



St. John Brebeuf School Connection

Living, Learning, Serving in Christ



Bienvenue a la nouvelle
classe de Francais!
C'est fantastique!



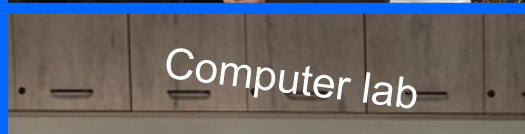
Grade Seven's
new classroom



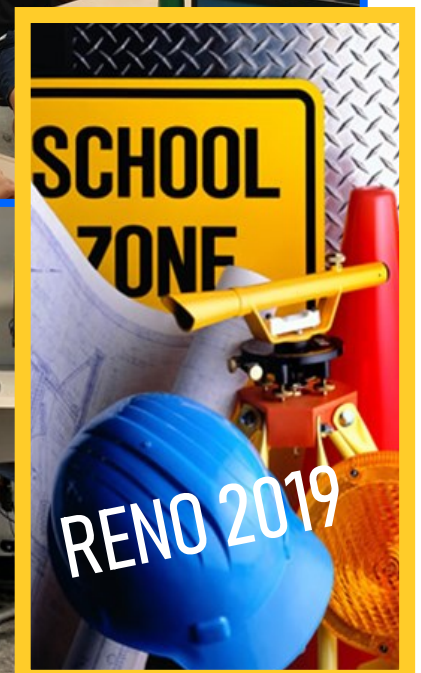
The new
Mabel Skelly Library



Grade Eight homeroom and science lab



Computer lab



RENO 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

St. John Brebeuf School is thrilled to announce our selection as the official middle years' academic partner for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School. Our school will provide academic instruction to students in the RWB School Professional Division Ballet Academic Program in grades six through eight effective September 2020.

As a school, we are proud to partner with the RWB, a Winnipeg institution that has made an immense contribution to the cultural fabric of our city. We look forward to welcoming this small cohort of students from around the world into our community. Our school will certainly be enriched by their diverse experiences, outstanding talent, and unique gifts.

SJB and the RWB will be sharing this good news with the general public in the new year. Stay tuned for a public announcement in January!



Cara Campbell



LIBRARY

Over the summer the St. John Brebeuf Mabel Skelly Library had a makeover and a move! The new space is fresh and roomy, while maintaining a sense of familiarity and welcome. Students have started classes there and are learning to negotiate their way around in finding books in a whole new, accessible layout. We look forward to another awesome year exploring the big, wild, world in the library!



GRADE 4 RECEIVING THEIR BIBLES

SCHOOL PATROLS



Patrol Reminder

Please be aware and mindful of our school patrols. Their main role is to ensure the safety of all people crossing at their intersection. Patrols will only open an intersection for crossing once all vehicles have stopped and they have established eye contact with the driver. Your support and cooperation in ensuring the safety of our students and families are much appreciated.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Welcome back SJB Parents!

We are excited about the upcoming school year and are looking forward to working with you. A special welcome to families new to the St. John Brebeuf community!

The SJB Parent Advisory Council (PAC) works in conjunction with parents, administration and the School Board to identify and provide for the needs of the students and staff. Our goal is to build and foster community and support, show gratitude for our staff and administration, and raise funds to provide curricular and extra-curricular enhancements for our students.

As always, we welcome your involvement and are looking for new members to fill vacant positions, as well as welcoming members-at-large. We still have the following vacancies:

-Volunteer Coordinator - Fundraising Coordinator
-Pancake Breakfast Coordinator -SJB Idol Coordinator

Our next PAC meeting will be on **Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7pm** in the school library. All parents are welcome!

Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on special events and every day happenings at SJB
www.facebook.com/St-John-Brebeuf-School-1473587709318373.

Kerri Moore, PAC Chair

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All uniform items, including pants and shorts, must be purchased through the school's uniform provider Top Marks at www.topmarks.ca with the school code SJB01.

The school uniform policy may be found in the Parent/Student Handbook on the school website. The summer uniform (girls may substitute skorts for tunics and boys may substitute shorts for pants) may be worn from May 15th until Thanksgiving.

Top Marks has a 60-day return/exchange policy. All purchases made in the spring or summer start that 60-day period on the first day of school. All purchases made after September 4, 2019 will be counted from the date of purchase. If any families would like to make a return or exchange, please fill out the Return Authorization form in your package and drop off the items to the school office. One of the Top Marks representatives will pick up the return/exchange and send it back to Montreal for you. Top Marks will mail you the replacement pieces to your home. The last day for exchanges from the spring/summer purchases is November 8, 2019. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-667-7105 between 8am and 4pm.

