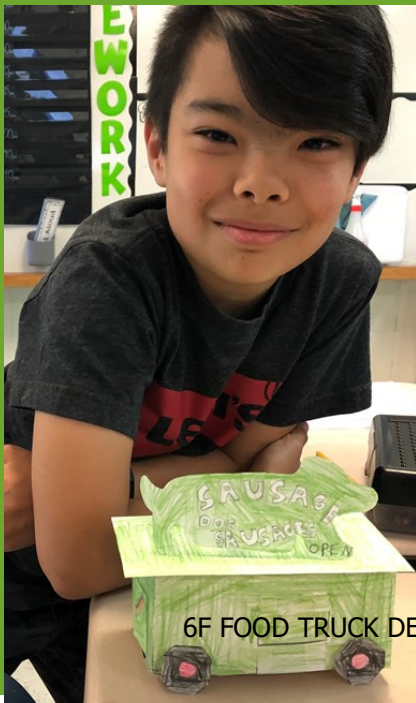




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6F FOOD TRUCK DESIGN PROJECT



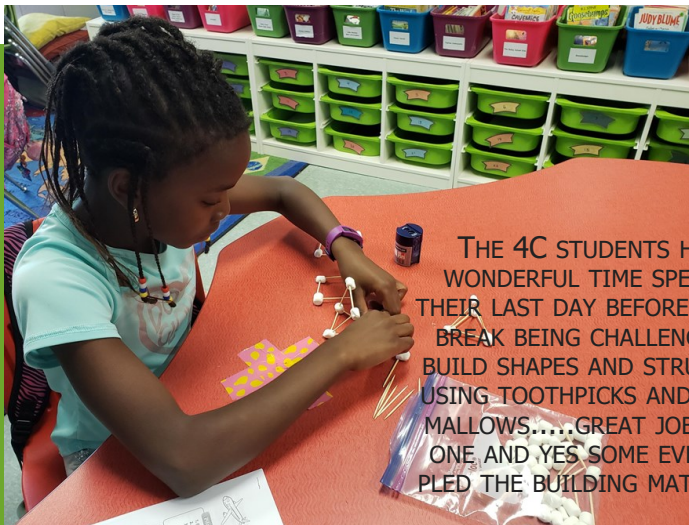
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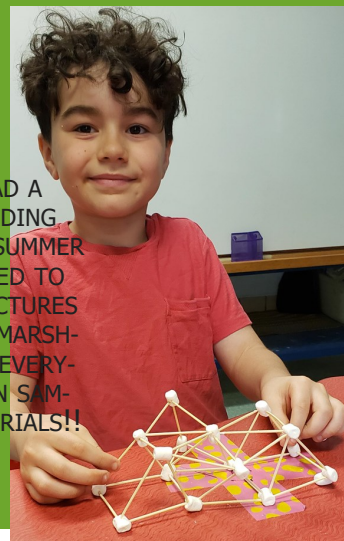
3C ON PINK SHIRT DAY 2020



KINDERGARTEN ON 100 DAY



THE 4C STUDENTS HAD A WONDERFUL TIME SPENDING THEIR LAST DAY BEFORE SUMMER BREAK BEING CHALLENGED TO BUILD SHAPES AND STRUCTURES USING TOOTHPICKS AND MARSHMALLOWS....GREAT JOB EVERYONE AND YES SOME EVEN SAMPLED THE BUILDING MATERIALS!!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This has truly been a school year unlike any other. Who could have predicted in September the way events would unfold for our last months of school? Our students have been so, so missed since the cancellation of classes. Schools were certainly not built for empty halls, and the absence of children's voices and laughter has been felt deeply. With the challenges presented for schools and society based on the pandemic, I have been so impressed by our SJB community. Students, staff, and parents have had to navigate the challenges of remote learning, adapting with little notice, and doing their best to uphold educational standards during this time of global crisis. A round of applause for everyone is definitely in order.

Our students have accomplished much this year academically, spiritually, and beyond, and deserve to be commended for their efforts. Our grade eights and some of our grade sixes are moving on to high school and while we will miss their presence, we are happy for them in having reached this milestone and wish them well as they continue their educational journey. For those families whose journey is ending with us this year as your children move to new schools, thank you for your commitment and support over the years. We will miss you. Don't be strangers!

We also bid farewell to three staff members: Miss Cerminara, Mrs. Courcelles, and Miss Fiorentino. We are so grateful for their presence in our community, and the many gifts they brought to our students in their years with us. They have enriched our school and we wish them all the best as they pursue new endeavours.

