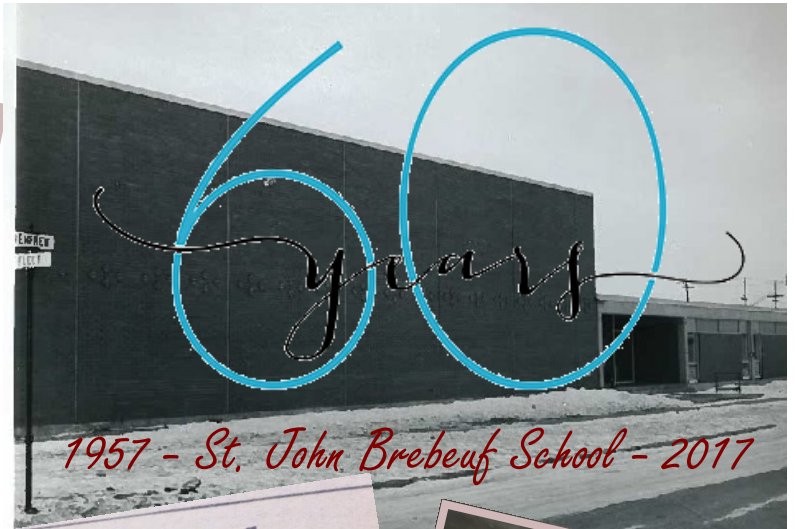




St. John Brebeuf Schoolconnection

Living, Learning, Serving in Christ



St. John Brebeuf Parish School A Monument To Academic Freedom

**Catholic School Essential To Parish Says Archbishop;
Premier Campbell Endorses Principle Of Academic Freedom**

Winnipeg, Man.—More than 700 attended the blessing of the new St. John Brebeuf parish school and auditorium on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9.

His Grace Archbishop Pocock, officiating at the solemn blessing, declared the new school open and extended his congratulations to Fr. C. Himpf, S.J., and the parishioners of St. John Brebeuf for the erection of the school.

He said: "This is the most fitting beginning for a parish, to erect the school first". His Grace noted that this was in accordance with the parishioners' wishes, who

gation of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary who are teaching in St. John Brebeuf and in so many other schools in the province; he affirmed that we could not get along in our education program without the help of the Sisters.

He closed with a word of thanks to the Mother parish of St. Ignace and for the hospitality extended by St. George Chapel at Fort Osborne barracks, to the new parish of St. John Brebeuf.

Adding his words of congratulations to those of the Archbishop, the Hon. Douglas Campbell, pre-

mier of Manitoba, emphasized endorsement of the principal sentiments expressed by bishop Pocock concerning academic freedom.

The premier also commended the new school and the tractor company (Ltd.) for combining in the Alder Reservoir, Juba, the City Fr.



St. John Brebeuf School & Chapel

A practical solution has been arrived at in the planning of the new St. John Brebeuf school and chapel located at the corner of Renfrew and Fleet Sts., Winnipeg.

The large windowless section to the left, is the school auditorium now being used as a chapel. It is lighted by sky-lights.

To the right is a wing in which 8 classrooms are presently located.

In the second stage of the building, 4 of these classrooms will be turned over to the administration, and another wing will be added, comprising 4 classrooms on the 1st floor, 8 classrooms on the 2nd

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families and Friends,

September has been a great success and I am very much looking forward to the upcoming year. This month we have reconnected with old friends and welcomed new friends to our community. This year is of particular importance to St. John Brebeuf School as it marks our 60th anniversary! Staffed by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, the school doors opened on November 25th, 1957 with 123 students and four classrooms. The school uniforms were maroon instead of navy, an answer for those of you have ever wondered why our P.E. uniforms are maroon. The teaching staff was mostly made up of nuns, with only a few lay teachers. An additional six rooms were added to the school in 1961, bringing it to its current size. Mass was celebrated in our gymnasium until completion of the church in May of 1966. The parishioners of the time felt very strongly that the school should be completed before the church. We thank the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary, the Jesuit fathers, and our early parishioners for the dedication they showed to Catholic education, a dedication that remains an integral part of our community today.

