



St. John Brebeuf Schoolconnection

Living, Learning, Serving in Christ

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 18th

Matinee 1:30pm Evening 7:00pm

The Legend of **THE CHRISTMAS KING**

A Christmas Musical for Children

By Ruth Elaine Schram and Dennis Scott



Classes are hard at work preparing for our annual Christmas Concert. This year we will perform *The Legend of the Christmas King*. The cast of grade six, seven, and eight students are busy memorizing lines and perfecting scenes to bring you the Good News of the birth of Jesus! The story follows Artie, the fourth wise man, who is searching for the birthplace of Christ. He meets some interesting characters and learns an important lesson along the way. Performances will be held on December 18 with a matinee at 1:30 and in the evening at 7:00 pm.

Admission: Free Will Offering

Refreshments courtesy of the SJB Parent Advisory

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES:

- Dec. 6 - Mass with gr.6F leading; early dismissal 2pm
- Dec. 18 - Christmas concerts at 1:30pm and 7:00pm
- Dec. 20 - Pancake breakfast; SJB Idol; early dismissal 2pm
- Dec. 20 - Last day of school for Christmas break; return Jan. 6

Christmas Gifts that Make a Difference

St. John Brebeuf students, in partnership with the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions will be collecting and giving gifts that make a difference to assist some of the poorest, most neglected and marginalized people in our world. Donations for the projects listed below will receive a charitable donation receipt.

#1

Gift of Hope

REBUILDING THE FARM

Hogar Belen, Peru

Earlier this year, a severe flood destroyed this farming area, taking away all the plantation and food for the children and animals. Our hope is to recover the wasted land so the area becomes self-sustainable.

\$25

#2

Gift of Opportunity

EDUCATION OF INDIGENOUS CHILDREN

Long Dien, Vietnam

The Sisters offer a safe home for less privileged ethnic children who live in remote villages with no schools, and provide them with education, books, medical and other facilities.

\$50

#3

Gift of Healthcare

PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE

Kounkané, Senegal

Women and children remain at home while men herd animals. They have no income to support their families. Healthcare requires hours of walking or use of a horse cart. A vehicle would help serve these families.

\$75

#4

Gift of Love

The Sisters are part of an international community who carry on missionary work in twenty countries around the world. Their focus is education, human rights, dignity and the ecology of our planet home. Your gift will go to one of their projects chosen by the students of SJB.

\$100

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Christmas season is so special for children: full of wonder, awe, and excitement. It is my favourite time of year at the school and one of the many reasons I love working in a Catholic environment. Being able to celebrate Christmas with our students within the context of our faith tradition is a special privilege for an educator, and it fills me with gratitude.

Our students and staff have been working hard preparing for our Christmas concert *The Legend of the Christmas King*. Both the matinee and evening performances are on Wednesday, December 18th. The parent advisory council will also be hard at work providing a reception after each concert, and once again organizing the beloved pancake breakfast on Friday, December 20th. I thank them for their service and the resulting community building that is invaluable to our school.

In this season of warmth and generosity, thoughts inevitably turn to social justice, a cornerstone of our programming here at St. John Brebeuf School. There are several initiatives during Advent that give our community the opportunity to support those in need, both locally and globally.

Our grade seven students will be continuing the student-led *Christmas Gifts that Make a Difference* campaign for the month of December. This campaign was a huge success last year and we look forward to being able to support the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions once again. This initiative provides critical assistance in improving the standard of living for some of the most vulnerable and impoverished people in our world.

As in the past, each classroom will be responsible for a Christmas hamper in support of the N.E.E.D.S. center. In addition to the classrooms, the school staff also provide a hamper, bringing the total number of families we help to thirteen! Comprised of food items and presents, these Hampers are delivered to newly arrived families in Canada, most of them refugees.

As always, none of these endeavours would be successful without your support. I thank you for your commitment as families to supporting our social justice initiatives and am proud to belong to a community where people come together to support the needs of the less fortunate so consistently.

Wishing you all the best of the season,

Cara Campbell

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

PAC welcomed our new SJB parents at our Wine and Cheese reception in October. There was a wonderful turn out of parents who had a chance to mingle and enjoy some wine and appetizers. A very special thank you to Pizzeria Gusto for donating the appetizers for this event.

As always, we welcome your involvement and are still looking for some help to coordinate **the Pancake Breakfast** (there is a committee) and coordinate **SJB Idol**, both on the morning of **Friday, December 20th**. Please email SJBPAC@sjbcommunity.ca if you are interested in assisting this committee.

