



Spring 2018 Newsletter

St. John Brebeuf School Connection

Living, Learning, Serving in Christ

Goodbye winter...

Hella Spring!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families and Friends,

The time period between Christmas break and spring break is often referred to as a golden time in the classroom. With routines already in place classes are able to 'hit the ground running' after Christmas, delving more deeply into curriculum and making great gains academically. Our virtues for these three months: hope, understanding, and joy lend themselves well to this busy and challenging learning time.

In January, students worked hard for end of term assessments. Our grade sevens and eights were diligent in their preparations for exams, and across the grade levels students completed projects and studied for tests. Our teachers and support staff helped our students achieve their best outcomes, and worked tirelessly in preparation for report cards and conferences.

February is always special because we spend a week celebrating our Catholic schools! Through our many social justice initiatives throughout Catholic Schools' Week, we cared for those less fortunate than us. The Koats for Kids drive was a huge success, and once again our admission into the sockhop provided socks for Chez Nous that go directly to the homeless. Both games nights were highly enjoyable experiences for all who attended and a wonderful way for students, parents, and staff to build connections. Organized by the social justice committee, all proceeds from our games nights will be divided between Humankind Academy and Development and Peace.

March has seen a focus on faith during our Lenten journey, with Reconciliation for grades three to eight, and Stations of the Cross. Spring break comes as a deserved break at the end of these valuable months, and I wish your family a joyful and restful time, and a very happy Easter. Remember our first day back to school after the break is **Tuesday, April 3rd**. As a Catholic school we observe Easter Monday.

In honour of St. Patrick whose feast we celebrated in March, I will leave you with an Irish blessing:

*May your troubles be less,
And your blessings be more,
And nothing but happiness,
Come through your door.*

Cara Campbell

SPRING VIRTUES

April - Compassion
May - Generosity
June - Courage

FROM FATHER WAYNE

Spring is the season of new birth and new beginnings. We here in Manitoba appreciate the truth of this statement more deeply than most; given our often long harsh winters. What better time to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. Nature itself reinforces the message of new life we read in the pages of the Bible. New life arises where death seems to have prevailed. Jesus has risen to new life, and gives us the confidence in faith to know we can have new life too. Winter is never the last word about us. Life and hope spring eternal.

Happy Easter and happy springtime.

Fr. Wayne

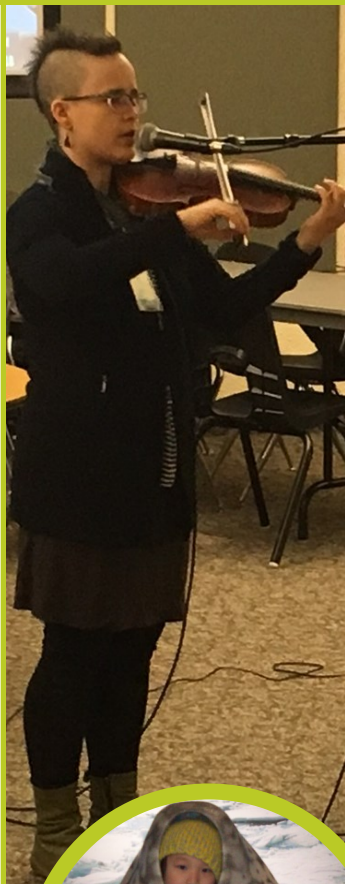
SPRING CALENDAR:

March 24 - April 1 - Spring Break
April 2 - Easter Monday (no school)
April 3 - School Reopens
April 6 - Early Dismissal 2pm
April 17 - School Mass (gr.3P leading)
April 20 - No School (staff retreat)
May 2 - Spring Uniform Sale
May 4 - Early Dismissal 2pm
May 10 - School Mass (gr. 2M leading)
May 16 - SJB Carnival
May 21 - Victoria Day (no school)
June 1 - Early Dismissal 2pm
June 15 - No Classes (report card writing)
June 22 - School Mass (gr.2C leading)
June 28 - Early Dismissal 2pm; Last Day of School
June 29 - Summer Holidays until September

Please see www.sjbschool.ca for further information



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM



Our busy year continues in the SJB music program! All the clubs are in full swing, preparing for our spring performances!