Our first Mass honouring our patron saint St. Jean de Brebeuf was held on his feast day, September 26th. St. Jean de Brebeuf was an extraordinary man, martyred for his faith, who had a great facility for languages. He lived among the Huron-Wendat people in New France and quickly mastered the Huron language, writing Canada's first Christmas carol: the Huron Carol.

Earlier in the month, our new students and staff were welcomed into our community by receiving a virtues cross and being inducted into a house. I am proud of our virtues program and house system, both well-established programs that have become part of the fabric of what it means to belong to this community. They promote a positive, empowering culture by fostering ties between students and staff across grade levels, and guidance in developing strong characters. September finished with the Terry Fox walk giving students the opportunity to be present in the neighbourhood, build community within their houses, and raise money in support of cancer research. A special thank you to the parent council for providing ice cream for our students on the playground after the walk.

There are many opportunities for our students to become involved in extra-curricular activities. Our sports programming is up and running with two volleyball teams, running club meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays, and intramurals beginning once the weather turns cooler. There are also ample opportunities for our students to become involved in music clubs, with six different clubs and choirs being run over the lunch hours. Practices for our Christmas concert will start in October, with students in grades 6 – 8 encouraged to try out for a role.

Social justice will continue to be at the forefront this year as we continue with our various initiatives. Care and concern for those in need is a vital part of our Catholic faith and an essential part of our programming at St. John Brebeuf. We will continue to look for ways to increase sustainability thereby caring for God's creation. A reminder to our parents when sending snacks to school *for sharing with the class* to please opt for healthy choices, *even on birthdays*. If any parents are interested in assisting with the healthy schools committee, please contact the office.

I would like to thank all our staff for their commitment and dedication to enriching our children and bringing out the best in them. At St. John Brebeuf we strive to help all our students reach their full potential in a caring and safe environment. I am proud of all our students and their accomplishments, both big and small.

I am looking forward to a busy Autumn term, and would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Cara Campbell

FROM FATHER WAYNE

The Jesuits brought their ministry of Catholic education to Winnipeg close to the beginning of Catholic culture in Western Canada, with only a few heroic precursors before them. Their efforts have been rewarded with the success they hoped for. The measure of their success is seen in lives lived, families built, careers developed, and institutions established. The number of Jesuits working among us has diminished in recent years but their achievements continue to be celebrated. St. John Brebeuf keeps the Jesuit spirit of Catholic education alive and enduring. This year we welcome more young people into our tradition of life and education. May God bless them as they carry the spirit forward to future generations.

Wayne



PARENT COUNCIL REPORT

Welcome back St John Brebeuf families! We hope that everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to an exciting new school year!

Thank you parents and families for your commitment to our school. Thank you for volunteering for the hot lunch program, the Christmas concert reception, the KOC Pancake breakfast, staff appreciation, popcorn day, SJB picnic day, SJB carnival, for class reps, movie night, the uniform sale, classroom field trips, and the list goes on. Imagine our school without dedicated parents like you!

The PAC is looking for help. Are you interested? We have several volunteers that have moved on, leaving positions that now need to be filled. At the moment we are looking for a SJB carnival chair, staff appreciation luncheon, Farewell Committee, and Family Fundraiser chair. There are also a few programs that could always use some help. If you are interested and are able to volunteer, please email SJBPAC@sjbcommunity.ca.

Upcoming events:

October 5th- Wine and Cheese for new SJB parents.

