



St. John Brebeuf Schoolconnection

Living, Learning, Serving in Christ



**PINK
SHIRT
DAY**

**STOP
BULLYING**

On Wednesday, February 27th, staff and students participated in Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day began in Berwick, Nova Scotia in 2007 after a grade 9 student wore a pink shirt on his first day of school. This boy was made fun of and bullied. Two students, Travis Price and David Shepherd decided to buy 50 shirts for their classmates in order to take a stand against bullying. The next day, the boy that was bullied saw what was happening, he was extremely relieved and grateful, and he was never bullied again. As a follow up to Pink Shirt Day, our school was selected among over 100 applicants by the Canadian Red Cross and Winnipeg Blue Bombers Association to participate in a Bombers Tackle Bullying School visit. John Rush (#32 fullback) and Thomas Miles (#52 linebacker) of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers visited our school on Wednesday, March 13th and educated staff and students about bullying. It was truly an experience to remember! We feel extremely blessed and thankful to have spent some time with two incredible role models and Canadian football players. Thank you to John and Thomas for sharing your knowledge about this topic with us!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The time period between Christmas break and spring break is often referred to as a golden time in the classroom. With routines established 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: responsibility, respect, and self-discipline lend themselves well to this busy and challenging learning time.

In January, students demonstrated all three of these virtues as they 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 the less fortunate, particularly the homeless in Winnipeg. Our games night was a highly enjoyable experience 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. Be sure to mark your calendar for the next games night on **April 11th at 6pm.**

March has seen a focus on faith during our Lenten journey, continuing after the break with Reconciliation for grades three to eight, and Stations of the Cross. On **April 12th** the **pajama colour day** will support **Toonies for Tuition**, a program through the CCSTA that offers tuition assistance to families of students in Catholic schools. For more information on this program please visit www.ccsta.ca.

A new **parent code of conduct** has been approved and implemented by the school board. The purpose of this code is to provide a safe and optimal learning environment for our students, and ensure the greater good of the SJB community. Please review this code of conduct on the school website: www.sjbschool.ca.

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 safe journey if traveling.

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

CASINO ROYALE

April 27th, 2019



Thank you to those parents that have purchased tickets on Eventbrite and to those parents that have committed to Sponsorship. We appreciate your support. The funds that are being raised will go towards a play structure geared for the older kids in the school. The idea behind the structure is to incorporate gym classes outside and to have more areas for the older kids to play.

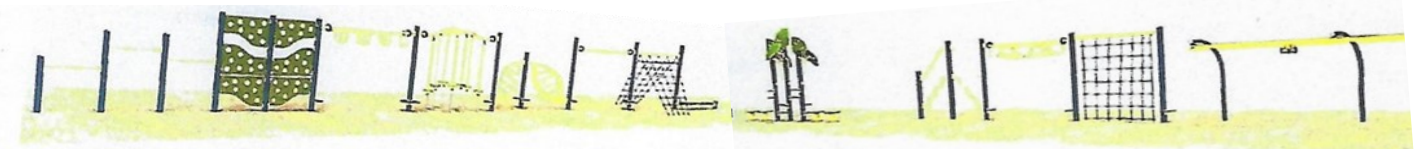
The Gala is fast approaching! With the help of our parent community and the surrounding community, we are well underway with wonderful prizes. Here are a few prizes we have already:

2 tickets anywhere WestJet flies
Movado watch donated by Dimitra's Jewelry
\$500 gift card from Vitorio Rossi
Photography session with Lasha
\$500 gift card to Danali's Clothing store
\$400 gift card for Micro blading by Lisa Tran
MTS box seats to Cher
Basket from Vita Health

The last date to purchase tickets and to commit to sponsorship is April 15th.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/stjohn-brebeuf-gala-casino-royale-tickets-57516949745>

If anyone else from our community would like to donate please email us at SJBPAAC@sjbcommunity.ca





NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

The school year has flown by! After a long, cold winter we are into spring and ready to see the fruits of our labors in the music classroom! Many of the classes have begun working on composing and song writing, and we will be starting our "Music Olympics" in the upper grades in June.

Our final music recital featuring music classes from K-6 as well as the Intermediate Violin Club and Grade 3 Choir will be performed in the Parish hall on Tuesday, May 28th starting at 1:00pm. We have a varied program this year that will feature some songs written by individual classes along with songs from music class.

