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St. Ignatius School

Ignition

To provide quality spiritual and academic growth based on the principle that every child is created in the image of God.

December 2011



The Principal Says...

Dear Parents and Guardians,
This really is the season to celebrate all the gifts in our life. It has been a gift this month to see the students working hard at their school work, writing exams, competing in volleyball, singing in choir, watching the Ks catch the gingerbread man, celebrating reconciliation, Keeping Christ in Christmas and preparing for the upcoming Christmas Concert this Wednesday, December 21.

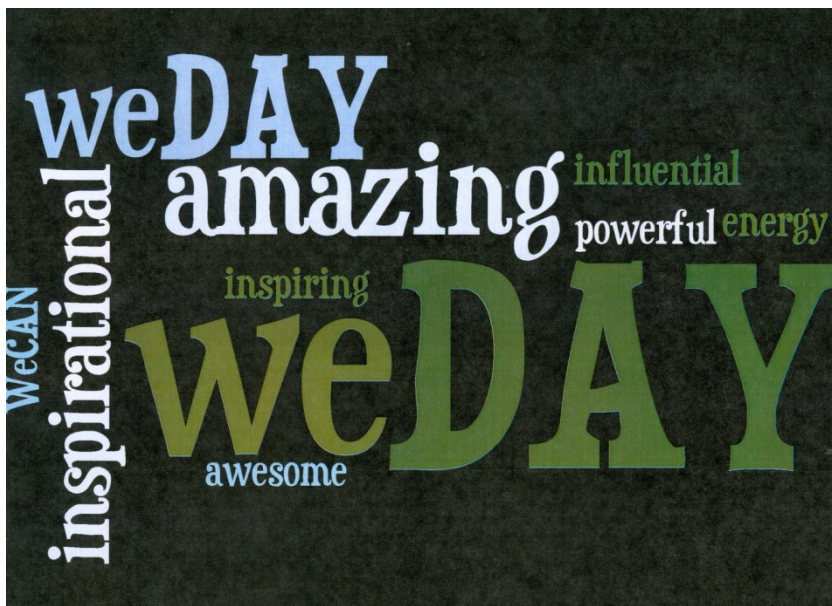
And there was much more. One of the highlights in the past month was seeing the impact of the students who witnessed WE Day. The desire to care and help others in need was evident in student's conversation, different plans to fundraise, outreach to the elderly, working on Hampers and even some taking a vow of silence for a day to be in solidarity with those without a voice. (teachers really liked the last one!) The students know better the power of their

freedom and that they can make a positive difference in this world.

At this special time of the year I do want to wish all of you peace and joy. May the "stables" of our lives be open to welcoming the Greatest Gift of All; Jesus and our New Year be filled with goodness, truth and beauty.

Mr. Palahicky





Our students care about the world we live in. Representatives attended We Day, held in Winnipeg on November 24. This national workshop allowed our students to hear inspirational and top leaders from Canada and the world. They were part of an amazing learning opportunity that called them to take action and make change in their world. Here are some of their thoughts, hopes and prayers.

The Best Part of WE DAY...

I loved that all the people at the MTS Centre wanted to make a difference and it made me really know the 'POWER OF WE'.

The best part was the WE DAY dance because there was so much power in the MTS Centre.

I think the best part was when Michel Chikwanine made his silent speech.

I think it was so great how some people got together to make a whole huge day. it was amazing!

Al Gore spoke about our environment and global warming- he talked about something that will affect each of us

Inspirational Speakers...

I thought that Spencer West was very inspirational. He has turned his disability into something positive and inspires people all over the world to live their life to the fullest, even when there are setbacks or things they don't plan.

I thought that Hannah Taylor was the most inspirational because she realized at a young age that someone needed to help the homeless and that she wanted to make a difference.

Spencer West inspired me to be the best that I could be and to never give up.

We Can Make A Difference. . . our hopes and prayers are that we can help, in big ways and little ways with some of these issues that surround us, locally and globally. And so we pray for help for hungry, help for single moms and their children, Africa's drought situation, girls' schooling in developing countries, Empty Bowls Projects, medicine in Africa, building homes in Kenya, Nicaragua, and Ecuador, help to fund a village's well, help to find a way to alternative income, livestock, Winnipeg Harvest, Siloam Mission.

FRENCH NEWS

Les Nouvelles des Classes Françaises...

