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12:00 AM - 1:00 PM



St. Boniface Catholic School June Newsletter 2010

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

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we reach the end of another school year, we naturally reflect on our many successes and achievements. Hopefully, every one of our students has a "good news story" they can recall and enjoy for many years to come and that each of them ends this year feeling more nourished spiritually, socially and academically. We have had many successes to celebrate throughout the school including our 50th Anniversary Celebration, recognizing the students at our monthly Spirit Assemblies, participating in the various sports tournaments and our photography club showing their work in the Bluff's Gallery once again,

Parent support is always a key component to a successful year. We truly appreciate your efforts whether you volunteered at school or you helped your child at home. Thank you for the many ways you support St. Boniface Catholic School.

Our Parent Council (CSAC) continues to work very hard by supporting and promoting our many school activities designed for the benefit of our students' development. We are truly grateful for their active involvement in the life of the school. We are always looking for more parents to join CSAC or volunteers to help out at different events. Please contact the school if you are interested in becoming involved. Our CSAC has been very busy utilizing the funds we raised during our dance-a-thon. Here are a few of the things they have sponsored/supported this year: covering the cost of our Dance-a-Thon; subsidizing the cost of our agendas; Grade 8 trip subsidies to Mansfield; subsidizing the cost of buses for school trips; Grade 8 Graduation; sponsor; the Photography Club; Family Bingo Night; Welcome to Kindergarten Evening and running our pizza lunches. The students, staff and Parent Council (CSAC) thank you for your continued support of our council activities. We invite you to join us for our monthly meetings beginning again in September.

Wishing you all the best for a safe and happy summer with family and friends and may Christ watch over you during the summer months. To the families leaving us, we wish you well in your new home and school.

P. Stachiw,
Principal

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 416-512-3401 |
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Upcoming

- June 4 Steel Band Presentation
- June 12 School Car Wash 11:00 a.m.
- June 21 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- June 22 Year End Mass 11:00 a.m., Parents Welcome
- Graduation Ceremony June 22 Evening
- June 23 Pizza Lunch
- June 25 Play Day/Movie Day
- Report Cards Sent home on June 28
- Last Day of School June 29

For May our theme was Compassion. Our quote of the month was, **"If you want to make others happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."**

The following students were recognized at our Spirit Assembly on May 27th:

Kayla A., Bethsy E., Ashish B., Jason C., Marius P., Tylee W., Terrel T., Ramon B., Emily H., Isseah D., Shennelle F., Maria P., Carl S., Ashley B., Yendrix H., Maan B., Manfred A., Alannies C.

Our theme for June is Faithfulness. Our quote for the month is, **"Without faith you can do nothing; with faith all things are possible."**

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

Jordan O., Elijah Y., Carys M., Kelly M., Andrew M., Juliana J., Williams C., Raysel W., Janusha X., Dain C., Rosemarie B., Domingo A., Rajinstan K., Tim B., Steffe R., Tiffany G., Haritha A.,

Our academic subject for June is Health & Physical Education.



St. Boniface's 50th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday May 29th, St. Boniface Catholic School celebrated its 50th Anniversary. There was a special Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Father Bernard Vellozo as celebrant and Fr. Joe Gorman as concelebrant. After the Mass there was a reception at the school from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. Special guests included students who attended St. Boniface the day it opened in 1960, former students, staff and principals, Member of Provincial Parliament Margaret Best, Metro Councillor Brian Ashton and our Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, Angela Gauthier.



On Saturday June 12th, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Student Council along with the Parent Council (CSAC) will be holding a Car Wash Fundraiser at the school. The cost will be \$5.00 per car. Please join us if you can.



Introducing the TCDSB Enterprise Portal

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to be moving forward with the development of an Enterprise Portal (EP) for the entire system in an effort to improve communication among parents, staff and students and provide a more positive experience for all visitors to the TCDSB public website.

What is a portal?

A portal is a web-based point of entry to an organization's collection of information, resources and tools. Members of a portal have access to resources based on their credentials and role (as staff, parent, student etc.). Consider how you enter a large office building, check in with security, and proceed to access physical resources such as meeting rooms, documents and tools. In much the same way, you will have access to digital resources when logging in to the TCDSB portal. Your login will provide you with access to the resources you need, all in a self-service environment.

Why a portal?

From a user perspective, the portal will allow individuals to quickly access up-to-date and relevant information online, with the ability to customize the type of information that they wish to receive. It will also eliminate the clutter of information sent out in so many different formats. No matter what your role within the TCDSB community, the portal will provide one-stop, self-service shopping for the information and data you need to perform your role.

A portal will integrate electronic communications such as monthly calendars, newsletters, photographs and memos easily without having to worry about the format of the various files.

The portal is an environmentally friendly Green initiative which will reduce the amount of paper consumed within the Board for communications such as newsletters to the home, Director's Bulletins, pay statements, and other forms and reports.