PAC will also be hosting the reception after both **Christmas Concerts on December 18th**. Watch your inboxes to sign up for hospitality shifts or donate some baking.

Did you know that the **Hot Lunch Program** and **pizza lunches** are both PAC fundraisers? Your participation in these programs provides funds for the enhancement of school life at SJB, such as equipment and resources for our Fit Kids initiative to keep encourage our kids to be active. Thank you for your support!

Our next PAC meeting will be on **Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** 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

ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tuesday, December 24th
5pm Christmas Eve Mass with the children
7:30pm Christmas Eve Mass*
10pm Christmas Eve Mass*
(*carolling begins 30 minutes prior)

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tuesday, December 25th
10am Christmas Mass





FOOD DRIVE

A big thank you for the donations to our Drive Away Hunger Food Drive. We collected 598 lbs. of food which is 164 lbs. more than last year. Way to go SJB!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Please send your assigned food item, wrapped and labelled gift, and \$2 donation for our Christmas hampers by Thursday, December 12th.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our winter Games Night will be on Thursday, January 30th from 6pm–8pm. Hope to see you there!

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On Friday, November 8th, we took time to honour the veterans, peace keepers and the Canadian soldiers who have dedicated and sacrificed their lives to keep our great nation free and at peace. The candlelight service took place in the church with the Knights of Columbus leading the flag procession. The choir sang, prayers were read, and the grade five class recited, "In Flanders Fields," while a video montage played. Let us never forget what has been done for us. In their spirit, let us strive do our best to live in peace and harmony while serving others. God bless those who have died for us and protect those who continue to keep us safe.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We are once again looking forward to our fast approaching Catholic Schools Week.

During the week of February 10th -14th, we will be celebrating "Fun" x 3, with **Fellowship, Festivals, and Faith.**

We have many events scheduled throughout the week to promote our fantastic SJB community.

Complete details of the week will be announced in the new year. Stay tuned!

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

The Open House for families interested in St. John Brebeuf School is Wednesday, January 15th at 7pm.

The 2020-21 Kindergarten registration deadline is Wednesday, February 5th. Families with children already attending St. John Brebeuf School who wish to register another child in Kindergarten are asked to submit the application form available on the school website.

The grades 1-8 registration deadline for new students is Friday, February 28th.

Please share this information with any families interested in our school.

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.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM- CHRISTMAS 2019

Christmas concert preparations are in full swing in the music program here at SJB School! All the classes have been working on their concert songs and we have already had some Christmas carol sing alongs in class!

The Christmas concert will feature each grade group, as well as performances by the advanced violin club, Boys and Girls Choir, and grade 5 recorder students. The advanced violin club and Boys and Girls Choir will also be performing at the Caboto Center on Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 1:00pm. A number of choir students will be featured singing verses in small groups along with the full choir.

Grade five and six students have been spending time in the computer lab working on music theory and exploring tonality, waveforms and sequencing with the "Chrome Music Lab". We will continue this in the new year, along with playing guitar in these classes. Grade two and three students, along with music club members, will be going to experience the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra in the spring. Our club offerings have been expanded this year with a second rock band, and an advanced guitar club led by Mrs. Karlaftis.

Merry Christmas!
Mr. Frykas



GRADE 4K AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT



GRADE 2M AT THE MANITOBA MUSEUM

FRENCH CLUB

I would like to take this opportunity to say how ecstatic I am about the huge interest in French Club. We have a large group of grade four and five students eager to learn more about the French language and its culture. I am hoping to open up the club to grade six students next term. We meet Fridays at lunch recess.

Students are very excited about creating menus for their very own café Français.

Bon appetit!
Mme Bector



GRADE 5 AT FORT WHYTE



Hello from Grade 3C!

