



St. John Brebeuf School Connection

Living, Learning, Serving in Christ



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As another school year closes, the time has come to take a moment and reflect upon the last ten months. They have certainly been eventful. I consider it a blessing that we were able to have our students in school for the vast majority of the school year, and hope we will have in-school attendance for the full ten months next year.

We celebrated the strength of our community as we met both challenges and successes. Our staff and students, together with our families, have shown strength of character and consistently practiced many of the virtues while keeping faith, and for me that is what the community of St. John Brebeuf is all about. A big thank you to our families for respecting public health orders outside of school, thus keeping our school as safe as possible throughout the year. Your partnership in this area has been invaluable.

Our students accomplished much this year academically, spiritually, and beyond. They deserve to be commended for their efforts in what has been a difficult and unpredictable school year. Our grade eights are moving on to high school and I am happy for them in having reached this milestone. Fifteen of them have been with us since kindergarten, and their presence in our halls will be missed.

A big thank you to PAC who managed to remain active this year, despite challenging restrictions. They delivered a hot lunch program and popcorn days for most of the year, provided special treats for students, and injected some fun and colour into a scaled-back Catholic Schools' Week. PAC also provided funds toward our drive by farewell ceremony for our departing grade eight students.

Our school board continues to facilitate the overall governance and policies of the school. A major project undertaken this year was a re-design of the parish basement and we look forward to unveiling our new music room in the fall. The commitment and dedication of board members to the school over the past year is very much appreciated.

Our staff give so much of themselves and work so tirelessly for the betterment of our students. I appreciate the patience and caring they have shown as they journeyed with our students this year. Teachers met the challenge of blended learning as they delivered concurrent classes to in-school and remote learners for the majority of the year, then pivoted seamlessly to full remote learning for the last two months of school. The staff in its entirety has put in countless hours of work, and provided exceptional role modelling for our students. I am proud of you all.

We say goodbye to two staff members this June: Ms. Einarson and Ms. Velez. We thank our librarian Ms. Einarson for all the work she has done in the library for the past eighteen months. We wish our educational assistant Ms. Velez all the best as she relocates to the U.K. to resume her nursing career. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Okhmatovski back to the library in September.

It is difficult to predict what the return to school in September will look like at this time. Stay tuned for eblasts in late August that will provide a full run down of our re-opening plans. The school will continue its partnership with RWB in September and looks forward to welcoming back our students from this program along with some new faces in grades six, seven, and eight. 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.

Cara Campbell

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

As this unique year comes to a close, we would like to thank all the staff and families of SJB for making this year the best it could be!

Although we were limited on what we could do this year, PAC still managed to offer popcorn days, ice cream treat day, activities during Catholic Schools week and a hot lunch program.

We thank you all for your support! We wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

Kelly Morganti,
PAC Chair



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Message from the SJB Board Chair

This year has been like no other in recent memory as our community has had to pivot on many occasions to meet the demands of ever changing Covid-19 restrictions. On behalf of the board, I would like pass on a thank you to the staff at SJB who worked tirelessly and above the call of duty to support our children in their educational journey. I also want to thank the parents in our community for being gracious as we adjusted to the ever-changing landscape – not an easy way to do things! Unfortunately, we were not able to have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year in light of the restrictions but we were able to temporarily post the regular AGM documents for the community to view on our website.

Over the last 4-5 years SJB has undertaken a number of capital projects to improve the school. This has included new windows, re-sodding the playground, painting the interior, new front concrete, and refreshing the gym change rooms. This year we managed to complete and plan for several other major capital initiatives. The renovation of the school basement to create a new library and washrooms as well as re-purposing of the new Grade 7 and Grade 8 classrooms upstairs were both completed by early September of 2020. In early spring of 2021, the SJB school board collaborated with the parish trustees to plan a restoration and renovation of the basement level in the church including a new music classroom, new kitchen, renovated public washrooms and the complete restoration of a single use washroom. This renovation has already begun and is scheduled to be completed this September. In terms of board activity - we have been continuing our goal of updating our school policies, touching base with our community in the development of a new 5 year strategic board plan, and developing our financial forecasting for future years. In 2021-2022, we plan to meet with the parish trustees and identify future school capital projects, finalize the board's strategic plan and meet with the community at the next AGM (if permitted). In closing, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the SJB Board to wish students, staff, and parents in our community a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Andrew Calista

THANK YOU TO THE STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO HELPED WITH THE PLANTING OF THE FLOWER BED IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ADAEZE OKORAFOR FOR KEEPING THE FLOWERS WATERED WITH LOVE.



Congratulations!

