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St. Boniface Catholic School November Newsletter 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On October 30th, we had a very successful and fun-filled dance-a-thon. All pledge money is now quickly coming in and our targets are set. Our goal is to raise \$4,000. There are many early bird prizes to be won. These will be drawn on November 3rd & 4th, so we ask that all of the money be returned by Monday November 2nd. Donations will be accepted until the end of the month. The students who raise the most money in each division will be recognized at our Spirit Assembly on November 30th. Remember the person who brings in the most money for the school will be **Principal for the Day**. Good luck to everyone and thank you for your active participation. Many thanks especially to the parents, family and friends of the students for your support of our annual fundraiser.

Lest We Forget

November is a time to remember all souls and all saints and to reflect on what they have taught us about life and our faith. We remember also the young men and women who have served Canada during times of war, conflict, and peace to promote global peace, to protect fundamental human rights and to preserve the values - truth, justice, freedom and knowledge - that help to define who we are as Canadians.

Please check the November calendar for a listing of all the special curriculum activities, events, trips and presentations planned to enrich the social, academic and spiritual development of our students.

We invite you to attend the Parent-Teacher interviews on December 3rd in the evening from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. and December 4th in the morning from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. An appointment will be necessary so please look for the interview request form, which will be sent home on November 9th. Please return these to your child's teacher by November 23rd so we can put together a schedule to try and accommodate your preferred time.

Sincerely,

Mr. P. Stachiw,
Principal

Upcoming:

November 4	National Take Our Kids To Work Day
November 13	P.A. Day (no school)
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 20	Santa Photos
November 23 - 29	Grade 8 trip to Claremont

Celebration of Excellence

In following with the school board's Faith and Development program, we continue to focus on a particular monthly theme. For October the theme was Gratitude. Our quote for the month was, "Gratitude brings joy & laughter into your life and into the lives of those around you." The following students were recognized at our Spirit Assembly on November 2nd:

Klemens L., Tiniya B., Joseph D., Danat K., Jamie A., Maceo R., Rayann H., Deandre J., Angelo M., Schenelle F., Damian O., Nathalie S., Nicole V., Joey M., Steffe R., Sorie C., Samantha B.

Our theme for November is Peace. Our quote for the month is, "Peace is the respect for the rights of others."

Along with a monthly theme, we will be recognizing student excellence in different academic subjects. For October the subject was Religion. The following students were recognized at our Spirit Assembly:

John D., Naji G., Chidinma A., Joelin F., Joseph T., Valeria M., Jonathan G., Giovanni M., Stacy S., Joshua C., Maria P., Janson X., John Thomas A., Tim B., Alvin P., Mario P., Stephanie A.

Our academic subject for November is Language Arts/English.



Student Council 2009-2010

On September 18, 2009, the student council was elected. St. Boniface Catholic School would like to acknowledge the student council; President, Phayvanh I., Vice President, Samantha B., Treasurer, Janine H., Secretary, Samantha W. The athletic reps are Manfred and Tanika. The class reps this year are Maria M., Vivien B., and Ma'an. Social committee, the new part of the council is Sorie and Haritha. The student council has one goal for this year, to create a wondrous and memorable year for all grades.

- Janine H.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Parents and students in Grade 8 who are members of St. Boniface Parish are invited to pick up a copy of the Parish Bulletin on Sunday to learn more about the program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please remember that the Sacraments are primarily Parish not School celebrations. Only those registered and enrolled in our Parish Confirmation Program are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Flu Season

The Flu is one of the most easily transmitted and easily prevented infections. We have to be extra vigilant this year with the H1N1 flu.

You can reduce the risk of getting the flu simply by getting a free flu shot. It's available to anyone aged six months or older, who lives, works or attends a school in Ontario. It is as easy as booking an appointment with your family doctor or visiting a local flu clinic.

Even after getting the shot, these are some of the common precautions that everyone should take to avoid getting the flu:

- Wash hands as often as possible, at least after every trip to the bathroom
- Cover mouths when coughing or sneezing, and wash hands immediately after
- Cough into your elbow
- Carry an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap moist towelettes and use after coughing or sneezing if a sink is not accessible.