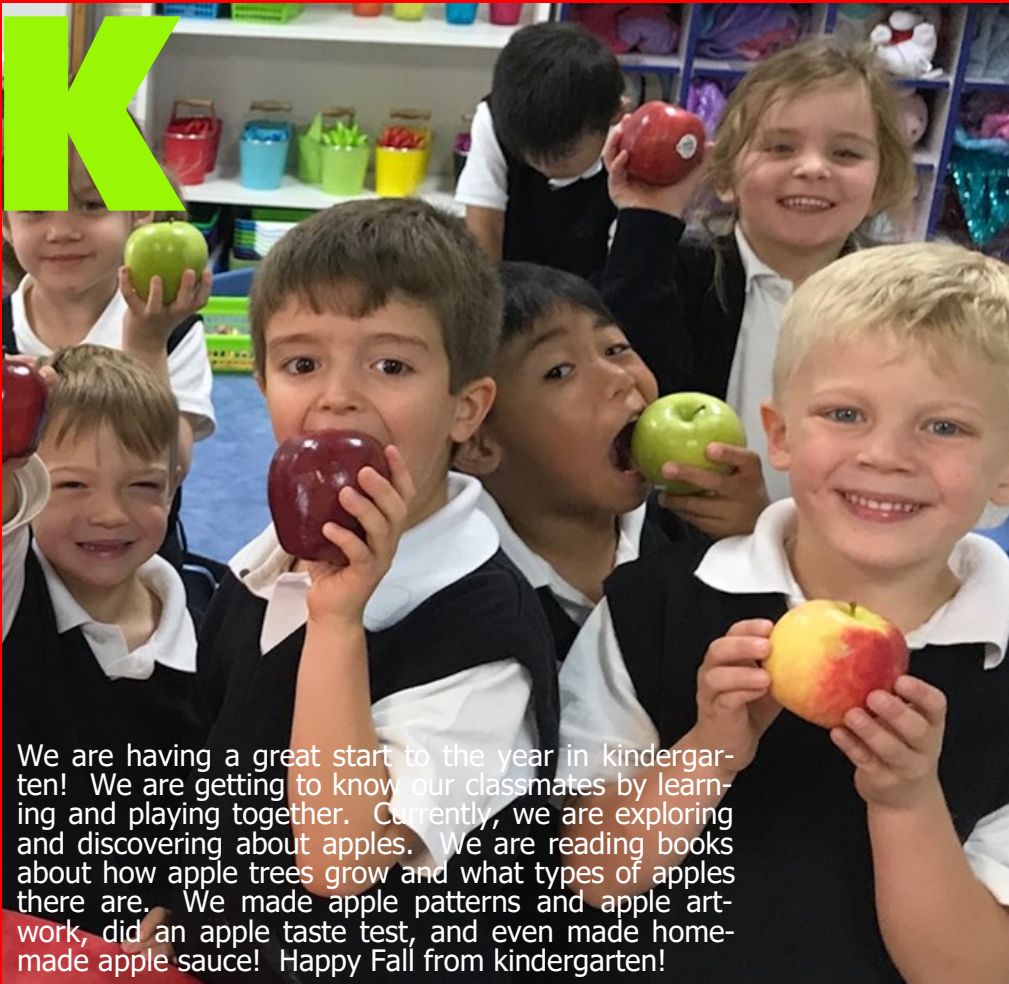


ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Roots of Empathy is a program designed to build emotional intelligence through a bonding experience between our Grade 4 classes and a volunteer "Baby Teacher". This year, our Baby Teacher is the brand new daughter of Mrs. Wolfe and Mr. Suban. She will be visiting monthly to allow the students to observe her physical, mental, and emotional growth and development and give them an opportunity to compare to their own physical, mental, and emotional changes. We look forward to an exciting year with sweet baby Adaline in our midst!