- ♥ To the grade 2 students on receiving their First Communion.
- ♥ To Ms. Waroway on receiving her accreditation as a Certified Reading Clinician with the Manitoba Council of Reading Clinicians. Ms. Waroway has obtained a Master's degree in Education, as well as training in Reading Recovery and Orton-Gillingham multisensory methods. Ms. Waroway is especially grateful for the support from our community to pursue ongoing professional development during her twenty-one years at St. John Brebeuf School.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Looking back at this unique year, I want to thank all the students for their patience, co-operation and willingness to try something new in music class! I never thought I would have to spend a year teaching music without any singing or playing any instruments (except some homemade ones). We spent a lot of time in classes analyzing popular music, dancing, reading rhythms, listening to concerts online, and experimenting with music technology, but I am hopeful and ready for a return to some more traditional music making next year!

While we don't know yet what next year will bring in the music program, there is a renovation that will be proceeding in the music room! I am very excited to have an update to the music room, and there have been many meetings with myself, members of the school board, and the designers to create an updated and functional space for music classes and clubs. I am very excited to have students back in the music room for singing, movement, and playing instruments as soon as possible next year!

Have a restful and safe summer break, best of luck to all the students who will be continuing their education elsewhere next year, and I look forward to delivering a busy and enriching music experience in the new school year!

Mr. Frykas

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The school organizes the purchase of bulk student school supplies as a saving for our environment and for our families. Common supplies provided are pens, pencils, sharpeners, scissors, glue sticks, binders, markers, rulers, scotch tape, tissues, Ziploc bags, etc.

Parents must supply water bottles, backpacks, lunch kits, gym bags for grades 2-8, and scientific calculators for grades 7 & 8.

FRENCH

Quelle annee!

It has definitely been a unique school year! Due to the unforeseen circumstances, many changes to our routine were made. French classes worked on their respective plays, along with themed units and assignments.

Unfortunately, we were unable to perform our plays again this year. However, everyone still continued to work diligently, whether it was in class or remotely. You all remained positive, and for that I am so proud of each and every one of you!

A special note to those leaving us this year. You all brought special qualities to our school community. Your presence will be missed at St. John Brebeuf.

Although no one can go back and make a brand new start to this year, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending!

J'espere que vous aurez une bon ete avec beaucoup de fun! You deserve it!

Mme. Bector



TECHNOLOGY

The [Canadian Centre for Child Protection](#) is a national charity dedicated to the personal safety of children. Below are some of the resources they have available to support parents in having online and personal safety conversations with their children. Links to these resources can be found in the blog section of Miss Hill's technology portal.

Resources and Information for Parents

[Parenting Tweens and Teens in the Digital World](#) - This booklet includes information on current trends and online risks for parents. It is available for free either as a downloadable PDF or in print.

[ProtectKidsOnline.ca](#) - A website with information for parents about the ever-changing online interests of young people, the potential risks they face and proactive strategies to help keep them safe while online.

Resources and Information for Children, Tweens, and Teens

[Video Read-Along Storybooks](#) - Designed for use with children ages 5-9 years old, these videos address safe vs unsafe secrets, instincts – identifying and responding to unsafe situations, and online safety.

[Safety Habits for Life](#) - This PDF includes 5 safety habits to help parents with important safety conversations.

[Zoe and Molly Online](#) - An interactive series that gives children in Grades 3 and 4 an opportunity to have some fun while exploring what it means to be safe while playing games online.

Miss Hill



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (BASC)

Registration forms for the BASC program will be available on the school website www.sjbschool.ca at the end of August.



We have been quite busy in grade six for the past couple of months. Some highlights are learning about electricity, exploring the factors that led to the Great Depression, and incorporating the math concept of decimals to a food truck project. The class created their own electrical circuits in two main configurations which are serial and parallel circuits. We explored how electricity works and is applied to everyday life such as their home and devices. In Social Studies, we looked at how factors such as the Stock Market Crash of 1929 contributed to the Great Depression. The students put some of those concepts to use by participating in a real life stock market challenge. Suffice to say, most students' stock portfolios did much better than Mr. Suban's. Lastly, grade six students used their knowledge of decimals to brainstorm, plan, and execute a food truck business. Students created logos, menus, and sought feedback from one another. We also took "food orders" and utilized decimal operations to find the totals.

We are saddened at the fact that some students in our class are leaving and we wish them well in their future. What a wonderful and challenging year we have had. I am confident you will each have many more wonderful years ahead!

Mr. Suban

Desk shields. Masks. Remote learning. Six feet. Chromebooks. What a year it has been in grade seven. The classroom layout may have changed, recess time may have been spent a little differently, the use of technology may have increased, but the friendships, lessons learned, and experiences of grade seven remained the same.

The grade seven students adapted and rose above all of the challenges they faced this year. Their perseverance, positive attitude, and dedication certainly made their first year in junior high a success. To end the year, the students read the heroic tale of *The Breadwinner*. The story of a young girl from Afghanistan who much disguise as a boy to provide for her family. The students learned to appreciate their own lives, as it compares to the struggle and sacrifice made daily by this young girl. The novel was inspirational and a great selection for our current world climate. Through technology they were still able to participate in group work, interact with presentation from the MTC and RWB, and also support their friends in Ms. Bator's grade three class, with a writing project. Some things never change!