Music club students in grades 4-8 will have the opportunity to see the WSO perform in May as a part of their Adventures in Music series. The Grade 3 Choir, Boys and Girls Choir, Intermediate and Advanced Violin Club, and Guitar Club will be performing at the Caboto Center on Wednesday, May 15. This concert is open to the public. Please refer to the coming Permission Click form for details. Our music club wind up will be on Tuesday, June 25 at 11:30am in the parish hall.



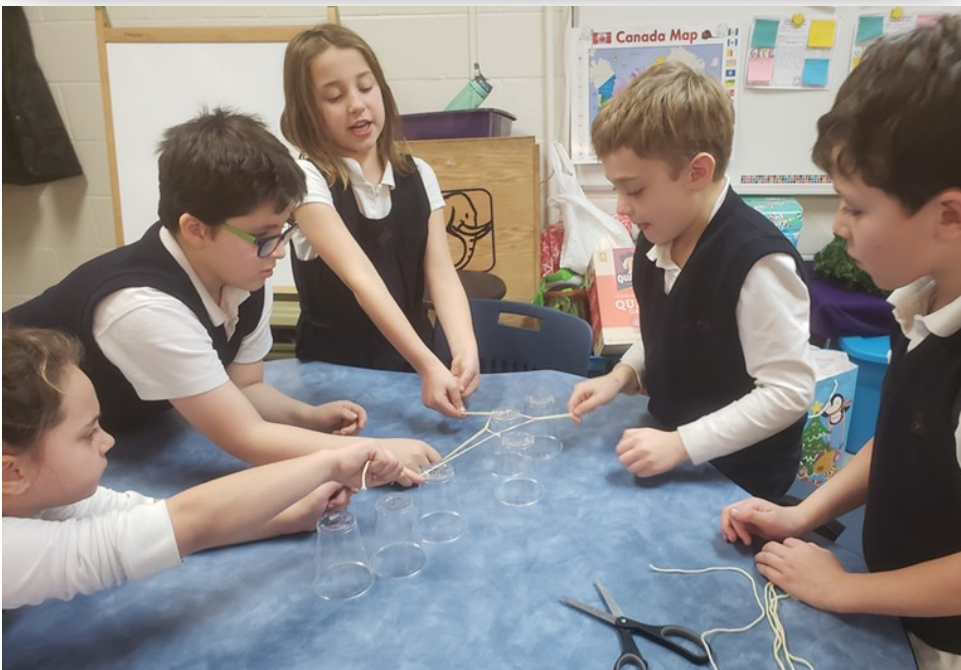
LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's book fair. It was a resounding success! Our goal of \$6500 was eclipsed by our total of \$7200! Our students had fun participating in multiple contests, and dressing up for the opening day, plus a further love of reading was instilled in them.

Did you know the Mabel Skelly Library collects dried up markers for recycling? Approximately 650 markers, weighing 12 lbs, were recently shipped to the ColorCycle program. Please drop off any dried up markers in the collection station located in the library.

Hello from Grade 4

In grade four, we are passionate about cultivating a love for life-long learning. Therefore, we are extremely excited to be able to continue our exploration with S.T.E.M, also known as S.T.E.A.M, activity. Someone once said, "the only thing constant is change". With new technological innovations, seemingly daily, some skills can quickly become obsolete. We understand that to be successful in the 21st Century will require flexibility. That is why the ability to think critically, learn new concepts, and adapt quickly to new technologies will never get old. The grade four's pursuit into S.T.E.A.M, is a combination of project based learning and gaming concepts strictly focused on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The programs and activities we will be exploring this year will allow the students to collaborate with others on projects, while investigating new innovations, applying mathematical concepts, and exploring careers in the S.T.E.A.M fields.

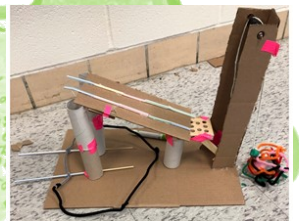
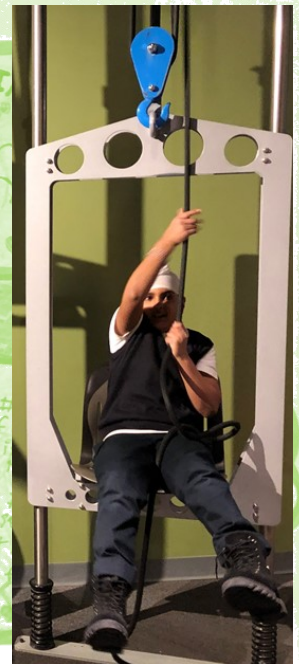


Hello from Grade 5F!