SJB School AGM: November 19th, 6:30pm, Mabel Skelly Library

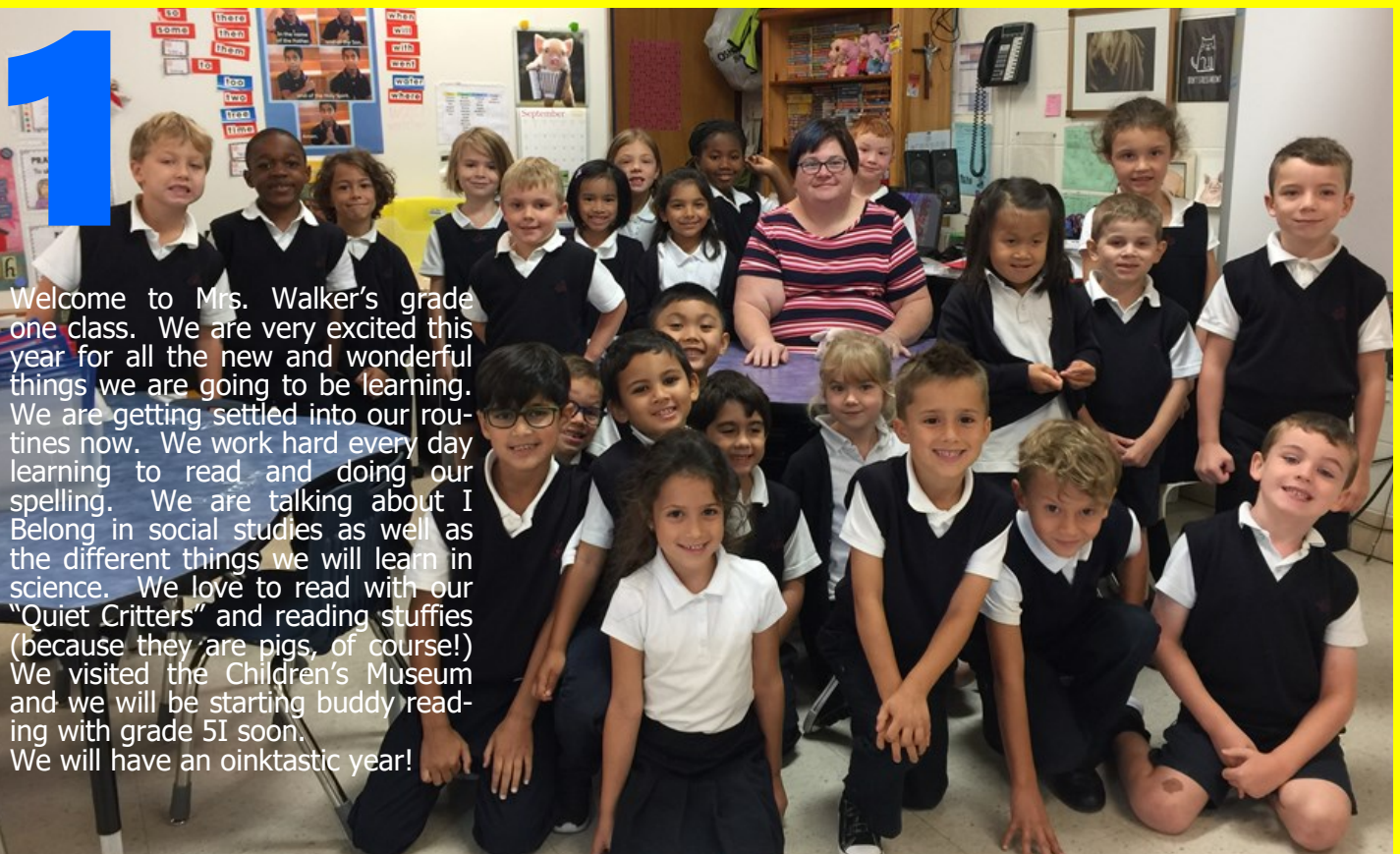
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We are having a great start to the year in kindergarten! We are getting to know our classmates by learning and playing together. Currently, we are exploring and discovering about apples. We are reading books about how apple trees grow and what types of apples there are. We made apple patterns and apple artwork, did an apple taste test, and even made home-made apple sauce! Happy Fall from kindergarten!



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Welcome to Mrs. Walker's grade one class. We are very excited this year for all the new and wonderful things we are going to be learning. We are getting settled into our routines now. We work hard every day learning to read and doing our spelling. We are talking about I Belong in social studies as well as the different things we will learn in science. We love to read with our "Quiet Critters" and reading stuffies (because they are pigs, of course!) We visited the Children's Museum and we will be starting buddy reading with grade 5I soon. We will have an oinktastic year!

2M



We are off to a great start in 2M! We began building our classroom community by playing a number of games inspired by the Indigenous culture. In ELA, we are learning different routines. We are building our stamina to read to self, working hard to read to someone, and are very excited about becoming authors while working on writing. In math, we are trying to become experts in the numbers 1-100 by first focusing on skip counting (forwards and backwards!). In social studies, we are learning about what a community is. We will learn by using the land around us and the people who are a part of our local community. In science, we are learning the three states of matter (solids, liquids, gases). We looked at how solids and liquids interact by combining different solids and water. We saw how some dissolved but others did not. We are excited for the learning and growing that will continue throughout the year!