Despite being away from school and their peers, they managed to stay on top of their studies in preparation for their June exams. In math, we frequently used the Desmos online graphing software that allows students to create graphs for different situations, as well as analyze patterns and relationships in the real world. The spring focused on geometry, patterns, and transformations on coordinate grids. Science lined up with the beautifully long spring, as we focused on the interactions in ecosystems. Students looked at how ecosystems are stronger and more resilient when managed in a way that supports and promotes interactivity between species. In social studies, we looked at the modern trends of globalization, modernization, and westernization. We traveled the world, looking at case studies where these concepts appear in Rwanda, Somalia and other parts of the Middle East, and East Asia.

We welcomed several new friends this year through our partnership with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Learning, interacting, and becoming friends with new students from across the country, and the world, was a welcomed addition to the grade seven classroom. Although this wasn't the typical grade seven year, all the students exemplified what it means to be a St. John Brebeuf Bobcat!

Mr. Bartlett



Bison Regional Science Fair

Congratulations to Castiel Haripersad for earning a gold medal for his project "Comparing and testing the Artificial and Natural methods of Carbon Capture", and receiving the award for best in the category, Environment and Climate Change.

This year came to a close with all students moving to remote learning on their Chromebooks. In math, we looked for patterns and developed rules and linear equations that modeled those patterns. We crossed back and forth between math and science as we looked at warm and cold blooded animals, and how surface area and volume change as the scale of the animal grows or shrinks. Our spring science focus was on cells. We looked at both the worlds of unicellular and multicellular life. Students looked at examples that gave them an appreciation for the resilience of unicellular life, but also looked at the wondrous structures that cells can form as they develop into tissues, organs, and organ systems.

In E.L.A. during the remote learning session, it was a great time for the students to dive into a good novel. The students read *I Am David* through the final month of the year. The story of a young boy who escapes from a concentration camp and journeys to Denmark. The novel teaches the students the purpose of a journey, as not only the means to reach the destination, but the lessons to be learned along the way. In history, we ended the year learning of knights, feudalism, and the rise of Islam during the Middle Ages. Along with learning the facts and events, the students recreated a medieval castle, for the fictional Lord Brebeuf, using Minecraft. Their end products would have made Lord Brebeuf quite proud.

Though graduation this year does not look the same, all of your teachers are proud of your tenacity and drive this year, and wish you all the best in high school.

Mr. Toni

Congratulations to the St. John Brebeuf School Class of 2021:

Jan Bell
 Ethan Bezabeh
 Luke Bolton
 James Christie-Stewart
 Ava Devlin
 Andrew Earle
 Jordyn Eaves
 Castiel Haripersad
 Hannah Hunter
 Cole Koop

Issac Lavitt
 Logan Lechner
 Olivia McEwan
 Nolan McKay
 Sebastian McManus
 Lucas Prendergast
 Gwendolyn Pritchett
 Kamryn Ross
 Tavio Sanatarsieri

Kevan Savage
 Jack Sebastiao
 Bodin Senkowsky
 Daniel Stipanovic
 Kirin Stuart
 Maren Turner
 Jain Twigg
 Mark Van Caesele
 Arosh Wanigesinghe
 Alex Wilcosh

Grade Eight Honour Roll

Jan Bell
 Ethan Bezabeh
 Andrew Earle

Castiel Haripersad
 Logan Lechner

Lucas Prendergast
 Kevan Savage

Bodin Senkowsky
 Kirin Stuart
 Mark Van Caesele

Grade Seven Honour Roll

Aris Anguluan
 Aahron Coward
 Micheal D'Andreamatteo

Sam Hanson
 Rhys Howes

Myles Lagadi
 Liam Marchant

Matthew McCallum
 Scarlett Reynolds
 Zachary Sadowski

Grade Six Honour Roll

Isabelle Alcantara
 Isabella Cesario
 Nya Chapman
 Tomas Holtmann

Michael Kenny
 Hailee Linsangan
 Gavin McCaughey

Joey Morganti
 Laura Muise
 Daria Piotrowicz

Noah Senkowsky
 Abby Sigurdson
 Zabian Stuart
 Caelen Yung



Nifty Niners

The following have been students at St. John Brebeuf School since kindergarten:

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| 1. Sebastian McManus | 9. Jack Sebastiao |
| 2. Ian Bell | 10. Nolan McKay |
| 3. Logan Lechner | 11. Kevan Savage |
| 4. Kirin Stuart | 12. Isaac Lavitt |
| 5. Tavio Santarsieri | 13. Lucas Prendergast |
| 6. Andrew Earle | 14. Mark Van Caesele |
| 7. Bodin Senkowsky | 15. Alex Wilcosh |
| 8. Ethan Bezabeh | |



Ian Bell



Logan Lechner



Isabella Cesario



Ethan Bezabeh



Mark Van Caesele

St. John Brebeuf School Awards

Recipient

Academic Award

In recognition for maintaining high academic standards and diligent work habits.

