



St. John Brebeuf Schoolconnection

Living, Learning, Serving in Christ

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new school year! I am so excited to be able to welcome our students back to in class learning. It has been wonderful to see all their faces and hear their chatter in our hallways once again.

Since September, we have welcomed new staff members. Ms. Sheppard joins our staff as an EA working primarily in our middle years' classrooms. Mrs. Carter has started as our interim P.E. teacher, Ms. Asmaa and Ms. Kamal have joined us as lunch supervisors, and Ms. Lily and Ms. Maddy have joined the after care team.

In September, we held outdoor back to school assemblies in grade groupings and welcomed our new students and staff into houses. Many thanks to PAC for providing a special treat on this day. We were also able to complete a Terry Fox Walk on a class basis with our students.

We look forward to unveiling our space in the parish hall as of the end of the month. The music room, kitchen, bathrooms, and hallway have all been completely remodeled. Staff and students alike are looking forward to traveling for specialist classes once again and making use of these beautiful new spaces. Please note that once the parish hall is open, the BASC program will re-locate to this space.

With the second month of school drawing to a close, the safety of our students and staff continues to be a priority at the school. I want to extend gratitude to the school's pandemic response committee, comprised of staff members, school board members, and parents, for their continued recommendations for our school. And of course, thank you to you, our families, for your support through this time, and your adherence to our safety procedures. We could not achieve what we do for our students without you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Campbell



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Welcome back parents and kids! We hope you have all had an incredible, memorable and healthy summer break.

My name is Bernita Mottola, and I am thrilled to be the new Chair this year for SJB Parent Advisory Council. If you are new to our school community, PAC is a made up of a group of volunteers who ultimately want to be involved in the school in a more meaningful way.

We have a fun year lined up and have already started our hot lunch program, popcorn Fridays, as well as organized an ice cream treat day for the kids and staff. So far we are off to a great start- thank you for everyone who has helped out so far!!

We are ALWAYS looking for ways to get more parents involved in our events and activities that are scheduled throughout the year. Whether you would like to attend a meeting, wanting to volunteer and help with events, or simply have a great idea you'd like to share with us – we want to hear from you! Meeting dates, board positions, programs, newsletters and volunteer opportunities can all be found on the SJB portal under Parent Advisory Council.

Every idea, hour that's volunteered, or commitment makes a big difference for our children. At the very least, I guarantee you will get a couple heart warming smiles out of it.

I'm looking forward to a year of unexpected joys.

Bernita

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SEPTEMBER FIRST COMMUNION



Hello from kindergarten!

There are so many smiling faces (under our masks) in kindergarten. Everyone is eager to be at school. The children are making new friends and are busy with activities in the classroom. We are practicing our routines and rules for school. We are learning how to print capital letters, the letter names and their sounds, as well as, some sight words. We just finished the theme topic, apples. We even did a taste test to see which apple tastes the best. Green won! Our theme topics in the next weeks are pumpkins, bats, and colours. One of the most popular centers in kindergarten is the art center. The children spend a great deal of time using various materials to make their own creative art pieces. We would gladly accept items such as buttons, ribbon, yarn, envelopes, toilet paper rolls, or anything that could be used to help keep this center supplied. In kindergarten, we play nice, work hard, and stay kind. This will be a fun year of learning!

Love, Mrs. Wolfe



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Hello from Grade 1M! We are a happy and inquisitive class, and we are enjoying the "harder stuff" we get to do now that we're in grade one! We like having classroom jobs including line leader, pencil sharpener, and clean-up crew. Here are some of grade 1M's favourite topics and activities: science, math, play time, French, art, reading new books, writing, and prayer. We are counting the number of days of school and every day we add another fish to our giant fish bowl! We started the year off reading lots of Fly Guy books by Tedd Arnold - Fly Guy sure is a funny character. Now we are enjoying Mercy Watson stories by Kate DiCamillo. Mercy Watson is the name of the main character, who just happens to be a pig who loves eating buttered toast!

In science we are studying living things. We made some neat artwork using items that come from living things - trees! We did watercolour paintings, made leaf rubbings, and described our leaves using descriptive words. Check out our results! We enjoy stretching our brains in math class and are getting really good at our math counting game. We can't wait to see what else we get to do in grade one! Thanks for reading.

Mrs. Moskalyk

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WELCOME TO THE ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

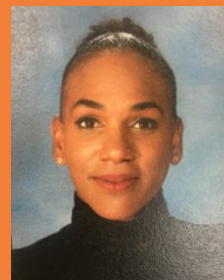
SHANTOL SHEPPARD - EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

Hello my name is Shantol Sheppard and I am very excited to join the St John Brebeuf community. I am an ambitious and driven individual who has experience working in schools and residential care for the last five years. I am a positive person and look for opportunities to better myself. I look forward to integrating and becoming a part of a faith based organization.



SEKWUN CARTER - P.E. TEACHER

Hello! I am Sekwun Carter and am excited to be joining St. John Brebeuf School and excited to help students in the P.E. department! I cannot wait to get to know the students this year and help them grow in their athletic and physical skills. I earned my Bachelor of Education from the University of Winnipeg. I began my teaching career at Pinaymootang First nation where I taught kindergarten. I have substituted at several schools in the Winnipeg area. I aspire to create a solid foundation for students to encourage their love of learning and desire to complete secondary and post-secondary education. I am truly blessed to be apart of guiding your children through their faith and learning journey and I am eager to meet you.