October 26th- Paint nite Fundraiser

November 6th- PAC meeting (open to all)

Sincerely,

Renee Bertrand-Teo and Jennifer Melo



2017-2018 Parent Advisory Council Roster

Executive Positions:

Past Chair/school board liaison: Marni Wagoner

Chairperson: Renee Bertrand-Teo

Vice-chairperson: Jennifer Melo

Treasurer: Kerri Moore

Secretary: Chauntal De Rocquigny

Committee/Event Chairpersons:

Volunteer Coordinator: Michelle Saltel

Hot Lunch program: Gillian Hauser

Popcorn: Michelle Thorsteinson

QSP Magazines: Paula Chorney

KOC Pancake Breakfast: Danielle Savage

SJB Idol: Laureen Wilson

SJB Carnival: **position not filled**

Christmas concert reception: Brandy Ellerbrock

Staff Appreciation: **position not filled**

Open House: Renee Bertrand-Teo and Jennifer Melo

Terry Fox Walk Refreshments: Renee Bertrand-Teo and Jennifer Melo

Voyageur Day Refreshments: Jennifer Melo

Parent-Teacher Conferences Refreshments: Renee Bertrand-Teo and Jennifer Melo

Wine and Cheese: Kerri Moore

Fundraising committee: **position not filled**

Communications (website and Facebook): Sandra Amorim-Dew

Family Fundraiser: **position not filled**

Class Representatives:

KA- Deepa Singal

KW- Sandra Amorim-Dew

1- Les Sediles-Ong

2C-Kim Wlodarczyk

2M-Dorothy Antoniuk

3- Siyao Sun

4B- Michelle Saltel

4C-Kristina Braun

5- Kim Prendergast

6- Paula Chorney

7- Danielle Savage

8- Marni Waggoner



The extraordinary and beautiful St. John's Bible will be at St. John Brebeuf starting Thursday afternoon, Oct. 5th, and all day on Tuesday, Oct. 10th until lunch on Oct. 11th. Classes are welcome to visit the Church to pray with the Bible, learn about the St. John's Bible project, and see the beautiful artwork.

To learn more about the project and the heritage edition, please visit:

http://www.saintjohnsbible.org/promotions/PDF/Heritage_Edition_Brochure.pdf

Celebrating 16 Years of the Virtues Project

The Virtues Project was created by psychotherapist and author, Linda Kavelin Popov (2000), to create an environment of caring and inspires the practice of virtues in everyday life. This will be the 16th year that St. John Brebeuf School has been practicing the virtues! Each month, the school community learns one of fifty-two virtues.

During the 2016 to 2017 school year, the theme of the Virtues Project was **sustainability** in connection with Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* (*Care for our Common Home*). For the 2017 to 2018 school year, continuing with the second theme of sustainability, we will focus on virtues which relate to "**respect and concern for other people in the local community and other places in this world**" (http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/esd/pdfs/k-4_brochure.pdf). This also correlates with Pope Francis' urge towards **solidarity** (ie. Catholic Social Teaching). Considering this, the prayer of St. Francis provides a strong anchor.

Month	Prayer of St. Francis	Virtue
September 2017	Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace .	Peace
October 2017	Where there is hatred, let me sow love .	Love
November 2017	Where there is injury, pardon .	Forgiveness
December 2017	Where there is doubt, faith .	Faith
January 2018	Where there is despair, hope .	Hope
February 2018	Where there is darkness, light .	Understanding
March 2018	Where there is sadness, joy .	Joy
April 2018	O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console .	Compassion
May 2018	To be understood, as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive .	Generosity
June 2018	It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life .	Courage



At our mass with the school on September 26, 2017, each new student and staff member received a blessed virtues cross; a simple necklace consisting of a wooden cross and beads. The necklace represents the monthly virtues and symbolizes God's love and the graces he gives us to practice the virtues. All crosses are displayed in our classrooms and worn on special occasions such as monthly mass with the school.

More information about the Virtues Project can be found at <https://www.virtuesproject.com/>

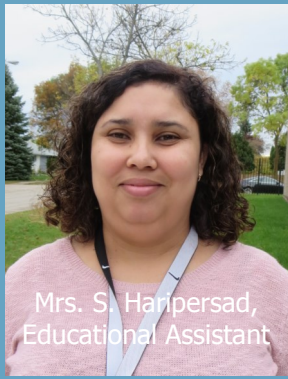
Miss. Waroway, on behalf of the Virtues Committee

Congratulations!