During the 2019/2020 school year, grade 3C is discovering all of the reasons why each of us is unique, and why we "sparkle" and "shine". This year, our classroom stuffy is a narwhal named Sparkles. Each student receives the opportunity to spend a weekend with Sparkles. We elect a new VIP student that gets to sit at the VIP desk weekly. In math, we have been learning about patterns, place value, and mastering our double-digit addition and subtraction before moving onto triple-digit addition and subtraction. In language arts, we have been working on creative writing, proper sentence structure, paragraph writing, and reading to self. We have been working on developing our reading stamina so that we can read for fifteen minutes with no interruptions. For Halloween, students worked hard on a persuasive and descriptive writing piece where they took on the role of a real estate agent. Each student was required to promote and sell a haunted house! It was a lot of fun! We will be developing our public speaking/presentation skills in an effort to build our self-confidence through a mini mock TUSC program that will be starting in the new year. Students are very much looking forward to this! In science, we have been learning about growth and changes in plants. In social studies, we have been learning about rights and responsibilities of Canadians, with a focus on our identity and the Indigenous community around us. We have been on two field trips so far, to Fort Whyte, where students built a soil profile, and to the WAG, where students studied Inuit Art and were able to create their own Inuit prints. We are currently busy gearing up for the Christmas concert, as we will be practicing the final song and our individual song in class! We wish you a memorable holiday season spent with loved ones! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from 3C!



2D

Welcome to 2D!

We've had an exciting first couple of months getting reacquainted with old friends and making new ones. We spent a fun filled day at the Manitoba

Museum and Science Museum to support our science and social studies themes: Solids, Liquids and Gases, and Our Community. We got to travel back in time and visit Winnipeg 100 years ago! And a few lucky students had the opportunity to put on a white lab coat and lend a hand with some science experiments.

We're excited for the New Year and all the adventures it will hold. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas with loved ones!



4C

In grade four this year, we are passionate about cultivating a love for life-long learning. Therefore, we were extremely excited to be able to kick off our first S.T.E.A.M, also known as S.T.E.A.M, activity during Halloween week. 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 us to be flexible. That is why the ability to think critically, learn new concepts, and adapt quickly to new technologies will never get old. The grade fours 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.





BOBCAT BEAT!

Welcome to winter! Over the last two months, there has been a lot happening in the gym!

Kindergarten and grade 1 students have been working on their skipping, galloping, and jumping skills. They also learned many new tag and instruction games, and played games with the parachute. The grade 2-4 students completed a jump rope unit, and learned many of the skills needed to play floor hockey. The students are about to work on their striking through playing wall and net games. The grade 5-8 students completed ultimate frisbee and volleyball units, and are now gearing up for a fitness/pickleball unit. The grade 2-4 students participated in the endurance challenge, and many students joined the one, two and three minute clubs! Way to go!

The Rocks and Rings program visited our school this October, and the students learned the basics of curling. In small teams, the grade 2-6 students competed in a mini curling bonspiel right here in our gym.

The Bobcats volleyball teams came roaring into the 2019 season. The developmental boys team just finished their season, and really developed their skills. They showed great teamwork! The grade 6 girls volleyball team enjoyed a great season in the MCSAA, and finished with a 2-4 record. They showed tremendous growth. They also competed in a final tournament on November 15. The competitive boys finished with an overall record of 3-4, and participated in one tournament this season at St. Paul's High School. The finished off their season with an exhibition win against Beautiful Savior School. The Bobcats start their playoff run on Wednesday, November 27 at home. Go Bobcats! Thank you to the coaches this year...Mr. Toni, Mr. Schneider (parent volunteer coach), Mr. Suban, Ms. Chilleli, Mrs. Isfeld, Ms. Fiorentino and Ms. Cerminara.

The Bobcats wrestling team is up and wrestling! Boys and girls have joined their coaches on Wednesday and Friday mornings to learn the basic movements before the official wrestling season begins. The team will be taking aim at a number of wrestling tournaments throughout the city this year!

The Bobcats boys basketball tryouts are coming up, and we expect many new and returning players to come out for the team this year. The Bobcats look to put together a solid competitive team to start the season! There will also be a developmental girls and a developmental boys team representing the school in games this season throughout the city. The intramural program started this October with the grade 2-3 students playing tag games on Mondays and Wednesdays. The grade 4-5 students started the year with teams of 7 players facing off in heated games of kickball. The grade 6-8 students had intense Ultimate Frisbee battles this October and look to face off in the intramural showdown at the end of the month. Coming up in December is throwing games for grades 2-3 and floor hockey for grades 4-8. See you in the gym!