Hello and welcome to 1W, the home of the Llama Learners. This year we are focusing on doing llamazing work and using the gifts that God has given to us. We have been focusing on reading strategies, the sounds the letters make to create words. In math we are focusing on beginning math strategies for adding, patterns, and we are enjoying reading math books during guided math time. Some of our most favourite activities included doing puzzles, word searches, and discovering what we can create with our building toys. Going forward we are going to learn about our senses and the llamazing things that our bodies are. In religion, one of our prayer intentions focuses on healing in the world, in the spirit of truth and reconciliation. We are looking forward to many more llamazing adventures in learning in grade one.



Mrs. Walker



BOBCAT BEAT!

Hello, Bobcats! And welcome back to a brand new school year!! This year looks a little different, but we are having a blast already!

In September, students had fun learning new games both inside the gym, and out on the field. The younger students started playing many noodle tag games, as well as instruction based games. The older students started off the year with some teamwork and communication games, and have since moved on to our first unit, Ultimate Frisbee. It was great to see how their skills had grown since last year, and their excitement to try out the sport again.

In September, we also celebrated Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. We talked all about Terry Fox, his run, and the mark he was able to make in the world for those suffering from cancer. Since we could not yet all gather to complete the Terry Fox Walk together, each class got the opportunity to participate in the walk around the neighbourhood during one of their PE classes. We had many excited students, some fun signs, and cheers all around. The students really got excited when the cars would "Honk for Terry"! This year, we met and surpassed our fundraising goal, and were one of the top fundraisers in all of Manitoba! We raised \$5,865! WAY TO GO, BOBCATS! It is never too late to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. Here is the school link if you are still interested in donating:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/StJohnBrebeuf>

This October, students will start to work on their transport and manipulation skills, with the grade 3 and 4 students learning some new kicking games. The older students will finish their Ultimate Frisbee unit, and move on to a fitness based unit and test their fitness. Students are looking forward to new opportunities to play different games inside the gym as the weather cools down.

Ms. Lindsay Craig, PE Teacher

LEVEL UP At The Library!

Our library has kicked off the year with Mario themed reading contests for Grade 3-8 and a chance to win the up-coming newly released Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot! For more information, visit the Library portal on the SJB Website.

The library will soon be installing a LEGO Creative Corner and we are in need of LEGO donations. LEGO pieces needed are: FLAT 1x1, 1x2, 1x3, 1x3, 2x2 or corner pieces in the brightest colours you have!

Are you on Tiktok? Follow our library account; @sjblibrary for contests, new books, library tips and other great content! We are looking forward to an awesome year at the SJB Library!

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

It has been a great start to the year in music class at SJB! The reintroduction of singing to class has been a lot of fun for the students (and me), and the classes are sounding great! Also, extracurricular music clubs are starting back up again soon, beginning with Mass Choir for grades 2-6 students. Here is a rundown of the clubs, grade levels, and required experience and materials:

Beginner Violin Club: Grades 1-3 No experience required. Must provide violin, shoulder rest, and method book. Learn to play the violin in a group with your friends! Practice at home is required. Starts in January, 2022.

Advanced Violin Club: Grades 4-8 For students who have played violin for at least 1 year. Learn a variety of music and perform at a violin Mass (usually in May). Must provide violin and shoulder rest, practice at home is required. Meets in January, 2022, but music will be provided earlier.



Mass Choir: Grades 2-6 No experience required. Share your singing talents with the school and parish community, and possibly with other special occasions. Day 6 at 12:00, beginning in late October.

Concert Choir: Grades 3-6 No experience necessary, may require a short voice placement audition. Sing popular, sacred, and musical theatre songs. One of the premiere performing groups at SJB! Meets at 12:00 starting in January, 2022.

Beginner Guitar Club: Grades 4-6 No experience required, having a guitar at home is an asset. Learn to play the first notes and chords on guitar. Meets after school in January, 2022

Advanced Guitar Club: Grades 6-8 For students with at least one year experience on guitar. Learn chords and songs with your friends! A guitar to practice on at home is strongly recommended. Meets after school, January 2022.



Music Technology Club: Grades 6-8 Continue working with "Soundation" audio program and others on Chromebooks and desktop computers in the lab. Create your own music of any style, learn to record with microphones and learn about school recording equipment and church soundboard. Meets once per cycle at 12:00pm beginning when computer lab is open.

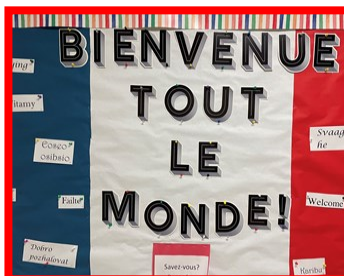
Songwriting Club: Grades 5-8 No experience required, but a passion for music and song writing is essential! Write and perform original music that is workshopped with a supportive group of peers. Knowledge of an instrument is an asset but not required. Membership in the Music Technology club is encouraged to record the music you create. Meets once per cycle at 12:00pm beginning when the music room is open.

Orff/Recorder Club: Grades 5-6 No experience required. Challenge yourself in a mixed ensemble of xylophones, drums, voice and recorders. Play interesting, diverse music on a variety of instruments. Meets once per cycle at 12:00pm beginning when the music room is open.

Rock Band: Grades 5-8 Experience/lessons on drums, bass, guitar, piano or voice is recommended, and practice at home will be essential! Learn to play and sing music by The Beatles, Bob Marley and others in an auditioned band. Auditions will be held when the music room opens, practices will be at 12:00pm once per cycle.



Have a safe and happy fall!
Mr. Frykas



It has been wonderful to be back at St. John Brebeuf school along with our new and returning students!

Français is off to a great start. We learned "Introductions" and talked "Tout sur Moi" (All about me)! We have also begun discussing our French plays. Hopefully we are able to present our plays in the classrooms this year for others to enjoy.

We are looking forward to a year filled with fun experiences and activities en Français! Stay tuned. A bientot,

Madame Bector



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