To our staff, who give so much of themselves and work so tirelessly for the betterment of our students; I appreciate the patience and caring you have shown as you have journeyed with our students this year. Your perseverance in the face of an unprecedented school year and your openness and ability to adapt programming to an on-line format is commendable. Your countless hours of work and diligence are recognized and appreciated. You are exceptional role models for our students.

Our parent community is essential to the school and I would like to sincerely thank all the parents for their efforts over the past few months in keeping their children on track academically, along with your support and patience as the school adapted to rapidly changing information and educational methods. As always, I am very grateful to PAC for their hard work this year, and the events from September until March that went ahead as planned. The support PAC offers the school and its strengthening role in the community are immeasurable.

A restful, enjoyable summer to all! I continue to pray that we can all be together again in September.

Cara Campbell



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Thanks to our SJB families' support of our Hot Lunch Program, the Parent Advisory Council was able to provide many classroom enhancements for our students! Teachers were asked to make wish lists and were able to purchase Levelled Readers, classroom carpets, building kits, a canopy tent, Phys Ed equipment, special education supports and a VR Headset. Your participation in the hot lunch program makes a difference in our school. Thank you for your support!

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the School Carnival, Grade 6 Farewell and Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Brunch. However, the girls leaving SJB at the end of Grade 6 were able to gather for a small farewell to sign each others house shirts and receive a bracelet from PAC. PAC treated the Grade 8 boys to a graduation barbeque and they received a photo book. The Grade 8 graduating class and Grade 6 girls worked on a legacy gift, leaving the school with an inspirational saying in the newly renovated change rooms.

Thank you to our parents who generously give of their time to support our school community. We are grateful for your efforts and commitment to enhance the experience of our students.

Wishing you all a restful summer!

Kerri Moore
PAC Chair

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The school organizes the purchase of bulk student school supplies as a saving for our environment and for our families. The cost per student from grades 1 to 8 is **\$61 per student**. This covers common supplies of pens, pencils, sharpeners, scissors, glue sticks, binders, markers, rulers, scotch tape, tissues, Ziploc bags, etc. Please bring your cheque payable to St. John Brebeuf School to the fall Triads. **Parents must supply water bottles, backpacks, lunch kits, gym bags for grades 2-8, and scientific calculators for grades 7 & 8.**

BOBCAT BEAT!

A HUGE hello to all of our Bobcats out there! Can you believe that it is June already?

This spring was very unique to say the least! It was different to turn our learning online, and we all had a chance to grow and learn in so many new ways! In PE, our learning not only went online, but moved outside as well. Over the past three months, students have been getting active in so many new ways, and were able to share that with me each week! The Kindergarten to grade 2 students had a chance to work out like super-heroes, juggle, practice their catching and striking, and learn lots of cool, active games to play at home with their families. The grade 3 and 4 students learned about their own fitness, got to play soccer and basketball, and learn some new jump rope tricks. They also found new and interesting ways to get active with the people they love at home! The grade 5-8 students spent some time completing a 30 day fitness challenge, were given chances to try new soccer and basketball moves, and were able to come up with their own ways to challenge their fitness using activities they love.

On May 21, the St. John Brebeuf community came together to compete as a group in our first ever Online Field Day. Leading up to the event, students had a chance to practice 22 events, and then they each chose 4 events to compete in with their friends on May 21. Congrats to the RED team, who had the greatest participation in the school! Overall, we had 170 participants involved in our online field day events. It was so amazing to see such great participation from staff, students, parents, and our community. Each participant was able to make this event unique to fit their own family and home. Online Field Day will be an event that I cherish and remember forever. Being a part of the Bobcats community is truly special, and I want to say a huge thank you to each and every person who was involved!

Have a great summer!
Ms. Craig



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

We've almost arrived at the end of this unprecedented school year. Looking back, we had a great six months with our classes and clubs. Some highlights for me were our three guitar clubs (thank you Mrs. Karlaftis for leading the advanced club), two dedicated rock bands, great performances at the Christmas Concert, and two large and dedicated violin clubs!

Thank you to all the students who have continued working hard during online learning, and my thanks to all the parents for working with your students on the music assignments. Looking toward next year, we're hoping to have an Artist in the School come to work with our middle years students in 2021 and potentially changing some of our club offerings. Have a safe and happy summer, and I can't wait to see you all in the music room in September!

