

Principal's Message

St. Jean de Brébeuf staff, parents, and students have shown an incredible amount of care, compassion and commitment to learning and communicating. This community has responded to the needs of Haiti by making generous donations to help Haiti rebuild. We have currently raised \$491.00. Our Grade 5 class will be hosting an indoor carnival February 22nd and 23rd. Our parents completed the website survey to aid the school in the initial developing of our website. Our students have all just recently completed term literacy assessments in kindergarten through to Grade 8 and staff has been working on professional development plans in the areas of math and literacy. We recently had a very successful "Books to Bed" night and we hope to see you all at the February's French "Books to Bed" night. It is very exciting to be in a school where all community members are working as a team to make this school so vibrant and faith filled and I want to thank each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Victoria Northcott, Ph.D.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 2 – Sub Day
- Feb. 5 – Pizza Day
- Feb. 9 – Father Boniface visits
- Feb. 9 – Panzerotti Day
- Feb. 11 – Jump Rope of Heart
- Feb. 12 - P.D. Day – **No School**
- Feb 14 – Valentines Day
- Feb. 15 – Family Day – **No School**
- Feb. 16 – Shrove Tuesday
- Feb. 16 – Sub Day
- Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 18 – Intermediate Speeches at SJB
- Feb. 19 - Pizza Day
- Feb 19 – Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament
- Feb. 23 – Panzerotti Day
- Feb. 23 – Constable Bluestein in for Bullying presentations
- Feb 24 – Books to Bed night 6:30pm
- Feb 24 – Regional Speeches in gym @ 7pm
- Feb 25 – Jr. Speeches In the gym
- Feb. 26 – Pizza Day
- Mar. 2 – Sub Day
- Mar. 2 – Music Festival
- Mar. 15 – Mar. 19 – **March Break**

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday, February 17, marks the official beginning of Lent. We begin this time of self-sacrifice and repentance by marking our foreheads with ashes. Receiving ashes in the shape of a cross identifies us as a follower of Jesus Christ and symbolizes our willingness to make changes in our lives. It is a time for us to reflect on what it means for us to be people rooted in faith, hope and love.

Lent lasts for 40 weekdays, beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The Lenten liturgical colour is purple, the colour of royalty which symbolizes the suffering of Jesus and anticipates the glory of the Resurrection. Three traditional Lenten practices are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

WELCOME!

On behalf of the Brebeuf School Community we would like to welcome Kyla, Beatriz, Andreia, Alexandre, Alexandra, Mateus, Nichola, Dimitri and Patrick. We are very excited to have you join our school!!!

Have a (Healthy) Heart!!

Once again, St. Jean de Brébeuf School is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart and the Hoops for Heart fundraising events. These are fun events from the Heart and Stroke Foundation that get our kids physically active and raise vital funds to reduce the devastating effects of heart disease and stroke.



Last year we raised an amazing \$4611.71!! We have set a goal of \$4800 for this year, and we are confident that we can easily reach this goal! Students are reminded to collect pledges only from people they know.

Consent forms for the events are due on Friday February 5. Our Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart events will take place on Thursday February 11. Please return the collection envelopes and pledge money on this day.

Thanks, The Spirit Committee

Jeffries Journal

If I told you that I.E.P.s would be coming home this Friday, and that as your S.E.R.T., I would like you to review the AC.s and MOD.s set for your child, and you return the form A.S.A.P., so that it could be filed into your child's O.S.R., would you know what I was talking about? No I did not just text you, I am using some of the many acronyms used in Special Education. Below you will find a chart that I like to call "Special Education Lingo 101"

Acronym	Term	What is it
I.E.P	Individual Education Plan	A written plan describing the special education program and/or services required by a particular student, based on a thorough assessment of the student's strengths and needs
S.E.R.T	Special Education Resource Teacher	This is a classroom teacher that possesses the knowledge and qualifications necessary to develop the most effective plan for exceptional students. The S.E.R.T. works collaboratively with parents, classroom teachers, support staff, the principal and school board personnel to deliver programming for students.
O.S.R.	Ontario Student Record	This is a confidential file containing the record of a student's educational progress through schools in Ontario. Report cards, assessments, team meeting notes and I.E.P.s are all items that may be contained in the O.S.R.
AC.	Accommodation	This term is used to refer to the special teaching and assessment strategies, human supports, and/or individualized equipment required to enable a student to learn and demonstrate learning. i.e. preferential seating, or extra time to complete assignments.
MOD.	Modification	Expectations from the standard Ontario Curriculum can be modified to best meet the student's learning needs. Typically expectations are modified in grade level. i.e. a student in grade 8, working on math expectations at a grade 4 level.
A.L.T.	Alternative Curriculum Expectations	These address the learning needs of the student that are not included in the Ontario Curriculum. i.e. learning to use an anger management strategy, greeting people in a socially acceptable manner.