BOBCAT BEAT!



This September, the students have come in excited and ready to get active. Kindergarten to grade 2 students have been working on their running, and have been participating in a variety of tag and low organized games. The grade 3-4 students have been playing low organized games, and learning all about the frisbee. They have had the chance to play many games, including ultimate ball and kickball so far this year. Grade 5-8 students have been learning about flag rugby and flag football, and can often be seen on our field engrossed in games.

The Bobcats volleyball teams have held tryouts and have started gearing up for the upcoming 2019 season. The teams are eager to take on other teams in the MCSAA and are sure to wow the crowds at their games. Make sure to take a look at the Bobcats schedule that is up on the PE portal! This year, we have two developmental boys' teams, one developmental girls team, and one competitive boys team. It should be an exciting season! We look forward to seeing some new fans out to cheer on our teams this year! GO BOBCATS!

Running club started in September, and we have been running around the neighbourhood as well as the school area. Some of our runners in grades 4-8 participated in the Crescent Drive Park Cross Country Race on October 8th. Great job runners!

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL COACHES!!!

The Physical Education department is always looking for parents who would be interested in helping coach some of our St. John Brebeuf girls and boys sports teams. We are also on the lookout for any volunteers who would be interested in helping out with our before and after school clubs. Any expertise or interest that you might have would be greatly welcomed!

We are currently looking for volunteers for...

Basketball (Dec - March)

Wrestling (Oct - March)

Track and field (May/June)

Badminton (March - May)

Soccer (May/June)

Running club/cross country (Fall/Spring)

If you are interested, please contact Ms. Lindsay Craig via email: craig@sjbcommunity.ca



SUSTAINABILITY

Our compost program and WFW (Waste Free Wednesdays) are up and running. The whole school has been working diligently to ensure that we are doing our part in "greening" our community. We started our friendly competition between the early years (K-3) and the middle years (4-8) to see who can produce the least amount of waste. The winning group will win a special reward.



One thing we have noticed over the past couple of weeks is the growing number of fruits and vegetables that are barely eaten, if not completely whole, that are placed in the compost bin. We remind students that the food is primarily for them and that we should eat as much nutritious food as we are able to.

This October our school is once again collecting plastic as part of *Take Pride Winnipeg's* "Bag Up Manitoba" program. The goal of this challenge is to inspire students to do more to reduce their waste and consider reusing, recycling and re-manufacturing options. Students are asked to collect as many of the following bag types as possible and bring them to their school for recycling. **The bags can be dropped off in the front foyer in the specially marked blue bin for plastic bags.** Plastic 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. We use Environment Canada at the Forks to determine indoor or outdoor recess. Including the wind chill, we go outside at -25C or warmer and stay inside at -26 C 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 coughing or sneezing.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

The music program here at SJB is starting to get rolling to our usual busy pace! Our music clubs are growing, with an Advanced Guitar Club being offered with Mrs. Karlaftis and a second Rock Band that is beginning to meet! Mass Choir, Psalm Club, and our Beginner and Advanced Violin clubs have all started meeting and are busy getting ready for upcoming performances.

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 Dec. 18th. Keep an eye out for information regarding the Santa Claus parade, which will be coming soon!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the music program at SJB!

Mr. Frykas
music@sjbcommunity.ca

FRENCH CLUB

It is great to be back at St. John Brebeuf School with my very own classroom! Thank you to the CWL for their contribution for the French room carpet.

I am very excited to continue our French Club this year. It is open to grades four to six students interested in learning new French vocabulary and culture. It will run during lunch recess once a cycle. Watch for a start date coming to your new French classroom soon!

It will definitely be a fun year for Francais!

A bientot!
Mme Bector



THE VIRTUES PROJECT

The Virtues Project™ was created by psychotherapist and author, Linda Kavelin Popov (2000) to create an environment of caring and respect by inspiring the practice of virtues in everyday life. St. John Brebeuf School has been practicing the Virtues Project™ since 2002! Each month, the school community learns one of the fifty-two virtues. Continuing with the theme 21st Century Teaching and Learning, St. John Brebeuf School staff members were asked to help choose the virtues by participating in a survey:

September - Patience

I am patient. I am gentle with others and myself when we make mistakes. I wait calmly. I trust that things will turn out right.