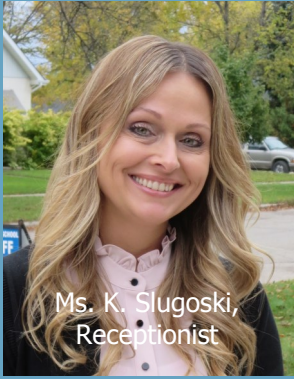
Congratulations to our talented Mr. Derek Frykas on being invited to join the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra (WJO)! The orchestra roster boasts 16 to 25 Winnipeg-based musicians whose combined resumes touch every corner of performance jazz locally, nationally, and around the world.

Mr. Fykas and the WJO will be performing in concert Back to Basie, with Count Basie Band Leader Scotty Barnhart on Sunday, October 22nd at 2pm and 7:30pm at the WAG. For information and tickets, please visit their website <http://www.winnipegjazzorchestra.com/wjo-201718-season-concerts.html>.

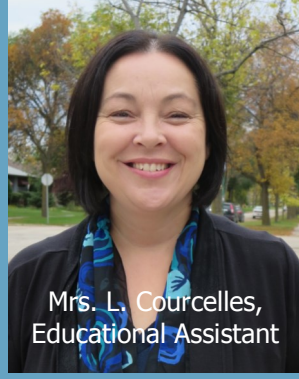
Welcome to the St. John Brebeuf Community!



Mrs. S. Haripersad,
Educational Assistant



Ms. K. Slugoski,
Receptionist



Mrs. L. Courcelles,
Educational Assistant

UNIFORMS

The school hosts uniform sales every spring and fall. Should you need a uniform item outside these sale dates, order forms are available in the rack located in the school's front lobby. Simply complete an order form, attach payment and leave it in the school office. Your order will be filled and available for pickup in the school office within one week. Items not in stock may take up to four weeks for delivery. Please visit the school website www.sjbschool.ca for school uniform information.

SUSTAINABILITY

This October our school is once again participating in Take Pride Winnipeg's Bag Up Manitoba Program. Bring your clean plastic bags to school and look for the container in the foyer of the school where the bags will be collected. Items accepted:

- grocery bags
- retail bags
- newspaper sleeves
- produce bags
- bread bags
- ice bags
- bubble wrap
- case over wrap
- pellet bags
- salt bags
- dry cleaning bags
- re-sealable food bags
- cereal bags



FLU & COLD SEASON

As the days get cooler, it is important that your child is dressed appropriately for patrols and outdoor recess. Like Winnipeg School Division, we use Environment Canada at the airport to determine indoor or outdoor recess. Including the wind chill, we go outside at -25 or warmer and stay inside at -26 or colder.

Children should be kept at home when they are sick. A sick child has a difficult time concentrating on school work and may pass their illness to other students or staff. There are times when students are unable to take part in outdoor recess because of injuries they have experienced. Children unable to participate in recess due to illness however, should remain at home to recover.

Besides staying home when sick, children are encouraged to make healthy choices at school and at home such as washing their hands often with soap and water, and covering their nose and mouth when sneezing.

TERRY FOX WALK

Terry Fox envisioned a marathon, a marathon of hope that he began in 1980. On September 29th, the students of St. John Brebeuf School had the opportunity to hear guest speaker Brenda Krueger from the Terry Fox Foundation. She spoke to the children about her experience with cancer as well as the inspiration that Terry Fox was to many. The students were given an opportunity to see the advancement that research dollars have made in the development of artificial legs as Brenda showed them a replica of Terry Fox's leg and a new version. She also told us that in the past 12 years, St. John Brebeuf has raised over \$25,000.00 through our Terry Fox walks. The students then continued Terry's vision by walking 2.5 km around the neighbourhood. The Terry Fox committee would like to express gratitude to the staff and students of St. John Brebeuf for their extraordinary efforts in keeping Terry's dream and vision alive. A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers who came out to support us.



