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12:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



St. Boniface Catholic School June Newsletter 2009

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 eco-team achieving a silver standing in it's first year, starting our first student council, our girls' junior basketball team winning the silver medal 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 Claremont; subsidizing the cost of buses for school trips; Grade 8 Graduation; helping to run our talent show; sponsoring our Family Primary Literacy Night; the Photography Club; Family Bingo Night; Welcome to Kindergarten Evening and running our pizza and hot dog 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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Upcoming

June 8 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
June 10 Wacky Hair Day
June 18 Year End Mass, Parents Welcome
Graduation Ceremony June 18 Evening
Report Cards Sent home on June 22
June 23 Play Day/Movie Day
Last Day of School June 25

Celebration of Excellence

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 29th:

Taylor J., Christian M., Alizabelle S., Jillian M., Nathan A., Jonathan G., Tatiana U., Elizabeth P., Keesha D., Anngaline S., Mary M., Ashton S., Yendrix H., Soniya P., Tiffany G., Xean D., Joshua H.

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:

Joseph D., Cayden N., Aspen H., Yafiet T., Sebastian K., Justin S., Piranavan S., Kristian A., Daniel M., Vaishnavan S., Janice A., Mary Bernadette V., Amalini C., Mario P., Barbara M., Robin T., Melanie C.

Our academic subject for June is Health & Physical Education.



St. Boniface Eco-Team

Ontario EcoSchools is an environmental education program that addresses both how the schools are run and what students learn. EcoSchools work to conserve energy, minimize waste and design environmentally friendly school grounds. This provides opportunities for staff and student participation outside of the classroom to reinforce classroom learning. Once a year, Ontario EcoSchools visit contending elementary and high schools to monitor their achievements and decide whether they can be certified as an official EcoSchool.

As you know, this year St. Boniface has put together its very own EcoTeam, which addressed the areas of need within our school as they pertained to our environment. One of the team's primary goals was to achieve the EcoSchool certification. St. Boniface is proud to announce that we have reached our silver standing in our certification and we are now officially an EcoSchool! Congratulations to Mrs. Arango, Mrs. Smithers and the students involved in the Eco-Team for this great achievement.

Car Wash Fundraiser

On Saturday June 6th, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 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.

Summer Construction

You may notice some construction in the school yard over the summer. The board has approved the relocation of our portables, along with the construction of a parking lot for staff on school grounds. The plan includes removing two of our nine portables and relocating the remaining seven portables to the east end of the school yard. Behind the portables, they are planning on putting in a staff parking lot. At the end of the project, the school yard will be more open for the students to play in and will allow for unobstructed supervision of the students. It is planned to be completed by the Fall.

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.

New for 2009 with all books orders, 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 12.

Last Day of School

Please note that the last day of school for students is

Thursday, June 25th. PLEASE NOTE
THERE WILL BE NO EARLY DISMISSAL

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 8, 2009

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 2009/2010

Number of School Days	194
Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 7, 2009
First Instructional Day	September 8, 2009
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2009
Christmas Break	December 21, 2009 - January 1, 2010
Family Day	February 12, 2010
Mid-Winter Break	March 15-19, 2010 (inclusive)
Good Friday	April 2, 2010
Easter Monday	April 5, 2010
Victoria Day	May 24, 2010
Last Instructional Day	June 29, 2010
Professional Activity Days	September 2, 2009 September 3, 2009 November 13, 2009 June 30, 2010
Parent-Teacher Interviews	December 4, 2009 March 5, 2010

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 2009
- ☞ If your child has needs that the school needs to be aware of

Snack Food Program

Our Snack Food Program will come to an end on Thursday June 11. 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 daycare is in full operation and will be running throughout the summer. The daycare accepts children from 30 months to 5 years old. If you would like more information or have questions about the daycare, 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**