Spring has finally sprung! 5F has been very busy during the long winter months. We became detectives in order to solve the *Mystery at Cranberry Farm* by Lynn Manuel. We explored the novel in a genre study looking closely at what elements are required to make a mystery. The students made predictions and held discussions in their literature groups regarding the text. Our final project required students to create a "book pitch" for the sequel! Students had to make sure their story included all the elements of a mystery and continued the mystery from the previous story. In science, students tested, created, and learned about the many types of simple machines. Using their knowledge of simple machines, students were tasked with creating a trap for our classroom friend, Harry. Our class used the design process in order to brainstorm, plan, and create the traps. We all learned how different a plan can be from the final product. In social studies, the students have been exploring the historic feud between the French and the British – a feud that has shaped Canada into what it is today! Most recently, we are diving into the fur trade. Each student has chosen what fur trading company they would like to belong to and are in charge of creating their own trading post. Students will have to think historically and imagine what life was like in the time period and location being studied. In math, we have been looking at comparing fractions using pictures, equivalent fractions, and number lines. Our learning also takes place outside of the classroom during field trips. We recently learned about physical and chemical changes at the Manitoba Museum which has helped us jump into our new science unit. A definite highlight for the grade fives was learning how to cross-country ski on a field trip to Windsor Park Nordic Center. We all had a blast!

Be sure to check out our latest art project displayed on our bulletin board. We looked at the Pop Art phenomenon and mimicked the style of Roy Lichtenstein to create onomatopoeia words that really "pop" off the page!

We are excited for warmer weather and the rest of the year in grade five!



Spring greetings from grade 5I!

The last few months have been very busy for the grade fives! In February, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week by doing many exciting activities including a Voyageur dance, Valentine book buddy activities, skating/tobogganing and a visit from MTYP! We also went cross-country skiing at Windsor Park Golf Course! It was an amazing experience for all of us and the weather cooperated. We celebrated Pink Shirt Day at the end of February and decorated our classroom door with anti-bullying messages. March brought many important events as well, the first being our Ash Wednesday school Mass. Throughout Lent we are participating in several classroom activities. Every morning each child reads an act of kindness from our Lenten chain and we all strive to do it. We also follow a, "Path through Lent," which incorporates a selfless act of kindness or a prayer for the day. We read two prayers from our Lenten prayer book, one in the morning and one at the end of the day. It is my hope that as we journey through this season together, we focus on the true meaning of Easter. The middle of March brought two Winnipeg Blue Bomber players to our school to talk about anti-bullying. All the students listened to their important message. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we paired up with our book buddies from grade one and worked on a written story, coloring activities and word search puzzles. We ended off our day by eating green jello topped with green cool whip and a green, "Blarney Stone" (jelly bean). Yummy! We spent an afternoon at the Manitoba Museum learning about physical and chemical changes, as part of our new unit in science, properties of matter. In social studies, we are working on a big fur-trading project by completing a lengthy written report and a model of a fur-trading fort! I can't wait to see where their imaginations take them! We finished our second book report and our second novel study. Posters were shared, cereal boxes decorated and dioramas made. Oral presentations were also shared with the class; these are always a highlight. We will now be focussing our energies on the written component of ELA, including story writing and grammar. We are starting a new unit on geometry in math. All in all, we continue to work hard everyday and we try to our best. Thank-you for entrusting your child to me. I wish you all a wonderful spring break!



HOW WILL YOU
CARRY YOUR
CROSS?



BOBCAT BEAT!

Spring, here we come! Over the last two months, the students have been busy and active in the gym!

Kindergarten to grade 2 students have been working on their throwing, both underhand and overhand, and have also been practicing their skipping and galloping. The grade 3-4 students worked on their overhand and underhand throwing, and played many low organized games with targets. They also completed a basketball unit, and are in the middle of their scoops and balls unit to learn some lead up lacrosse games. The grade 5-8 students completed a basketball and fitness unit, and are now in the middle of their lacrosse unit. The grade 5 students also had a great opportunity to learn how to cross country ski at Windsor Park Nordic Centre this February.