Ms. Craig



BOYS COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

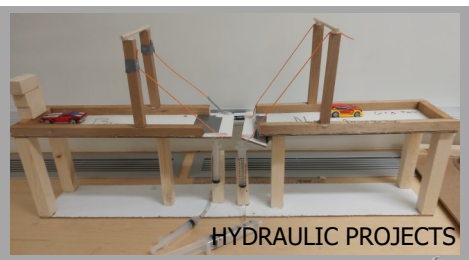


GIRLS DEVELOPMENTAL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

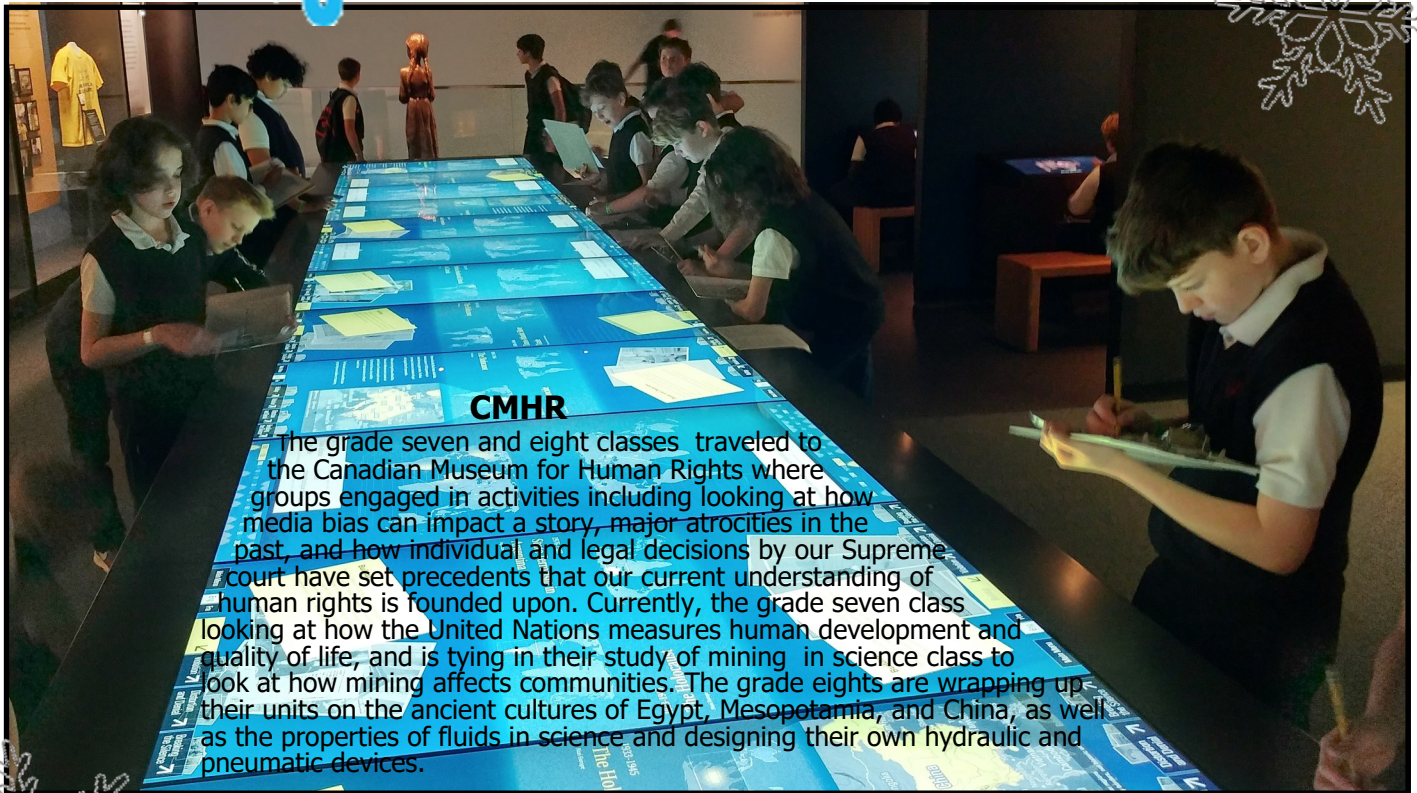


BOYS DEVELOPMENTAL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Junior ← → Highers



HYDRAULIC PROJECTS



CMHR

The grade seven and eight classes traveled to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights where groups engaged in activities including looking at how media bias can impact a story, major atrocities in the past, and how individual and legal decisions by our Supreme court have set precedents that our current understanding of human rights is founded upon. Currently, the grade seven class looking at how the United Nations measures human development and quality of life, and is tying in their study of mining in science class to look at how mining affects communities. The grade eights are wrapping up their units on the ancient cultures of Egypt, Mesopotamia, and China, as well as the properties of fluids in science and designing their own hydraulic and pneumatic devices.



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