Mr. Frykas



4K

News from 4K! Well it has been a whirlwind these last few months. Our class was able to enjoy one last field trip in March before the closure to the St. Boniface Museum where the students learned some good old-fashioned Manitoba history. They toured the famous museum and explored artifacts from the formation of our province, the fur trade era, Louis Riel, and the Grey Nuns settlement. Students participated in activities that highlighted how different life was back then. They carded wool used to make clothes, carried buckets to collect water, washed clothes by hand using a washing board and soap, and constructed

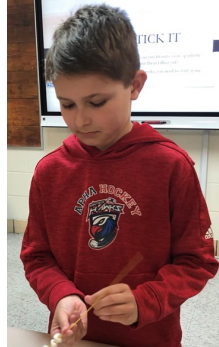
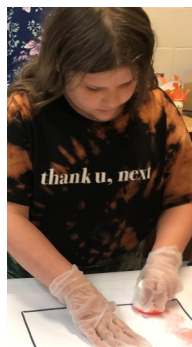
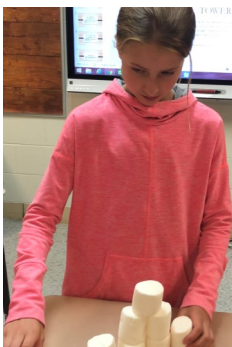
items out of wood. Months later after having class meetings online and communicating remotely each day, we were able to enter our classroom a couple of times this June and reconnect. The students were so thrilled to be back at school. The smiles and the laughter were contagious. Students shared about their experiences of being away and expressed how much they missed SJB and everyone in it. The students participated in fun math activities such as building 3D prisms using marshmallows, and carving soap into unique creations using inspiration from our unit on Nunavut. It wasn't the activities that were the most engaging. It was the stories of being away, the games we got to finally play again, and the students bringing life back into the school if only for a few days. I would like to wish everyone an exceptional summer break!



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Greetings from 5I!

It was great to see so many of you at school over the past couple weeks. It was a nice break from distance learning. Our school year started with a camping theme and it ended much the same way! We participated in social distancing camp activities and had a lot of fun! The grade 5's are a competitive bunch! We also reviewed concepts in math and language arts. We played multiplication bingo, made a year end booklet, played a teacher related, "Would you rather," game, engaged in a drama circle and of course had recess. It was a great way to end off the school year. I hope you all have a very enjoyable and peaceful summer!



6F

Despite the very different end to the year, the students in 6F have shown their resiliency and dedication to learning. Students participated in an at-home design process challenge where they had to create a paper airplane that successfully performed different stunts! Students used their knowledge of the different features and movements of a plane from our science unit about flight. Students commented on how many changes they had to make to get their plane to work! In social studies, students have been diving into the history of Canada from the 1930s to World War II. Students have been creating scrapbooks and imagining

they were living during these time periods. They have also been creating talk-shows to conduct "interviews" with Prime Minister Mackenzie King about Canada's involvement in World War II. We have connected our learning of World War II with language arts and have been studying a series of short fiction stories set during World War II in different parts of the world. These books have opened up discussions of the French Resistance, the Holocaust, and the perspective of children living during World War II in addition to lessons about character, theme, and plot. Most recently, students have been studying the novel, *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, set in Denmark during World War II. The story really has students thinking about what the word bravery means. Finally, students have most recently been exploring angles and measurement at home in their math learning. Students have been learning how to identify angles in everyday life and how to find area, perimeter, and volume. Those students coming to school have connected this learning to an in-class Food Truck War, which involves students designing and creating a 3D food truck!

The students in 6F have really been showing their creativity and amazing work ethic during distance learning. Have a wonderful summer!



6S

What a year it has been! Prior to the pandemic grade six was focused on discovering the effects of plastic on us and our world. We had many interesting driving questions such as: How does plastic end up in the oceans? What is the lifecycle of plastic? How do we use plastic in our everyday life? Grade six discovered many benefits and consequences of the use of plastic. During the pandemic, we focused on the concept of decimals and how they apply to everyday life.

We used our skills in creating a business in the form

of a food truck. Each student had to brainstorm, plan, design, and implement a business plan. We had a variety of ideas from Spanish cuisine, multiple dessert trucks, chicken wings, and burgers to name a few. Students designed their signature menu items along with costs. Students then ordered from one another's menus.

As the year draws to an official close, we say goodbye to most of our girls as well as a couple of other students. We hope and pray that you come back to visit in the future.



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The grade seven class successfully transitioned into junior high through this unique school year. They are prepared to lead the student body in the 2020 school year with plenty of school spirit and enthusiasm. The grade sevens enjoyed various field trips this year including a self guided exploration at the Human Rights Museum, a moving and informative residential school performance at the MTYP, and an exciting Beatles inspired adaptation of William Shakespeare's As You Like It. In a timely and relevant assignment, they researched important past and present members of the African-American community during Black History Month. They explored the lives and influence of famous people such as Duke Ellington, Maya Angelou, and Jackie Robinson, just to name a few. They learned of the history of racial inequality through their research, as well as through classroom analysis of various pieces of literature and film. With the current situation in both the United States and the rest of the world, the grade sevens have educated themselves on this most important subject.