The SJB Running Club recently participated in the St. Maurice Annual Cross Country Meet. Congratulations to Riley for winning 1st place in his category, and Ian for placing 10th place in his category.

In the event of a severe weather emergency, all Catholic Schools will close if the Winnipeg school divisions close their schools. Listen for school closures on CBC, CJOB, 99.9 FM, 94.3, 102.3 FM and 103 FM. In case of an emergency that requires us to evacuate, students will go to École J.B. Mitchell. E-Blasts and/or website messages will be available in the case of any school closure or evacuation.

BOBCAT BEAT

Physical Education

Welcome back students and families of the St. John Brebeuf school community! I hope everyone had a safe and active summer. The first week back to physical education had all students playing a series of low organized games. During the first few months, students from grades K – 4 will be developing their basic movement skills – run, jump, hop, gallop and skip. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be learning the rules and skills required for Team Handball and developing their understanding of Volleyball.

Please help your children with being prepared for Physical Education by having their crested gym shorts and shirts **labeled with their name** along with non-marking running shoes in a **labeled** gym bag. Labeling their regular uniform is equally important. Please do not send casual "Crocs" or "skateboard/street" shoes, they do not provide adequate support. Also, please remember to write your child's first and last name somewhere inside their clothing. If students forget to bring these items to class, a uniform sheet will go home with them for you to sign. Please have your child return the sheet to me the next day for my records and so that I know you have received it.

Volleyball

Our boys' competitive and developmental volleyball teams have been selected. Congratulations to all students for making the team! The developmental team will be coached by Mr. Toni and the competitive team will be coached by me along with the help of Amy Moyer (a past student teacher!) as well as some SJB grads from St. Paul's. If any parents are interested in assisting as a volunteer coach please contact me at Bueti@sjbcommunity.ca

All schedules will be available on the Physical Education class portal as well as on the calendar inside the gymnasium doors.

Let's have a great year!

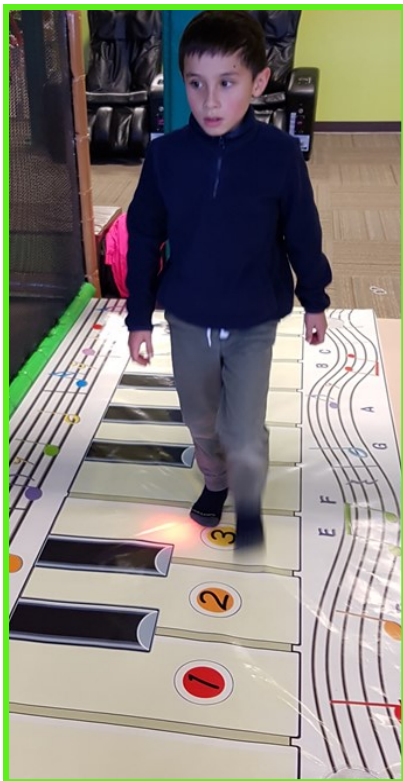
Mr. D. Bueti

Physical Education

ST. JOHN BREBEUF



BOBCATS



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

The music program here at SJB is starting to get rolling to our usual busy pace! There have been a few changes this year to the club offerings, which I think will provide a richer musical experience to our students. Clubs meetings began on September 29th. Fall in the music room is focused on developing routines, and revisiting concepts with all of our students, with an eye on the Christmas concert on December 20th. Keep an eye out for information regarding the Santa Claus parade, which will be coming soon!

Students in grades 4-6 will be starting with their recorders in October. Be sure that you have located them and have them ready to bring in! Recorders will be distributed to the grade 4s who ordered them in October as well.

Our "Artist in the School" for this year is Raine Hamilton. She will be working with the grade 5-8 classes, along with the violin clubs, on song and fiddle tune writing. Please take a look at her website to see and hear some great videos and recordings! <http://www.rainehamilton.com/>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the music program at SJB!

