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# St. Boniface Catholic School MAY NEWSLETTER 2010

<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stboniface.asp>

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Catholic Education Week this year takes place from May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. During this week, the Catholic community celebrates the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community and our Province. Catholic Education Week is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the Mission of Catholic schools as they strive to integrate the Gospel values of Jesus Christ in every aspect of the school's life and curriculum.

This year's theme, "*Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope*".

Catholic Education Week 2010 begins on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> to highlight the partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education. We particularly want to underline the relationship of Catholic schools with the broader Church community, especially with the parishes that remain the center of the worshipping faith community.

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update

1. Liturgical Celebration - Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Mass, celebrated by Father Bernard Vellozo and Father Joe Gorman
2. Open House Celebration 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Catholic School, Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following 11:00 a.m. Liturgy

Things to do

- Listen to speeches by dignitaries and special guests
- Sign our guest book
- Purchase 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary memorabilia (mugs, shirts, tote bags, lanyards)
- Browse the photo display
- Order a panoramic photo
- Order photos and cards from our Photography Club
- Meet and greet a former classmate or teacher
- Share a favourite story with someone
- Reunite a friend or colleague
- View the beautiful decorations
- Enjoy light snacks and a refreshing drink

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all staff, students, parents and volunteers who have contributed to the successful planning of this memorable occasion. Enjoy your visit!

P. Stachiw  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

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| May 2 <sup>nd</sup> - May 7 <sup>th</sup> | Catholic Education Week                  |
| May 2                                     | Grade 2 First Communion 2:00 p.m.        |
| May 3                                     | CSAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.                   |
| May 4                                     | Grade 8 Confirmation 7:30 p.m.           |
| May 5                                     | Cross Country City Finals                |
| May 24                                    | Victoria Day (No school)                 |
| May 26                                    | Pizza Lunch                              |
| May 29                                    | 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration |

### Celebration of Excellence

For April our theme was Justice. Our quote of the month was, "If you want peace, work for justice." The following students were recognized at our Spirit Assembly on May 1<sup>st</sup>:

Sina T., Valery B., Dylan C., Dinoj G., William M., Jaheim A., Thayra S., John A., Brianna W., Nikayel A., Nikolas L., Maria P., Jada S., Richard R., Ben O., Glodi T., Barbara M., Devonte L.

Our theme for May is Compassion. Our quote for the month is, "If you want to make others happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."

In April, we also recognized student excellence in the academic subject of Mathematics. Congratulations to the following students who were recognized at our Spirit Assembly:

Reginald B., Rene O., Stephanie G., Seth G., Amisha P., Juliana J., Tyrell H., Gabriel V., Steven N., Tamae V., Vaishnavan S., Daniel M., James U., Estifonas G., John Michael A., Mario P., Patrick G.

Our academic subject for May is Science.

### May is All About Mary!!!

Mary is Mother of the Church and she continues to exercise her maternal role on our behalf. Mary is an example of one who hears the word of God and responds to it wholeheartedly. Our students have prayed the rosary all year in Mary's honour and they will have the opportunity to pray the rosary on Wednesdays during the lunch hour throughout the month of May.

On Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> our grade 2 students will receive the sacrament of First Communion. On Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> our grade 8 students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation, along with students from St. Agatha and St. Nicholas. We are very proud of our candidates and thank their teachers for preparing them for this very special day on their spiritual journey. Congratulations to the parents and families for supporting the candidates throughout their faith development.

### YMCA Strong Kids Campaign

The YMCA Strong Kids Campaign raises money every year to send children to YMCA Camps. This year St. Boniface Catholic School supported the St. Boniface YMCA Child Care Centre by walking with us for the annual YMCA Walk-a-thon as we raised money for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. Our Campaign at the Child Care Centre was very successful and we want to thank all of the teachers and students for their support. We had an amazing time!



### Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion

A note from Fr. Bernard:

Parents of children who have not received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are reminded that since the Sacraments are proper to the Church and not the school system, they should attend Sunday Eucharist at their respective parishes and enroll their children in the Sacramental Preparation Program.

Even though most children receive these two sacraments in grade 2, if your child has missed them, they should be enrolled in the programs as soon as possible. Please contact your parish regarding enrollment dates. In the Fall, we at St. Boniface Church will be having our Enrollment Ceremony for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The dates and times will be published in our church bulletin and announced at all Masses beginning in September. If you and your child are not coming to Mass regularly, you may not hear about the enrollment dates and deadlines. It will not be possible to enroll for these Sacraments once the enrollment deadlines have passed.

### Appropriate Dress Code

Several Toronto Catholic elementary schools already have an Appropriate Dress Code in place. The remainder of our schools, including our school, will be implementing this Dress Code by September 2011. The dress code consists of any combination of white and navy blue garments (e.g. plain white top, navy blue bottom or, navy blue top and bottom, no denim). There is a great deal of choice and flexibility available to parents and students with this type of dress code. You will be able to purchase a variety of clothing styles at retailers of your choice. Some dress code options may be decided by our school community. For more information, please contact the school.

### Warm Weather Clothing for Students

With the warmer weather coming, it is a good time to review the appropriate clothing guide for students.

- All shorts and skirts must be fingertip length or longer. Only walking shorts are permitted. If girls are going to be involved in physical activity, pants or shorts are preferable.
- All tops must cover the midriff area when arms are raised overhead.
- All undergarments must remain just that-under.
- Boys may not wear basketball style tops or fishnet jerseys in class.
- No student may wear clothing with images or words that are not suitable for a Catholic school.
- No students are allowed to wear their pants low which is known as low riding

TCDSB bases all dress codes on Christian modesty and respect. The general idea is to have comfortable clothing appropriate for a Catholic school environment.