I hope this helps, and please remember to return those I.E.P's, to your S.E.R.T A.S.A.P, so they may be filed in the O.S.R....

Reading is FUN-damental

We are excited to begin our new literacy program – a reading club **for boys only!!** “Reading is FUN-damental” is a program run by intermediate boys with the help of a literacy teacher. These boys are committed to inspiring younger boys to read, to have fun and to learn about good sportsmanship. Once a week, we meet for a fifteen-minute one-on-one reading session, followed by a 15 minute sports activity. Thanks to the Speak-Up grant, we are able to purchase many new books that are of high interest to boys. Watch for further updates of our progress!!

It's Registration Time!

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire school community looks forward to welcoming the youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you will share this belief with us.

To help parents and students get ready for this important milestone, our Board has developed a fun and informative package, including a parent booklet, child's activity book and DVD. You will find this information on our Board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca under Parent menu – Enrolling Your Child

We are here to answer question and help you prepare. Please contact us at 905-775-8460 for more information. If you know of a neighbour who is looking to register their child for kindergarten, please share this information with them. The sooner we have the registration information, the better for us in terms of planning for our staffing needs.

Driveway and Pick-up / Drop-off Expectations

In order to keep your child safe, we ask you to respect our traffic policies, and to be cautious at all times when driving near our small pedestrians.

- Reduce speed
- Do not park on the right side, as it is a Fire Route.
- Respect the marked areas that designate No Parking areas
- Do not park at the front door or in front of the fire hydrant.
- Pick up children at the supervised pick-up / drop-off area at the gate.
- Do not block School buses or taxis.
- Do not park in the staff parking lot at 3:25 p.m.

REMINDER TO PARENTS: Please remember to sign your child in and out of the school. Students may only leave the school property when given permission in writing from a parent.

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 is Ontario's Winter Walk Day!!

**Get rid of those winter blahs and
try a winter walk to school.**

Your Child's Immunization Record!

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required by law to keep complete immunization records on every school-aged child in Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. Unfortunately the health unit does not receive immunization information directly from doctor's offices; **it is the parent's responsibility to give all immunization information to the health unit.** If your child's immunization record is not complete, you may receive a notice from the health unit requesting dates for immunization or proof of a valid exemption. You will also be advised that your child may be suspended from school if the health unit does not receive this information. Please check to make sure that your child's immunization information is up-to-date and that the health unit has record of it. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connection at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

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“Books to Bed Program – January 26, 2010

Our first “Books to Bed” event was held in the library on January 26th. The children listened to the story of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” read to them in both English (by Mrs. Jeffries) and Portuguese (by Mrs. Wilkerson) and images of the book were shown to all on the “SMART Board”. We also learned how to say “Hello” in 9 different languages, and had some hot chocolate and cookies afterwards. Parents were invited to explore some helpful documents provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education online at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips> in English and Portuguese, and the same documents were available in hard copy for perusal. We hope this event will continue at our school, with other languages to be presented with English in future events. Thank you to all who came and participated, and to our volunteers for their time and effort. **We had lots of fun, and hope to do it again!**



Pancake Day – Tuesday, February 16, 2010

On Shrove Tuesday the Healthy Snack Program together with our School Council will be hosting a **Pancake Day** on **Tuesday, February 16, 2010**, at our school. All students will be served pancakes, juice and fruit. We will be sending out requests for volunteers to help set-up, cook, serve and clean, for this event for our children. If you would like to volunteer on this day, please contact Laura Severino (e-mail: Lovelylaura.3@sympatico.ca).

Parent Council Meetings

Our School Community Council meetings are held at 6:30 pm at our school library, and all parents are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be held on the following dates: **March 9, 2010 and April 13, 2010.**

The Minutes of School Council Meetings are available to parents at our school’s front office. Please see the school Office Administrator to request to view them, or if you prefer you can be added to our School Council e-mail list. To be added to the e-mail list please contact Nadia Paulos at njpaulos@yahoo.ca.

Family Movie Night – March 12, 2010

Our council will be hosting a Family Movie Night on Friday March 12, 2010 at 7pm. The movie will be “UP” and popcorn and water will be available for sale at this event. Some chairs will be available but please feel free to bring your sleeping bag, blanket or pillows and enjoy this fun family time! If you would like to volunteer some of your time for this event, for preparation and clean up, please contact Patty Dias @ diasp@rogers.com. Hope to see you there!!!

Books to Bed and Teddy Bears – February 24, 2010

Our next “Books to Bed” event will be on **Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:30p.m.** In celebration of Family & Friendship month we ask that you bring your Teddy Bear with you and have him/her wear a “Red Ribbon or Bow”. We will be sending home invitations with further details on this reading and family fun evening at our school. **Hope you can come and bring Teddy too!**