October - Understanding

I have an understanding mind. I concentrate and pay attention so that I can think clearly. I have an understanding heart. I have empathy for other people's feelings.

November - Honesty

I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word. I admit my mistakes. I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully. I have no need to impress others. I accept myself as I am.

December - Enthusiasm

I am full of enthusiasm. I look on the bright side. I give 100% to whatever I do. I use my imagination. I am open to the wonders in store for me today.

January - Reliability

I am reliable. I keep my promises. Others can depend on me. Nothing can stop me from giving my best.

In September, each new student and staff member receives a 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/>

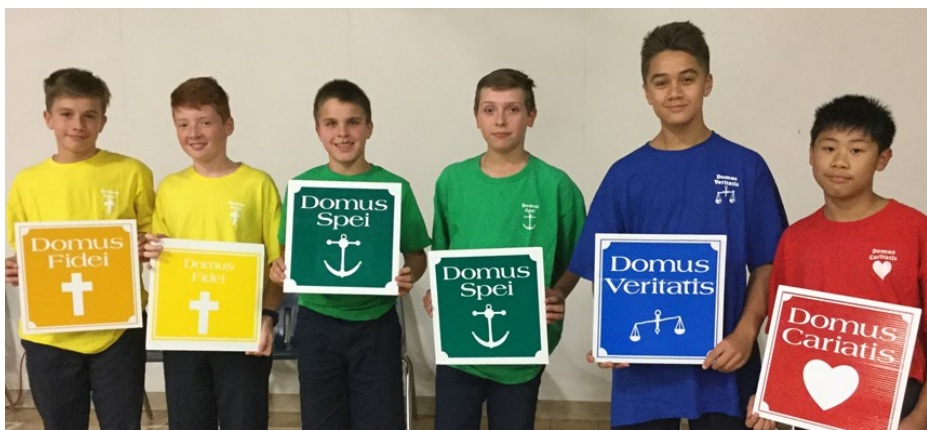


In the event of a severe weather emergency, all Catholic Schools will close if the Winnipeg school divisions close their schools. Listen for school closures on CBC, CJOB, 99.9 FM, 94.3, 102.3 FM and 103 FM. In case of an emergency that requires us to evacuate, students will go to École J.B. Mitchell.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

Junior Highers

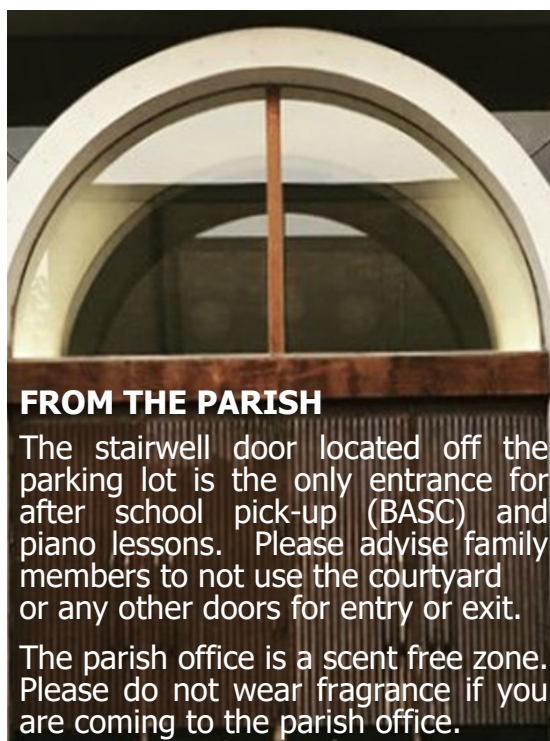
STUDENT COUNCIL 2019-20

Emrik Holtmann: President
Harry Hauser: Vice President
William Lawrie: Secretary



HOUSE ASSEMBLY

Our house system fosters a sense of community while also allowing for fun and healthy competition. There will be activities and opportunities to support our house teams throughout the year.



FROM THE PARISH

The stairwell door located off the parking lot is the only entrance for after school pick-up (BASC) and piano lessons. Please advise family members to not use the courtyard or any other doors for entry or exit.

The parish office is a scent free zone. Please do not wear fragrance if you are coming to the parish office.



Gr. 7 & 8s during Winnipeg Harvest Living on Less Simulation



Feeling Blue?
To report absences or late arrivals, please contact the school receptionist Ms. Slugoski at 204-489-2115 or email schooloffice@sjbcommunity.ca before 9am.



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