Raine Hamilton, our Artist in the School, came in January and did a fantastic job with all of the grade 5-8 students. A number of songs were created, with students collectively writing words and melodies and recording at the end. Some of these songs will be featured at the Spring Recital in May. Music club members also watched the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra perform as part of their "Musical Adventures" series, an exciting performance that featured dancing, student ensembles, and visual effects along with the WSO.

The Boys and Girls Choir will be performing with the "Joie de Vivre" choir as well as "Plain Salt", a group of local Celtic/roots musicians on Saturday, April 21st at 3pm at the St. John's College Chapel at the University of Manitoba, and Sunday, April 22nd at St. John Brebeuf at 7pm. Please come out and support the students of SJB! Our Spring Recital will be taking place on "Music Monday", May 7th at 1pm in the SJB parish hall, featuring all of the students who take music at SJB school, and the Beginner Violin Club. Please enter through the school doors.

Here is a list of important dates coming up:

April 21, 3:00pm- SJB Choir performs w/Joie de Vivre and Plain Salt (St John's College Chapel)

April 22, 7:00pm- SJB Choir performs w/ Joie de Vivre and Plain Salt (SJB parish)

April 25, 1:00pm- SJB music clubs perform at the Caboto Center (parents are welcome!)

May 7, 1:00pm- SJB Recital (SJB Parish Hall)

May 10, 9:00am- Violin Mass with the School (Advanced Violin club)

May 16, 6:30pm- Rock Band performs at SJB Carnival

Thank you!

Mr. D. Frykas



GRADE 1 AT THE ZOO



BOOK FAIR

The Olympic Book Fair was a resounding success with a total of just over \$6,000 raised, resulting in \$3,300 in new books towards our library! As part of the Olympic theme, each of our classes chose a country to represent (such as Eritrea, Italy, Finland and Ukraine) and visitors from these countries came to talk to our classes about life beyond our borders. Student and parent volunteers played a vital role in ensuring the success, along with the support of our school community. Thank you!

Mrs. K. Okhmatovski, Mabel Skelly Library





GRADE 3 AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



Grade six at the Royal Aviation Museum



KNITTING CLUB

SPRING UNIFORM SALE

The annual Spring Uniform Sale will take place on Wednesday, May 2nd from 2pm to 7pm in the school gymnasium. All uniform items ordered by this date are ensured arrival by September. Gently used uniform pieces will also be available.

Full uniform is required for school mass days, picture days, and other special occasions throughout the school year. Full uniform details as well as daily uniform options may be found on the school website at www.sjbschool.ca, or by contacting the Uniform Coordinator Ms. Kimberley Slugoski at reception-ist@sjbcommunity.ca.

Winter uniform (K-4 girls) ends at Spring Break; girls must wear tunics. From May 15 to Thanksgiving, girls in K-4 may substitute tunics with skorts, and boys may substitute pants with uniform shorts. Parents are reminded that shorts, skorts and pants must be purchased through the school in order to be in compliance with our uniform policy.

Miss Misa's grade two and three drawing club was a huge success with over 30 young artists meeting weekly!



DRAWING CLUB



SCHOOL CHOIR





BOBCAT BEAT

Intramurals

Intramurals will continue in April with students from grades 2 to 4 playing broomball and indoor soccer and students in grades 5 to 8 enjoying lunch hour basketball and badminton.

Basketball

Our grade 6 girls team, under the direction of Mme. Bector, showed continued development and improvement. The school is so proud of their efforts, growth, and success.

The boys' developmental basketball team enjoyed considerable success this season in winning every game with the exception of their second last in the final tournament by only three points. This developmental team was fortunate to have played more games than any Bobcat developmental team in the past with a full eight game season. A big thank you to coaches Mr. Bartlett and Ms. Slugoski.