The grade 3-8 students had the opportunity to learn all about the game of basketball with our special guest, Canadian team player Emily Potter. The students welcomed the 6'6" player into the gym for the full day, and were enthusiastic to learn new games and skills from the professional baller. A big thanks to Emily for coming out to be a Bobcat for the day!

The Bobcats basketball teams came roaring into the 2018-2019 season. The developmental boys had two teams this season. Both teams did very well, with SJB1 finishing with a record of 5-1. They both showed their skills in the final tournament at IHMS on March 1st. Thank you to Mr. Toni and Mrs. Karlaftis for leading the boys this season! The girls basketball team had a few exhibition games against other teams, and were able to build their skills with Ms. Misa and Mme Bector as their coaches. The competitive boys showed great improvement throughout the season and really came together as a team. They participated in one tournament this season at St. Paul's and pulled out a third place finish. Ms. Craig and Mr. Bartlett were proud to lead the competitive boys this year. Go Bobcats!

The Bobcats wrestling team has been representing our school all over the city and province this season! The team has continued practicing Tuesday and Thursday mornings to learn the basic wrestling movements, and has taken part in 4 Saturday tournaments. Overall, the team has had 12 athletes compete in these tournaments, and the Bobcats have walked away with 25 medals. The team is set to head to provincials on March 16th. Good luck! A special shout out to the amazing and supportive coaches: Mr. Evan Wilcosh, Mr. Brent Lechner, Mr. Sean Sevilla and Mrs. Walker.

The Bobcats badminton tryouts have been completed. The Bobcats are putting together a solid team of singles and doubles players this season! Practice dates and times will be posted on the gym doors and on the portal.

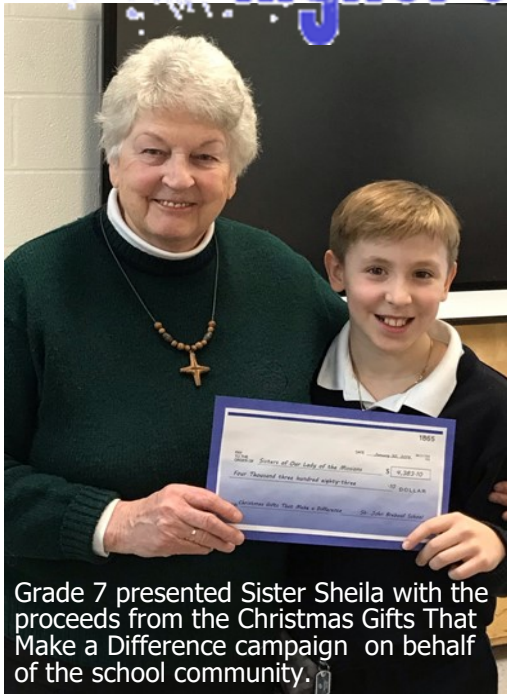
The intramural program continued as 2019 began. The grade 2-3 students played Indigenous games in January, and target/scooter games in February. The grade 4-5 students played team indoor soccer in January, and then went head to head in 4 on 4 basketball games in February. The grade 6-8 students had intense 3 on 3 basketball battles this January, and came together to try out flag rugby this February. Thank you so much to all of the athletes that came out to support the intramural program this year. A special thanks to our grade 8 leaders and teacher supervisors who help run this program each week!

Ms. Craig





Junior Highers



Grade 7 presented Sister Sheila with the proceeds from the Christmas Gifts That Make a Difference campaign on behalf of the school community.



SPAGHETTI LUNCH

The grade 7 and 8 classes served spaghetti and focaccia bread they had helped prepare as a fundraiser for their upcoming French trip. A big thank you to Mrs. Moretti-Lawrie, Mrs. Mottola, Pizzeria Gusto, and all the parent volunteers for organizing and running this wonderful event.



SCIENCE FAIR

On Wednesday, March 13th, the grade six to eight classes participated in the annual science fair. A huge thank you to the judges from the community that came out to support and offer feedback to the students' projects.
Category winners:
Grade 6: James, Isacc, Ethan, Andrew, and Bodin
Grade 7/8: Darshan, Oscar, Patrick, and Carlos



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