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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are now in the season of Lent. During lent we recall our baptism and we do penance as a way to prepare for the greatest feast of our year, Easter! In the forty days of Lent we hope to become people who love more like Jesus. The three main ways of keeping Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Prayer is a way of giving thanks and praise to God. We encourage our students to pray more often during Lent. The Stations of the Cross are a traditional Lenten devotion and one way of remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Although we do not promote fasting, we do speak to the students about giving up special treats during Lent such as candy or chocolate.

We conclude our Lenten observances with Holy Week. Holy Week is an opportunity for all of us to participate in the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus. The high point of this week and of the Christian year is the Easter liturgy. The children learn about these important concepts during religious instruction classes. We encourage our students to participate in as many Holy Week observances as possible. These include: The Passover meal on Holy Thursday when the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders were instituted; Good Friday liturgy with the veneration of the cross; the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday; and the Easter liturgy on Sunday.

P. Stachiw, Principal

The Use of Electronic Devices and the Internet

The use of a range of communications continues to increase in our schools and communities at an enormous rate. As the technology has expanded at an astounding rate, so have the implications related to safety, privacy and intrusion in our schools and communities.

The use of the Internet and text messaging for bullying and harassment is a serious problem. These activities, when taking place off the school site or outside school hours, normally are not school matters, but rather community or police matters. On occasion, however, these activities can have an impact on the school and negatively affect the safety and the learning environment at the school and thereby become school matters. Students are accountable for behaviour off school property, which has a negative impact on the school environment, including but not limited to behaviour which harms the tone or dynamics of the school or the safety or security of its members.

The use of recording devices (e.g. cameras, video/audio recorders, integrated digital cameras and video recorders in cell phones, etc.) cannot be used in a manner that violates the privacy and dignity of others. Therefore, the taking of photographic images of a person or persons, on school property, at school events and during school activities and/or hours, is prohibited without the permission of the person or persons being photographed and the principal.

The electronic transmission or posting of photographic images of a person or persons on school property, at school events and during school activities and/or hours, is prohibited without the permission of the person or persons being photographed and the permission of the principal.

Listening devices (such as MP3/MP4 players, CD players, etc.) may not be used at school. Cellular telephones with and without camera capabilities (and similar devices) are absolutely prohibited on the school premises.

All of these and similar devices MAY NOT be turned on at school. Failure to follow these procedures will result in temporary confiscation of the device and additional restrictions and further consequences may result.

Please remember: The school is not responsible for the loss, damage or theft of any item.

Dates to Remember

Monday March 1	Report Cards Sent Home
Thursday March 4, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday March 5, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Parent/Teacher interviews
Thursday March 11	Grade 8 Graduation Photos
Friday March 12	Pajama Day
Monday March 15 - Friday March 19	March Break
Wednesday March 31	Pizza Lunch

Celebration of Excellence

For February our theme was Love. Our quote of the month was, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." The following students were recognized at our Spirit Assembly on March 1st:

Anthony M., Camilo B., Noah R.-K., James B., Curt M., Ahadu H., Ky'Leann L., Torilynn P., Ramon B., Mahalia M., Christina D., Bien C., Selom H., Michael V., Dominique G., Andrea L., Esperenza A., Isabel D., Isaac D., Walker B., Priscilla Y.

Our theme for March is Forgiveness. Our quote for the month is, "To err is human; to forgive is divine."

In February, we recognized student excellence in the academic subject of Social Studies/History. The following students were recognized at our Spirit Assembly:

Brennan T., Taija S., Christian A., Allison M., David E., Sebastian K., Robert B., Anna D., Mathea B., Jan D., Janice A., Tim B., Karen D.

Our academic subject for March is French.