Mark Van Caesele

Athletic Awards

In recognition for demonstrating leadership and sportsmanship.

Logan Lechner

Isla Precourt

Excellence en Français

In recognition for outstanding academic achievement in French.

Ian Bell

Discipleship Award

In recognition for contributing leadership to the faith life of the Parish and School.

Sebastian McManus

The Margaret Kingdon Award

Is presented for exemplifying the ideal Catholic student by their commitment to all aspects of school life, and who is continuing their studies in a Catholic school. Demonstrates active citizenship, strong work ethic, and involvement in extracurricular activities. A studious, dependable, and respectful person, this individual can always be relied upon to act responsibly and lend a helping hand when necessary.

Ethan Bezabeh

Isabella Cesario

Knights of Columbus Award

In recognition for actively participating in SJB Parish and choosing to further their education in a Catholic High School.

Isaac Lavitt

Hailee Linsangan

The Sister Stephen Francis Award

In recognition for being the most improved student throughout Junior High years.

Ian Bell

Acheson-Cadieux Memorial Award for Outstanding Citizenship

In recognition for demonstrating an outstanding concern for others.

Lucas Prendergast

Community Citizenship Award—Jon Gerrard

In recognition of leadership in the areas of community issues and human rights.

Castiel Haripersad

Jim Carr Award

In recognition for outstanding citizenship

Daniel Stipanovic

John Orlikow Award

In recognition of leadership in the classroom.

Andrew Earle



Isla Precourt



Castiel Haripersad



Daniel Stipanovic



Isaac Lavitt



Hailee Linsangan



Lucas Prendergast



Sebastian McManus



Andrew Earle

The students in grade 3K studied the countries of Mexico and Zimbabwe. They chose one of those countries to represent in a diorama. Students presented their creations remotely to the class. It was an exciting activity and students enjoyed showcasing their knowledge of culture and landscape.



BOBCAT BEAT

Hello, Bobcats! Can you believe that it is June already?

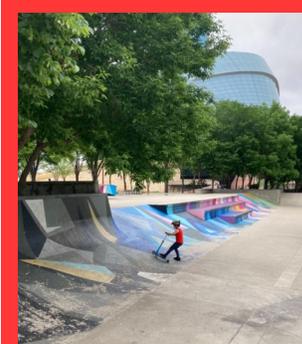
Over the last couple of months, the St. John Brebeuf students accomplished some great things! As you know, this year was the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope 40th anniversary. As a school, not only did we raise \$5,040, but we were also one of the top 50 fundraisers in Manitoba. On top of that, as a school throughout the year, we set out to walk, run, bike, hike, scooter, skate and ski Terry's 5,373km journey. Through diligent efforts in PE class, and two Terry Fox at home challenges, we collectively exceeded this amount, and completed 5,403km. Congrats to the following classes on their accomplishments! **KM - 266km, KW 219km, 1W 232km, 2M 221km, 3K 271km, 3B 247km, 4C 269km, 5I 729km, 5M 720km, 6S 835km, 7B 652 km, 8T 691km, Staff 821km.** Way to go, Bobcats!

This May, we started the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Students had a chance in class to start practicing their jumping skills, and then had more experience trying Jump for Heart activities during remote learning. As a school, we also started fundraising....and we were able to go above and beyond our goal of \$4,000 raised. As a school, we successfully raised \$4,823 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A huge thank you goes out to all of our generous donors!

Prior to remote learning in May, students had fun learning new games and activities. The younger students focused on locomotor movements, and were playing scoop and ball games. Some also had the chance to try out different cooperative games, and learn how to play with the large Omnikin ball. The older students played a variety of cooperative games, learned the fun team game of Kinball, and worked as a team in our Team Handball unit. The 5-8 students also started their Summer Olympics Showdown in May.

As we look forward to a bright summer ahead, I want to say thank you for working within the Covid 19 guidelines this year. I know that this meant saying no to certain activities, but I had a blast teaching and learning new games and activities along with all of the students. Over the summer, I encourage all of the St. John Brebeuf families to get outside, get active and explore the amazing spaces we have in this province. See you in September!

Ms. Lindsay Craig



Sebastian from K and his family found all of the 30 sites on the 2021 Winnipeg Scavenger Hunt for PE remote learning.



The following dates are tentative pending public health orders:

August 30th – office re-opens

September 8th - Triads

September 9th – first full day of classes



The grade 5 students actively engaged in "a minute to win it."



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