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FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*"It is not how much you do,
but how much love you put into the doing that matters."
~Mother Theresa~*

As we start February we have much to celebrate as a school! We celebrate this month being a Catholic School. We are fortunate that as a school we are able to share our faith daily with each other. In doing this we grow as a faith filled individual, we strengthen our faith and spread God's love. Our students work hard for academic excellence with the support of their teachers and families. Our families show service by volunteering in our school community sharing gifts and talents they have. We also celebrate I love to read. The skill of reading is important because it develops the mind; helping children with language skills and helping them learn to listen. Take a little extra time this month to read with and to your children.

God Bless,

Miss J. Gilbert

2020/2021 School Year

We are accepting names for our Pre-Kindergarten (age 3 & 4) and Kindergarten (age 5 by Dec 31, 2020) programs, as well as for Grades One to Eight. Please mention St. Gerard School to family and friends who may be looking for a **great** school!

St. Gerard School will offer Full time Kindergarten during the 2020-2021 school year.

If you know families interested in full time kindergarten, please have them contact the school at 204-667-4862

Catholic Schools Week - February 9th to 14th

Check the calendar for activities taking place during Catholic Schools Week! Students are given the opportunity to dress according to the daily dress theme indicated on the calendar.

Family Lunch will be held on Tuesday, February 11th in the gym at noon. This is a great opportunity for parents to enjoy lunch with their children at school! You can bring lunch and a picnic blanket.

If you pre-ordered Subway, it will be given to your child in their classroom before they come to the gym to join you.

There will be **NO** Hot Lunch Program available on this day.



MAD SCIENCE

January 21st – March 10th

3:25 – 4:40 every Tuesday
(early dismissal days: 2:25-3:40)



2020 Storm Basketball



Another season has come upon us and this year, our teams are comprised of one boys' competitive team and one boys' developmental team. The teams are coached by a group of coaches led by Gurinder Gill (Competitive) and Ryan Rahal (Developmental).

For up to date results you can go to www.mcsaa.ca. Good luck to both teams this year!

Players have been given a schedule indicating dates, times, and locations of all games and practices. It is each player's responsibility to ensure that they have advised their parents of these dates, and have coordinated transportation requirements **prior** to game day (including locations/directions to schools). Players who are car pooling with teammates should have all arrangements and parental approval done the evening **before** games. Players must bring all necessary clothing and equipment with them.

PLAYERS SHOULD NOT BE CALLING PARENTS ON GAME DAYS FOR RIDES, JERSEYS, RUNNERS, ETC.

We thank all players' parents for their support, and helping to enforce these guidelines – we're teaching the children to be responsible to their commitments!

STUDENTS WHO WISH TO REMAIN AT SCHOOL ON GAME DAYS TO CHEER ON OUR "DEVELOPMENTAL" AND "COMPETITIVE" TEAM MUST BRING A NOTE FROM PARENTS GRANTING THEM PERMISSION TO STAY. PARENTS ... PLEASE **DO NOT** PHONE THE SCHOOL WITH "VERBAL" PERMISSION. **THIS INCLUDES** THOSE STUDENTS WHOSE SIBLING IS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM.
(SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR PARENTS CONTACT MRS. WONG TO ADVISE HER OF SAME.)

2020-2021 REGISTRATION

Registration Packages for the 2020-2021 School Year will be going home with your child mid-February.

The registration packages contain white pages and coloured pages. White pages are information only and are for you to keep.

All coloured pages (with the exception of the grey OPTIONAL School Bus form) must be completed (including signatures), and returned to the school in order to successfully register your child. Registrations missing any coloured forms or fees will be returned to families as "INCOMPLETE". If you have a child of age for Kindergarten, please notify the school ASAP in order to ensure a spot is available.

Those families who will not be returning for the 2020/21 school year should indicate so, on the top page of the Registration Package, sign and return the entire package as requested.

Please note: If you currently use the Before and After School Program, new registration forms for 2020/21 will be sent out with the March invoices. If you anticipate the use of the Before/After School Program for 2020/21, and have not used it before, please see the office for forms.

Any questions regarding the packages can be directed to the School Office.

All returning students should have their registration packages back by Friday, February 28, 2020.



**St. Boniface Diocesan
High School Open House**

Thursday, February 6, 2020
7:30 p.m.
282 Dubuc Street

St. Boniface Diocesan
High School
is a co-educational English
semester Catholic High
School (Grades 9-12)

**Please call 987-1560 or
e-mail admin@sbdhs.net
for more information,
or visit the website at
www.sbdhs.net**

Hot Lunch News!!!

Effective February the menu for
Monday has changed from
Chicken Quesadilla to Grilled
Cheese Sandwich.

Exact change is appreciated.
For your convenience a book of
tickets for \$40.00 is available
for purchase through the school
office.

**Just a reminder, if your
child is going to be late
and is going to order
lunch please advise the
School before 9:30.**

PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Hosting Pancake Lunch on
Tuesday, February 25th.

Information will be sent home
early February.

Volunteer Opportunity.

**The 2018-2019
School Year
Charitable
Donation Receipts,**
for inclusion with your
2019 tax return, will
be prepared for
qualifying families.
They will be mailed
out to those families
when completed.

**Friendly Reminder for
Bus Students**

Ensure your child is at their stop 5
minutes prior to pick-up time.

If Mrs. Wong cannot answer the
phone, please leave a message on
her cellphone and she will call you
back once she is done with her
run.



If your child is
going to be late, please
notify the school.
Even though your child is
buzzed in when they are late,
**please have
them report to the office to
confirm their attendance.**

Thank you in advance for
your cooperation!

For those parents and
students who already do...

MANY THANKS!

Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser

Information will be sent
home first week of
February 2020

UNIFORM SALE



**TUESDAY, February 11th
12:30-1:30 – Gymnasium**
(after "Family Lunch")

Please take this opportunity to
replenish your family's uniform
requirements.

New Uniforms Only

**The School is again reminding all our
families to please follow our "road safety"
rules to ensure our children are safely
dropped off and picked up from school:**

- ▶ The lane is ONE WAY from Foster to Grey
streets during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.
- ▶ We thank our families for following the
signage that indicates the area in front of our back
lane door is a **"No Stopping / No Drop-Off"** area.
For the safety of our children – please park
in an open parking spot against the gym wall when
dropping off or picking up your child.

(NOTE: the spots against the school wall that are
"numbered" are for **STAFF ONLY**. As there are
minimal spots available for our staff's use, please
refrain from parking or stopping in these stalls at
ANY TIME.)

**DO NOT STOP OR PARK YOUR VEHICLE ON OUR
NEIGHBOUR'S PROPERTY!**

- ▶ Many of our families are stopping/parking
"hugged" up against the garages/fences situated
along the school's back lane. These areas are not
school or public property – therefore, our families
should be respecting the property of the home owner.
Let's practice and encourage "healthy living lifestyles"
with our children by walking the short distance!

- ▶ The **2 handicapped** parking spaces
located near the gym entrance are to be used by
vehicles with designated handicapped stickers only
PLEASE.

- ▶ Please **do not** park in the School Bus Loading
Zone on Foster Street (as indicated on the street
signs).

Let's be respectful of each other – as we ask our
children to be.