Mr. D. Frykas

music@sjbcommunity.ca



Calling all singers and dancers ages 12-30! As part of the 200th anniversary celebrations of the Catholic Church in Western Canada in 2018, the musical production 'Easter' will be staged on Good Friday March 30th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday March 31st at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Academy Alumnae Hall by the youth of both St. Boniface and Winnipeg dioceses. Auditions for singers and/or dancers ages 12 to 30 will be held on Saturday, November 18th and 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 2017. For more information on auditions, volunteering, tickets, etc. please visit www.easter2018.com



LIBRARY NEWS

The Year of Contests!

Everyone loves a contest, including our students! So this year we have kicked off with three contests to promote reading and interest in our library events.

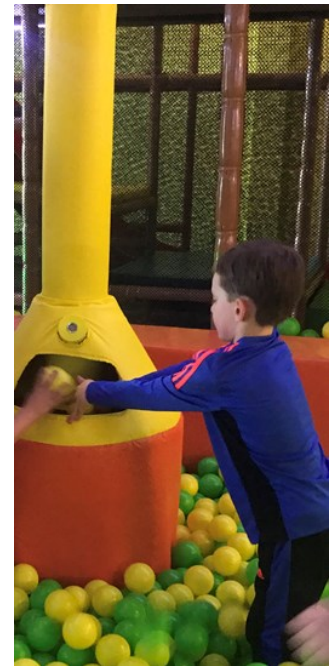
- 1) Students can win their own copy of the new *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway*, through a reading contest running from Sept 25-Nov 3. The winner will be announced on November 7, the release date of the new book!
- 2) Classrooms can win \$300 in shopping credit at our February Book Fair by submitting their ideas for a theme for this year's book fair!
- 3) Kindergarten to grade 2 students had a colouring contest with our Don't Let the Pigeon Ruin the Library Book, book care lesson. The winner was Milla in 2C!

Watch for more information on upcoming contests and what's new in the library at www.sjbschool/class/library.

Mrs. K. Okhmatovski,
Library Tech



GRADE 2 FIELD TRIP AT HIDE N SEEK

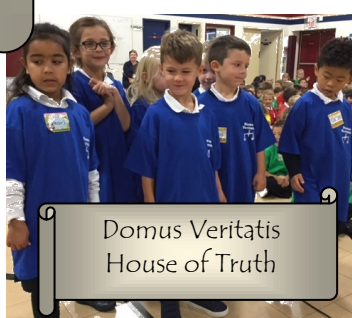




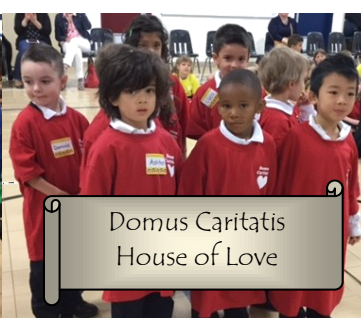
HOUSE ASSEMBLY

The House System began in 2003 as a means to foster community building and inclusion within the whole school. The House names, chosen in Latin, are coordinated with the Virtues Project.

This year, the house induction assembly was held on Friday, September 15, 2017. Amid the drum rolls, the kindergartens and all the new students and staff were formally inducted into their new houses, be it, Domus Caritatis, Domus, Spei, Domus Veritatis or Domus Fidei. The students then proudly wore their house shirts for the rest of the day. Our house system promotes a sense of community in the school while also allowing for fun and some healthy competition. There will be activities and opportunities to support our house teams throughout the upcoming year.



Domus Veritatis
House of Truth



Domus Caritatis
House of Love



Domus Spei
House of Hope



Domus Fidei
House of Faith

STUDENT COUNCIL



The first dance of the season took place at our school on Friday, September 15th. This year's theme was "Falling for You", a fall-themed dance. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped to make it a great success.



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