### Exciting Events at St. Boniface

April was a very exciting and busy month at St. Boniface. The month began with our Grade 7 and 8 instrumental bands and school choir entering the TCDSB Music Festivals at St. Patrick Secondary School. The instrumental bands were under the direction of Mr. Nargawalla. The choir sang two songs under the direction of Mrs. Malcolm. Thank you to all of the members of the choir, Mrs. Malcolm and Ms. De Giorgis for preparing the students for this event and to Mrs. Beverly and Miss Farrah for accompanying the students to the music festival.

Over 30 students represented St. Boniface at the district Cross Country Meet at Morningside Park. Two students, Marcus M. and Anthony J. advanced to the Regional Meet. Anthony J. will represent our school at the City Cross Country Finals later this month. A thank you to all of the staff who helped to supervise, prepare and coach the students.

The Photography Club again displayed their photographs in the Bluffs Gallery throughout the month. The exhibit was entitled, "Youth in Focus" and the student photographs were for sale. Congratulations to Priscilla Y. whose photo was chosen as the showcase piece. Thank you to the CSAC for helping fund the club and Mrs. C. Da Silva and Mr. Graham who helped put together another great art showing.

The students also entered tournaments in Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball, Junior Boys and Girls Basketball and Chess. Thank you to our coaches and volunteer drivers Mr. Graham, Mrs. Lombardi, Mr. Fernandes, Mr. Csaszar and Mr. Adhanom.

### Leaving School Grounds

We remind you that students may only leave school property with written permission from a parent or guardian. A note must be given to the teacher in the morning. If your child has written permission to go out for lunch, he/she must not bring food back to the school. We do, however, encourage that students eat a prepared lunch at school. In granting your child permission to go out for lunch, please consider the safety issue. Adult supervision of your child can only be provided while they are on school property. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Milk Program

Our Milk Program has come to an end this year. We would like to thank Mr. Graham and the student helpers who ran the program again this year. We plan to offer the program again next school year for students in Grades 1 through 8. Thank you to all parents and students who participated in the program.

### Sun Safety Tips

***If you work or play in the sun you need to protect yourself.....***

- ☼ Between the hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. limit the time you spend in the sun
- ☼ Look for shaded areas to do outdoor activities (trees, umbrellas, awnings)
- ☼ Wear a hat with a wide brim or a flap that covers the back of the neck
- ☼ Wear loose clothing to protect as much of your skin as possible
- ☼ Put on UV protective sunglasses
- ☼ Use a sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher UVA & UVB protection

### Summer Advantage Workbook

"Summer Advantage" is a fully coloured, 192 page activity book designed to maintain and extend all Kindergarten to Grade 7 students' academic learning over the summer months. ***There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7.*** The major units and 3 summer fun units in each book are aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations. These activities are intended to keep students' thinking skills sharp over the summer, to introduce themes and subject content for the upcoming school year and to provide an alternative to television. When your child says "I'm bored", Summer Advantage will provide that beneficial alternative. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. All books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. There is also a Summer Advantage website [www.summeradvantage.ca](http://www.summeradvantage.ca) which contains more detailed information. The cost of each booklet is \$19.05 plus GST.

With all books orders, Summer Advantage will provide attraction discount coupons to numerous attractions including Wonderland, Ontario Place, Wings of Paradise, Centreville, South Simcoe Railway, Pucks farm, Safari Niagara Zooz, Bowmanville Zoo the Hamilton Civic Museums, Bingemans, Bird Kingdom, Stratford Shakespeare Festival and more. Order forms will be sent home soon.

### Alliance Francaise de Toronto

The Alliance Française de Toronto (AFT), is a Canadian non-profit organization specialized in the teaching of French as a second language to children, teenagers and adults, and a cultural centre promoting the cultures of the French-speaking countries worldwide.

Since its creation in 1902, Alliance Française de Toronto has grown to become the largest French language school in Canada, with more than 6,000 adults and children enrolling each year at four different campuses in the GTA (Downtown Toronto, North York, Markham and Mississauga).

AFT is responding to a growing demand for supplementary educational programs in French or remedial courses geared toward children attending French immersion and Core French programs.

This demand is met through a variety of programs tailored to the children's needs, such as:

- after-school, weekend and summer classes for small groups that aim at developing children's skills in all areas of the language, including conversation, pronunciation, reading, writing, listening, etc.
- specialized classes for students with specific goals, including immersion and pre-IB programs or preparation to internationally recognized diplomas
- tutoring to help with school work
- March Break and Summer camps for children aged 5-11 which offer a unique opportunity to stay immersed in the language while on holidays.
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More information is available at [www.alliance-francaise.ca](http://www.alliance-francaise.ca) or contact the AFT campus nearest to you:

Toronto Downtown: 416.922.2014

North York: 416.221.4684



Community and Neighbourhood Services  
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Dear Parent,

School Year 2009-2010

Toronto Public Health (T.P.H.) provides dental programs to children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

To identify children with oral health problems, a screening program is offered to students in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Health requirements for mandatory health programs. The screening is an assessment by a Registered Dental Hygienist using sterilized instruments. The dental hygienist will assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealants and any other obvious dental needs.

As a follow up to the screening, only parents whose children are identified as requiring dental services will be notified. A note to that effect will be sent home with your child/ren for your information and action. You may also receive a phone call from T.P.H. dental staff to assist you in accessing care.

Please be advised that this screening assessment does not replace the dental examination done by a licensed dentist.

Should you require more information, please contact Chris Reid (R.D.H.) at Toronto Public Health, Dental & Oral Health Services at 416-338-3764, or leave your phone number on his pager at 416-328-4765.

**Dr. Hazel Stewart** -Director  
Dental and Oral Health Services