The competitive boys' team finished in first place in the MCSAA Tier 1 with an undefeated record of 8-0. This is also the third year in a row the Bobcats were crowned tournament champions for the annual St. Paul's Out Reach Tournament held in February. The team is ranked 3rd in the Province, and just competed in the Winnipeg Junior High Basketball Championship. A big thank you to Ms. Craig and Mr. Toni for their hard work with the team.

Badminton

Students in grades 5 to 8 can look forward to the 8th annual St. John Brebeuf Bobcats in-school doubles badminton tournament that will take place late in April. Team tryouts will be held for students in grades 7 and 8 wishing to participate in the MCSAA annual badminton tournament also taking place in late April.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Mr. D. Buetti



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our grade six girls' basketball team, who competed in exhibition games over the past month. They were up against girls at the grade 7 & 8 level and never gave up. Our girls improved with each and every game and hope to compete in a tournament after the break.

Girls, we are all very proud of you.

It has been my honour and pleasure to be your coach!

Mme. Bector



WRESTLING CLUB

Congratulations to the SJB wrestling team on having a fantastic season. We practiced hard two times a week for five months and participated in five tournaments throughout that time. The team was comprised of wrestlers from grades 4-8, and had medal winners in each grade. Thank you to assistant coach Mr. Evan Wilcosh for his guidance and support throughout the wrestling season. Excellent work Bobcats!

Coach Polakoff



BOYS' COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

The boys' competitive team has won back to back championships in the MCSAA. Congratulations on being undefeated this season! The team finished out their season competing in the Junior High Basketball Championships, finishing third overall. Congratulations on an amazing season!

Coach Craig



BOYS' DEVELOPMENTAL BASKETBALL

The developmental boys' basketball team completed another fantastic season. The boys finished the regular season with a perfect 8-0 record. They showed great teamwork, sportsmanship, and growth throughout the season. Congratulations to the graduating grade 8 players who showed excellent leadership. The future looks bright for Bobcats basketball with many grade 7 students returning for another season next year. Well done, Bobcats!

Coach Bartlett



Junior Highers

FAREWELL CELEBRATION

The PAC is pleased to announce that a Farewell Celebration for the grade 8 boys and the grade 6 girls who have chosen to leave, will take place on **Friday, June 22nd**.

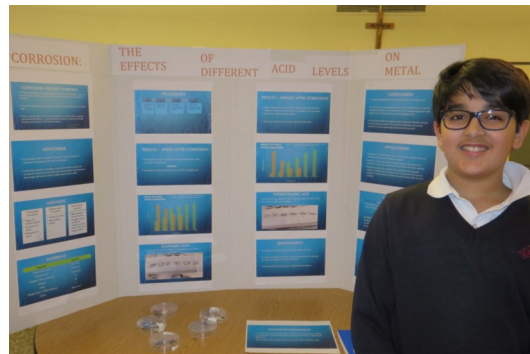
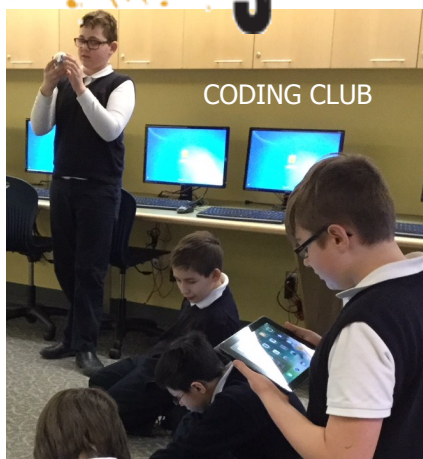
9:00 am- Farewell Mass

10:00 am- Academic Award Ceremony (parish)

11:00 am- Farewell Brunch in the parish hall. All grade 6 and grade 8 students and their parents are invited to attend

12:30-3:00 pm- Fun Day for Grade 6,7,8 students at separate activities.

Further information on the Farewell Celebration will be discussed at a parent meeting in April.



Mathletics

Congratulations!

Your students are among the **Top Mathletics performers** in the country! We wanted to recognize their engagement and achievements in math.



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