In summary, portal technology will combine communications, collaboration, document management, structured data from HR, student, financial and facilities applications, calendars, news and events into one simple web interface that will engage all our users, whether they are school staff, parents or students.

How will a portal enhance the learning experience?

Discussions will continue among the various stakeholders—students, parents, staff (teaching and non-teaching) and trustees about the possibilities. The portal will facilitate collaboration and communication among teachers, parents and students.

How will parents/stakeholders stay informed about the portal?

Regular updates will be available through local school communications and the board's website at www.tcdsb.org.

Class Placements-September

Class lists for next year are not yet finalized. The first step in this process is to determine class organization, Grades 1-8, consistent with Board, Ministry and contractual guidelines. Each student will be placed according to what is best for the child. A final decision on teacher grade assignments will be not be made until late in August.

Our goal is to establish balanced classes and to provide effective working groups, which will benefit all children in each class. Teachers will meet to carefully consider criteria such as: learning styles, academic ability, social groupings, special education needs, English as a Second Language, behavioural needs, balance of males/females and previous placement in combined classes. Creating the best and most functional class groupings is an involved task, which requires much thought and careful planning.

First Day Procedures, September 7, 2010

Please follow these procedures. When the bell rings:
Senior Kindergarten (SK) students are to gather in the Kindergarten play yard.
All Gr. 1 - 8 students will assemble in the main school yard by their grade level sign. Any new students who have **not registered** will be asked to go to the office. In the event of inclement weather: Grades 1,2,3,4 will meet in the gym. Grades 5,6,7,8 will meet in the library.

Student Agendas (Planners)

We have ordered student agendas for each child in Grades 1-8 for next year. These will be available for purchase during the first week of school. Staff supports the use of an agenda by all students because of the many benefits it provides. The cost to the student will be \$5.00, as our Parent Council (CSAC) continues to subsidize this initiative. Please plan to purchase an agenda for your child(ren).

School Year Calendar 2010/2011

Number of School Days	194
Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 6, 2010
First Instructional Day	September 7, 2010
Thanksgiving Day	October 11, 2010
Christmas Break	December 20, 2010 - December 31, 2010
Family Day	February 21, 2011
Mid-Winter Break	March 14 - 18, 2011 (inclusive)
Good Friday	April 22, 2011
Easter Monday	April 25, 2011
Victoria Day	May 23, 2011
Last Instructional Day	June 29, 2011
Professional Activity Days	September 2, 2010 January 21, 2011 May 20, 2011 June 30, 2011
Parent-Teacher Interviews	November 19, 2010 February 18, 2011

Registration

We are open the first week of July and the last week of August to receive any new registrations. Please inform the office if:
☞ You have a change in address and/or telephone number
☞ Your child is attending another school in September 2010
☞ If your child has special needs that the school needs to be aware of

Snack Food Program

Our Snack Food Program will come to an end on Thursday June 10. We would like to thank Mrs. Ritch and her dedicated staff of volunteers who ran the program again this year. We plan to offer the program again next school year. Thank you to all parents and students who participated in the program.

YMCA Childcare

The YMCA childcare is in full operation and will be running throughout the summer. The childcare accepts children from 30 months to 5 years old. If you would like more information or have questions about the childcare, please call (416) 261-9022.

End of the School Year Prayer

O God, of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord,
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
The exams, vacations, breaks and assemblies,
All have come forth from your hand.

While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each
day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what you have been up to in our school.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer,
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to your will.

With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams,
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with new spirit and new energy.

May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace,
All the days of our lives.
Amen.

**HAVE A SAFE, FUN-FILLED SUMMER
VACATION
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER**

Summer Advantage Workbook

St. Boniface Catholic School will be making available a summer activity workbook called "Summer Advantage". "Summer Advantage" is a fully coloured 192 page, activity book designed to reinforce and maintain Kindergarten to Grade 7 students' academic learning skills over the summer months. There is one 192 paged activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7 plus a Language toolkit for students entering grade 8 and 9. All major units and 3 summer fun units in each book are aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations. Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO preparation booklets are also available for order! For students advancing into Grade 8 and Grade 9, the Language Tool Kit is a handy guide about language skills for use in secondary school and beyond.

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. The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST (This is a \$1-\$4 savings from the retail and on-line pricing).

You can visit www.summeradvantage.ca to download a free unit of grade level.

Summer Advantage will provide attraction discount coupons to numerous attractions including Wonderland, the CN Tower, Ontario Place, Medieval Times, Wild Water Kingdom, Wings of Paradise, Centreville, South Simcoe Railway, Pucks farm, Zooz, Bowmanville Zoo the Hamilton Civic Museums and more.

An order form and information sheet with more details about the "Summer Advantage" program should have been received at home already. The order deadline is June 6