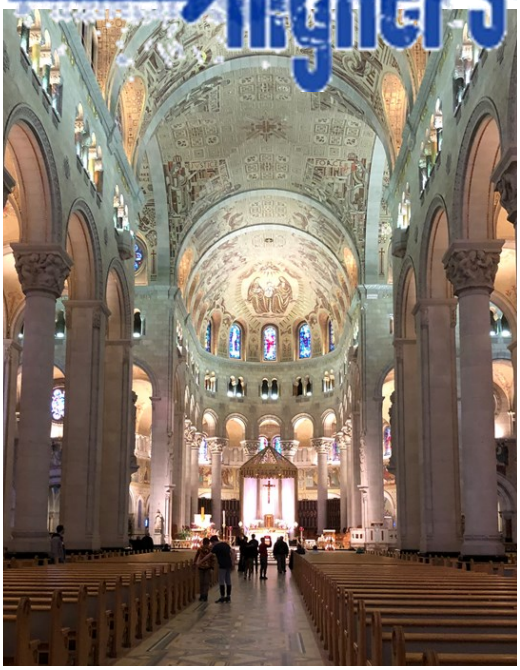
Academic Award

St. John Brebeuf School recognizes the accomplishments and contributions that the grade six girls who are leaving our school have made to the community. We wish you great success and happiness as you continue your journey.

The Margaret Kingdon Award recognizes students who exemplify the ideal Catholic student by their commitment to all aspects of school life, and are continuing their studies in a Catholic school. The recipients of this award demonstrate active citizenship, strong work ethic, and involvement in extra curricular activities. Studious, dependable, and respectful, these individuals can be relied upon to act responsibly and lend a helping hand when necessary. Margaret Kingdon was a long time member of the St. John Brebeuf School Board, and helped shape the St. John Brebeuf community.



Junior Highers



This spring, our grade seven and eight classes had the pleasure of visiting Montreal, Quebec City, and Ottawa. They had many cultural experiences, ranging from touring old Quebec, visiting the Canadian war museum, experiencing life of the Wendake tribe, and viewing Montmorency Falls, and the beautiful Church of St. Anne de Beaupre.
Of course their trip would not have been complete without having an old fashioned kitchen party at Chez Dany. The boys had their fill of maple syrup, while dancing and playing the spoons!
We sincerely hope these memories will last a lifetime!

Merci.
Mme Bector

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