The influenza virus is very infectious and is spread from person to person mainly by droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. In some cases, the flu can be spread when an infected person touches a surface like a doorknob, a countertop or a telephone. The same virus can spread if anyone touches these objects and then proceeds to touch his or her mouth, nose or eyes. Protect your children and yourselves this flu season. Get the flu shot and the H1N1 flu shot.

Parental Involvement is Always Welcome

Studies show that children perform better in school if their parents are involved in their education. Once your child has started school, there are many ways to continue supporting his/her education by being a partner with the school.

◆**Attend Catholic School Advisor Council (CSAC) meetings.** Every school has a CSAC that meets to discuss issues and activities to benefit its students.

◆**Stay informed.** Schools send home newsletters that summarize important school issues and outline upcoming activities. Watch for their arrival.

◆**Attend school special events.**

Open Houses, Curriculum Nights, Family Nights and other school events are informative, celebrate success and establish a sense of community. They provide wonderful opportunities to celebrate learning with your child.

◆**Attend Parent Teacher Interviews**

These give you an opportunity to discuss successes and concerns and to share ideas about your child's education. If you feel more comfortable discussing your ideas in a language other than English, we can provide an interpreter for your session.

◆**When in doubt-Ask!** If you have any concerns or questions about class routines, programs or other specific matters, please contact the school. We share your concern for your child's safety, self-esteem and education.

EQAO

Individual EQAO student reports have already been sent home with the students. These assessment results are used in conjunction with school-based information to generate discussion about improving student achievement and planning interventions to ensure that every student achieves high levels of success. Our grade 3 and 6 students completed the provincial EQAO tests last May and June. We are pleased with the results attained by all of these students, but recognize that there is room for improvement. Compared to our results from the previous year, our grade 3 students improved in all areas of the test. In reading they scored 58%. This will be an area of focus for the school this year. They excelled in writing scoring 79% which is above both the school board and provincial average. In mathematics they scored 61%. The percentage attained reflects the total number of students at the provincial standard for levels 3 & 4. Our grade 6 students improved in all areas of test as well. In reading they scored 58%. This will be an area of focus. In writing they scored 67%. In mathematics they scored 48%. We are continually working on improving these scores. If you would like to see a complete report on our EQAO results, please go to our website at

<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stboniface.asp> and click on the EQAO complete results link for the year 2009. All students who completed the CAT3 testing and EQAO testing from last year should have received their results. If you have not, please contact the school.

Safety

We continue to work toward creating the safest possible learning environment for your children here at St. Boniface. As best practices come to our attention we are encouraged to share them with our whole community. With this in mind, we remind our parents and guardians to ensure that your child does not bring any dangerous or expensive items to school without your knowledge. The following is a partial list of such items: expensive toys, objects with sharp edges, small objects that might be swallowed and electronic equipment. Please check and be aware of the contents in your child's backpack each day. If you have any questions about what may or may not be safe, please do not hesitate to call us

Family Bingo Night

On Thursday, October 29, 2009, the grade eights hosted a Family Bingo Night that helped fundraise for their grade eight overnight trip to Mansfield. It was a great success. We raised just under \$1000! Thanks for all who attended and we hope to see you on our next bingo night. Thanks again to the staff and students who helped out.

- Phayvanh I. & Janine H.



JK/SK Activity Day

The grade eight students organized an activity day for the JK's & SK's. All activities were Halloween themed and were prepared by the grade eight students. Some of the activities were, decorating cookies, throwing balls in hula-hoops, reading a Halloween story, etc. "My favourite part was decorating the pumpkin and the cookie." - Renee, Ms. LaRose, SK. Thank you to all of the grade eights for their hard work and leadership.
- Janine H.



St. Boniface on the Web

Just a reminder that you can find our monthly newsletters and calendars at our school website. If you would like to see the photos in this newsletter in colour, please visit the school website at <http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stboniface.asp>.



In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields. - John McCrae*