Safety/Supervision

St. Boniface Catholic School as well as all schools in our school board have a Safe Arrival Program. If a student is late or absent and the school has not been notified, you will be contacted. We would like to remind you that there is no supervision until 8:30 a.m. in the Kindergarten yard and 8:40 a.m. in the school yard. You are asked not to send your child to school before this time.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home at the beginning of this month. You might notice a change in the Arts reporting. Teachers are now required to only report once in the year for Visual Arts, Drama and Dance. That means there will be only one mark in the year for each of these subjects.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Congratulations to all of our students who competed in this year's Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. The winners at the school level advanced to the district finals. This took place at St. Boniface on January 29th and involved four other schools. Three of our students, Tricia A., Benny A. and Serena P. -S. advanced further to the regional finals at St. Richard Catholic School on February 17th. Tricia A. came first in her age group and went to the regional finals in Oshawa on February 27th. She went on to win the regional finals for her age group beating out 12 other competitors! Thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers who helped support this event. Also thank you to the Knights of Columbus members who organized this fun event.



Steel Drum Presentation

On Thursday February 25th, the entire school was treated to an excellent presentation by Earl La Pierre Jr., an extraordinary steel panist. He spoke with the students about the history of the steel pan and then treated everyone to some great music. Some of the students were invited to try the steel pan, as were some of the teachers. The whole school community thoroughly enjoyed the presentation as they clapped and sang along to the music.



Basketball Tournament

The Intermediate Girls Basketball Team showed great leadership, sportsmanship and determination this season. Thanks to thank all those who supported the team through out the season. A big thank you to Mrs. Lombardi, Mr. Fernandes and Mr. Graham for all of their help.

Congratulations to the team; Rona, Samantha, Karen, Serena, Maan, Kaitlyn, Phayvanh, Tricia, Vivien, Alexandria, Taneika and Lovely.



The Intermediate Boys Basketball Team had an excellent basketball season. Playing in many exhibition games and invitational tournaments, they showed good improvement and teamwork. A special thanks to Mr. Graham and Mr. Fernandes who worked with the team. The team came in second during their tournament. Congratulations to Davlin, Nathan H., Romairo, Benny, Mario, Bailey, John Michael, Nathan Sl., A.J., Alex, Alvin, Anthony, Nathan Su., Mario and Sorie.



Pack those Healthy Snacks

Kids need snacks to give them energy between meals. Some easy, healthy snacks to pack with lunch are:

- bite sized vegetables with yoghurt, hummus or bean dip
- Whole or cut up fruit like apples, pears and bananas
- Whole grain crackers or pita and cheese
- Canned fruit or applesauce

Breakfast is a Blast

Breakfast is the fuel that children need to get ready for their day. It is important for children's learning as it helps them to focus better at school. A balanced breakfast includes foods from at least 3 of the 4 food groups from *Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating*. Including a variety of different foods for breakfast everyday helps to ensure that children get enough of the nutrients and energy they need.

Try these quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- Cereal (e.g. multigrain, wheat or oat), milk, banana
- Grilled cheese sandwich, melon slices, 100% fruit juice
- Congee (rice porridge), steamed vegetables, milk
- Bagel, yoghurt, 100% fruit juice
- Scrambled eggs in a whole wheat pita wrap, milk, a piece of fruit

The Art of Fine Lunching

- Try sandwich fillings like tuna salad with sliced apple and raisins or hummus with red peppers.
- Use leftovers like slices of cold pizza, pasta salad or hot stews, rice with beans or noodles carried in a thermos.
- Remember to include at least 3 of the 4 food groups in Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating.
- Look for the words "100% fruit juice" to make sure you are getting real juice.



In no time Spring will be nipping at our heels and with that we are happy to spread the word that the Scarborough Parent Conference is back by popular demand! Save the date - this year's event will take place on Saturday April 24, 2010. This is a joint conference serving the parents from the Toronto Catholic District School Board AND the Toronto District School Board - working together for our children's success. There will be great workshops, interesting exhibits, childminding will be available, and it will feature student talent from the TCDSB and TDSB. Come on out and share a great day of learning. Registration brochure coming soon - your CSAC's will be providing you with more information as it becomes available.

The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee website has been updated with some of the latest and new information...check it out by visiting: <http://www.tcdsb.org/parents/cpic.htm>. Get acquainted with your local CPIC area representative under the area: **Your CPIC Representatives**, you will be able to send your representative an email and introduce yourself, we look forward to hearing from you!

As the March Break approaches, we wish you and your families and safe and happy week!