Although this year was far from typical, the class worked through science fair projects, three novel studies, challenging math problems, and even participated in a class model UN exercise. The class was extremely active in school activities. Through music clubs, sports teams, house group activities, and volunteer hours, the grade seven class were a visible element of the SJB community in 2019-2020. When the school year drastically switched to an online platform, their commitment and enthusiasm remained strong. They certainly never let the pandemic hinder their spirit. They are excited to take on a leading role for the SJB student body as grade eight students in the fall.

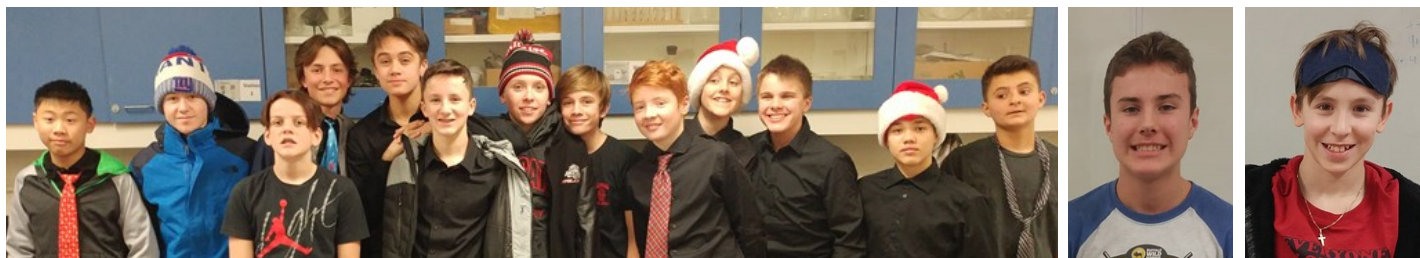


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The second term was a busy one for our junior high students. We traveled to Holiday Mountain for our annual ski trip and had some of the nicest weather Mr. Toni has seen in all his years at this school. A big thanks to all our parent volunteers. We also attended MTYP to view a play that highlighted some of the trauma that children attending residential schools experienced. While COVID-19 kept us away from our classrooms, the boys showed up in good spirits to our weekly meetings, sporting funny hats, costumes, and showing off their dance moves on occasion.

The grade seven class spent their term watching me try to record myself doing video labs. I regret that I won't soon be the next YouTube science sensation. They also looked at how ecosystems change over time, including local examples such as the Netley-Libau Marsh as the Red River joins Lake Winnipeg. In social studies, we discussed how globalization and westernization are affecting communities around the globe. When some students chose to return in June, we applied this knowledge to case studies in Rwanda and the plight of the Indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest, as well as completed a Model UN simulation to round out our unit on international cooperation.

The grade eight class spent their time at home looking at a variety of issues surrounding water such as countries fighting over rivers in the Middle East, areas losing their groundwater supply, how waterborne diseases spread, and the journey our freshwater takes in Winnipeg to our taps. We then moved on to our study of cells, and applied this knowledge to trying to understand how bacteria, viruses and our immune system do battle inside our bodies. The boys who returned to school were able to dissect a cow's eyeball to look at how different structures can combine to form an organ with their own...eyes.



FRENCH

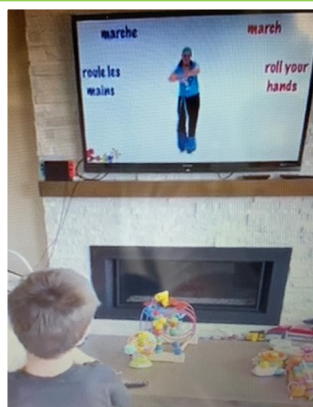
Quelle annee! It has been quite the year!

I know this is not the way we thought 2019-2020 would end. We did still manage to cover a variety of interesting topics during our online learning. For example, we studied: Les couleurs, les numeros, la ferme, la famille, les moyens de transport, namez la chanson, la Tour Eiffel, les verbes au passe, and of course our plays.

Although we have had our challenges, I would like to congratulate all of you for your effort and participation in French.

Je suis fier de tout le monde (I am proud of all of you)! J'espere bonne sante, securite, et beaucoup de fun cet ete (I wish you all good health, safety, and fun this summer)!

