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## *St. Boniface Catholic School October Newsletter 2009*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

September is always a very busy month of the school year. Everyone collaborates to establish routines, share curriculum expectations with parents, book enrichment activities for the students and finalize schedules and class lists. Most of this is now completed and we look forward to an exciting year.

There will be many opportunities for you to share in your child's educational experience and to join us as we celebrate their many successes throughout the year. We welcome discussion and collaboration and invite you to contact us whenever you have a concern or need some clarification.

Our primary concern is to provide a caring, safe and stimulating environment for your child. We strive to develop a positive and happy atmosphere and to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. We also strive to provide varied opportunities for your children to reach their full potential and to grow into independent and responsible individuals.

We look forward to working with you and your child(ren) throughout the year and invite you to join us in making this school year the best ever for your child. We especially look forward to establishing a partnership with new families to our school.

Yours sincerely,

P. Stachiw,  
Principal

### *TCDSB launches E-NEWS@TCDSB Subscribe Today*

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#### St. Boniface on the Web

Not only can you get the most up to date information from the TCDSB, but you can also 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>.



*Our sincere gratitude on World Teacher's Day, October 5, 2009 - to our teachers, for their commitment to Catholic education.*

#### Upcoming:

- October 7 School Photos
- October 12 Thanksgiving
- October 26 CSAC (Parent Council) Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- October 29 Family Bingo Night
- October 30 Halloween Dance-a-thon Fundraiser

### Parent Council Catholic School Advisory Council 2009/10 (CSAC)

Thank you to St. Boniface parent council executive members for 2009/2010.

Chair: Mrs. L. Marks  
Co-Chair: Ms. D. Walsh  
Treasurer: Ms. D. Walsh

We thank these parents and the parents who attended our first meeting for their ongoing commitment to improving the students' educational experience. All parents are invited to join us at our monthly meetings. Our next meeting is October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

### Rosary Program

We will be continuing this very special program at St. Boniface. Our hope is to rekindle in the students the significance of regularly praying the rosary. Children from Junior Kindergarten up to and including Grade 8 will learn about the mysteries of the rosary and the power of prayer in their lives. The program ends in May with a 'Crowning of Mary Celebration'.

### Success For All Initiatives for Grade 7 and 8 Students

Some of the curriculum and enrichment projects organized for the Intermediate students this year are planned together with Cardinal Newman High School. The intent is to provide opportunities for intermediate students to develop academic, social and technological skills. One of the projects includes a Technology Mentorship program, entitled "The Mask".

### High School OPEN HOUSE Dates 2009

| SCHOOL                | DATE                                 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Blessed Mother Teresa | Tuesday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Cardinal Carter       | Wednesday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Francis Libermann     | Thursday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| Jean Vanier           | Wednesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Cardinal Newman       | Thursday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Senator O'Connor      | Thursday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Pope John Paul II     | Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| St. Patrick's         | Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mary Ward             | Tuesday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Neil McNeil           | Wednesday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Notre Dame            | Wednesday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> |

### The Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run was held on Friday, September 25, 2009. A special thank you to the teachers and students who helped organize the event. Also thank you to the parents, students and YMCA Childcare Center for supporting this event.



### Safe Schools and School Security

All schools have procedures in place to ensure the safety of their students that comply with Board policy.

Our goal is to promote a warm and welcoming atmosphere while at the same time providing the safest school environment possible.

Reminders:

- All visitors to the school must report directly to the office and sign in (even persons who are permitted access to school premises, must first report to the office, and are not automatically entitled to have access to all areas of the school).
- Please adhere to dismissal times, which are 12 noon for lunch and 3:30 p.m. at the end of the day. Unless it is an emergency situation, we ask that you write a note to the teacher to inform us of any changes in the end-of-day procedures.
- Please do not approach any of our students in the school yard. The office staff is available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.
- We encourage you to send a lunch to school with your child in the morning. If your child goes out to buy lunch there is no adult supervision available (only students with written permission from a parent/guardian are permitted to go out for lunch). Children who go out for lunch are not permitted to bring a purchased lunch back to the school or to buy food for other students to bring back to the school.
- Without exception, students are required to go home on the school bus assigned to them. Please be aware that teachers and the bus drivers will strictly enforce this. Also, please do not pick up your child from the bus loading area.
- Please inform the school whenever there is a change of address or telephone numbers (home, work and emergency contact).