I can't believe that it's almost Christmas and the New Year is just around the corner. As most of you know, Miss Sawatsky (Gr.6) has been teaching the gr.1 and 2 French classes while I teach the rest and have also added the Gr. 6 Social Studies and Health to my repertoire. It's been very busy but we're having so much fun!

Throughout the school year students at St. Ignatius School are exposed to French language and culture through vocabulary, songs, stories and plays with a variety of sources such as videos, computer, CD's and books.

The kindergarten class is learning the AIM play "Poule Maboule", while the grades 1 and 2 are learning the AIM actions and acquiring the vocabulary for the days of the week and months.

Grades 3-6 are working on skits and presentations on pets and other animals and will start the AIM plays, "Boucles Violets" et "Les Animaux du Bayou" in the new year.

Grade 7 is mid-way through the Unit "Les Mystères Sous-Marins" from the series Tout Ados and will be creating their own underwater creatures with the use of adjectives.

The grade 8 students have studied important French historical figures and are now completing a unit on the use of adjectives. Next term they will focus more on writing, reading comprehension and public speaking.

Often parents and students ask how can one improve or learn more French. I simply say to them "...Unless you speak French on a daily basis you will lose what you've just learned in the classroom." Therefore, students are encouraged to take home their notes and review on a regular basis what was taught that day and also check out the cool websites I've listed on the French classroom link from the school website.

Merci beaucoup et à la prochaine.

Mme. Marasco



Students enjoy performing skits in French Class especially with their stuffy toys.

SISPAC NEWS

SISPAC finds itself short of **CLASS REPS** for Grade 5 and Grade 6 - if there are any parents out there that have children in these grades and would be willing to assist, please contact Irene Gartner via email at 4gartners@mymts.net. Irene can also be contacted for any parent in our community to act as Faith in Action Director for SISPAC.

Class reps for each grade are asked to facilitate certain events in the school, the following apply to Grade 5 & 6:

- Grade 5 is responsible for hosting the reception following the Grade 3 Class First Reconciliation
- Grade 6 assists the teachers and school staff as required for the celebrations and events during Catholic Schools week.

SISPAC Class Representatives serve as a liaison between the classroom teacher, students and SISPAC. They attend monthly SISPAC meetings and help coordinate class sponsored events and staff them with parent volunteers from the classes responsible. There is a file for each event, which gives the representatives guidelines and tips about hosting the event. This file includes reports from previous reps, which give details on how events were run in years past.





CHRISTMAS WISH

From all members of the executive and directors of SISPAC, we would like to wish the staff, students and families of St. Ignatius School a fun, safe and joyous Christmas season as we celebrate with loved ones near and far. We look forward to the renewal of a New Year that will bring our community prosperity, both in our hearts and in our minds.








Merry Christmas



December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00 p.m. Grades 4 Reconciliation	2 9:00 a.m. Advent Celebration 7/8 end of term K - 6 Report Cards	3
4	5 Vertical Work Groups 7/8 NO CLASSES	6 1:00 p.m. Grade 5/6 Reconciliation SHOPS 6:30 - 9 pm Hamper Evening	7	8 1:00 p.m. Grades 7/8 Reconciliation	9 E-update 9:00 a.m. Advent Celebration Principal's Meeting	10
11	12 Grades 7/8 exam results mailed	13 7:00 p.m. School Board	14 SHOPS	15	16 9:00 a.m. Advent Celebration Hot Dog Lunch	17
18	19 7/8 Reports to the Office Vertical Work Groups	20 1:00 p.m. Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal	21 7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert	22 E-update EARLY DISMISSAL 2:30 p.m.* NO SHOPS 7/8 Report Cards	23 	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 New Years Eve
						<p>7/8 SHOPS classes = Day 4</p> <p>* No After-School Program</p> <p><small>© Vertex42 LLC, www.vertex42.com/calendars</small></p>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 	3 	4 	5 	6 	7
8	9 Classes Resume	10 Community Health Immunizations: grades 4/6	11	12 	13 Grade 7/8 Ski Day Bake Sale	14
15 9:30 a.m. 100th Anniversary Parish Birthday Mass	16 Vertical Work Group SHOPS	17 EARLY DISMISSAL 2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. School Board	18	19	20 E-update 9:00 a.m. School Mass SISPAC Special Lunch	21
22	23 NO CLASSES 	24 SHOPS 7:30 p.m. SISPAC	25 Principal's Retreat	26 Principal's Retreat	27 Principal's Retreat Hot Dog Day Re-registration Due	28
29	30 K-6 phone to book conference appointments	31				
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