A bientot,
Mme Bector



Congratulations to the St. John Brebeuf School Class of 2020:

Liam Cantafio	Owen Kochanski	Brennan Pragides
Masimiliano Garofoli	William Lawrie	Mikhail Precourt
Nolan Hall	Patrick McManus	Kai Sharma
Harry Hauser	Nicholas Miller	Owen Thorsteinson
Emrik Holtmann	Ben Muise	Garrett Toporowski

Grade Eight Honour Roll

Emrik Holtmann	Ben Muise
Owen Kochanski	Patrick McManus
	Brennan Pragides

Grade Seven Honour Roll

Ethan Bezabeh	Logan Lechner	Bodin Senkowsky
Andrew Earle	Nolan McKay	Daniel Stipanovic
Isaac Lavitt	Lucas Prendergast	Kirin Stuart
Castiel Haripsersad	Kevan Savage	Mark Van Caesele

Grade Six Honour Roll

Aris Anguluan	Nora Hoehn	Liam Marchant	Simran Sidhu
Gabrielle Beggan	Ayanna Kapoor	Matthew McCallum	Aikmveer Sohi
Sasha Bermisa	Emily Kochanski	Zachary Nazar	Isabella Stranges
Sofia Bodnar	Gracyn Krahm	Jidenna Nwankwor	Emma Susanto
Katie Bru	Peyton Krahm	Keenan Patterson	Valentina Teixeira
Karen Demian	Myles Lagadi	Zachary Sadowski	Harvey Xing
Sam Hanson	Fenton Mann	Mila Saltel	

“Nifty Niners”

The following have been students at St. John Brebeuf School since kindergarten

Liam Cantafio	Harry Hauser	Ben Muise	Kai Sharma
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St. John Brebeuf School Farewell & Awards Ceremony

Patrick McManus - Margaret Kingdon Award, Excellence en Français

Ben Muise - Academic Award, Athletic Award

William Lawrie - Discipleship Award

Harry Hauser - Acheson-Cadieux Memorial Award

Mila Saltel - Margaret Kingdon Award

Nora Hoehn - Knights of Columbus Award

Isabella Stranges - Athletic Award

Emrik Holtmann - Knights of Columbus Award

Liam Cantafio - Sr. Stephen Francis Award





WELCOME TO THE ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

COLLEEN EINARSON - LIBRARY TECHNICIAN

I join the St. John Brebeuf community with over 30 years' experience in special, and school libraries. My school library experience has been in public and independent school libraries from preschool to Grade 12 and has included schools offering French Immersion and International Baccalaureate programs. As a life-long learner, Christian and avid reader, I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to encourage the love of reading and support the learning of students in a faith based environment.



ANNIE BATOR - GRADE THREE

My name is Annie Bator and I am excited to be joining the St. John Brebeuf community as a grade three teacher. I attended Catholic school for my entire K-12 education experience and then completed my Integrated Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education from the University of Winnipeg. For the past couple of years, I have been enjoying teaching grade four and grade two in the Winnipeg School Division. I believe that through collaboration, hands-on learning, and high expectations my students will flourish not only academically but also as good citizens in the community. I value relationships and providing a safe learning environment that fosters confidence and a love for learning. During my down time I enjoy reading, cooking, spending time outdoors, and staying active. I feel immense gratitude that I've been given the opportunity to be a part of your child's learning journey. I look forward to meeting all the families in the upcoming school year!



GRETZEL MARCAIDA - GRADE FIVE

Hello! My name is Gretzel Marcaida and I am excited to be teaching grade 5 at St. John Brebeuf in the fall.

I graduated from the University of Manitoba, where I earned both my Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts degrees. I am working on obtaining my French diploma at the Université de Saint-Boniface. I began my teaching career gaining plenty of experience as a substitute teacher before teaching multi-age classes in grades 1/2 and 3/4 in the Louis Riel School Division. Thereafter, I taught kindergarten at St. Alphonsus School. I currently teach grade 4 at Christ the King School.

In my free time, I enjoy reading, paper crafting, and playing the role of a golden princess butterfly or The Hulk with my two children.

I am honoured to begin my journey and become a part of the St. John Brebeuf community!



...AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO:

Clare Toni

Born March 28th; daughter of Mr. Toni, grade eight

Xenia Dorothy Okhmatovski

Born December 22nd; daughter of Mrs. Okhmatovski,
library technician

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

SEPT. 8 - TRIADS

**SEPT. 9 - FIRST FULL DAY OF
CLASSES GR.1-8**

(K STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A
SEPARATE SCHEDULE)

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY SUMMER!