### Meet The Teacher BBQ

#### Curriculum Night Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thank you for taking the time to visit with your child's teacher(s) on Meet The Teacher Night and joining the community for our BBQ. We encourage you to dialogue and communicate with your child's teacher throughout the year. A special thank you to Ms. Hazel who kindly donated the popcorn and popcorn machine for the event.

Formal interviews will be held on the evening of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and during the morning on December 4<sup>th</sup>.



### Soccer Results

Congratulations to both our Boys and Girls Intermediate Soccer Teams who played in their tournaments in September. The Boys Team had some great results in their tournament. After beating St. Ursula in their first game, they tied St. Barbara and narrowly lost to Cardinal Legere finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Girls Team showed great determination and sportsmanship in their games. After losing their first game to St. Bede, they regrouped to beat both St. Victor and St. Nicholas also finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to their coaches for preparing the students for the tournament: Mrs. Lombardi, Mr. Graham and Mrs. Celestin.



### Hallowe'en

For a happy and safe Hallowe'en, police recommend these simple rules:

- Wear light or bright coloured costumes with reflective tape that glows in the dark;
- Enlarge eyeholes in masks to improve vision or do not wear a mask at all;
- Do not wear costumes that drag. This may cause tripping. Also avoid riding a bicycle in a flowing costume as it may catch in spokes;
- Eat a proper meal before going out so children will not be tempted to eat their candy before taking it home for inspection;
- An adult should accompany young children. Older ones should stay in groups;
- Do not run back and forth across streets;
- Do not go far from home.

### Guidelines for Hallowe'en on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Boniface

- Costumes to be worn only on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>;
- No masks, weapons or objects, which can be harmful to others are permitted;
- JK-Gr. 3 can wear costumes to school;
- Gr. 4-8 costumes can be worn to school **OR** students can wear Hallowe'en colors (orange and black);

If you would like to send treats in with your child, please check with your child's teacher, or the office, for some alternatives to peanut/nut products. Choose non-food items such as pencils, stickers or inexpensive toys.

The extra vigilance needed at Halloween will be greatly appreciated by the allergic children, their families and school staff. We thank you for your continued cooperation.



### Dance-a-thon '09 Annual Fundraiser

Once again, our annual fundraiser for this year is a dance-a-thon scheduled for Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. All students will receive an information letter and pledge forms before the Thanksgiving weekend. We anticipate that our fundraiser will be very successful and a lot of fun for all. We thank you in advance for your generous support. We will be awarding individual student prizes, as well as, class prizes, for the students and classes that raise the most money. Our target this year is \$4,000

### Electronic Equipment and Valuable Items

Students are asked not to bring electronic equipment (including MP3 players, iPods, digital cameras, cellular phones, DS, handheld gaming devices, etc.) or personal, valuable items to school. It is very upsetting when they are lost or damaged. Unfortunately, we are not able to reimburse students in these situations.

### D.O. Presentation

On Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the students in Grades 5 to 8 were treated to an excellent presentation by D.O, which stands for 'Defy the Odds'. D.O. is a university graduate, a Guinness World Record setting rapper and has released several chart topping songs on the radio and has had videos on MuchMusic. He shared his positive message of inspiring students to follow their goals. D.O. is a dynamic speaker whose rapping and positive messages had the students' full attention. Thank you to the CSAC for covering the cost of this presentation.



### Half-Pints Presentation

On Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 were treated to a fun and interactive presentation by The Half-Pints. The Half-Pints brought their message, 'Bullying's Not Kool' to St. Boniface. They spoke to the students about judging others and how to recognize and avoid teasing. They involved both students and staff in the presentation proving that it doesn't matter how tall you are, you can do anything including play basketball. They concluded their presentation with a basketball game against both staff and students, with the Half-Pints narrowly winning. Thank you to the CSAC for covering the cost of this presentation.

