



June 2010



Sam – Grade 4

St. Ignatius School *Ignition*

The Principal Says...

...Danielle Kolton

525,600 minutes; 525,000 moments so dear... How do you measure a year, measure a year? How about love? Measure in love. You know that love is a gift from up above: Share love, give love, spread love. Measure your life in love. It's time now to sing out, for the story never ends. Let's celebrate, remember a year in the life of friends ("Seasons of Love", Rent).

At our **celebration assembly** on Wednesday, June 23, students, parents, Fr. Gerry, Fr. Joe, and special guests gathered in thanksgiving for the people, relationships, learning experiences, and memories that have filled the last ten months. As we revisited our school year, we prayed, we laughed, we shed a tear or two, and we celebrated our learning, our service, and our community. Each class presentation was a unique representation of their experiences. During the assembly, we also had an opportunity to present our \$2020.00 to the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for St. Rose Primary and St. Angela Home in Lesotho. Keith and Renee debuted their first music video which was filmed in May in our school with students from our grades five and six classes. You can find this video on YouTube: Search "Keith and Renee The One". We also said goodbye to

Mrs. Watson who is retiring after 20 years at St. Ignatius School, and we congratulated Mrs. Probetts on 35 years of service at St. Ignatius School. As this school year draws to a close, we are reminded that with every interaction, every conflict, and every triumph, we are living together as a community, created for each other to learn, to share our faith, and to grow in our journey to live in His name. Thank you for the privilege of educating your children; Thank you for your involvement in their education; Thank you for sharing in the vision of a bright future for our community.

At the end of June, we will **bid adieu** to some of our staff members, and we send them on to their next adventures to learn, grow, and share their gifts with others. I know I speak for all of us when I say that they will be missed. Goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Watson, Jaime Carrasco, Anabela Lopez, and Brooke Gabel. June is also the time that we say farewell to our grade 8 students. We are thankful for the unique gifts and talents that they brought to our school, and we will miss them. As I met with each of our grade eight students for exit interviews, I was profoundly impressed by their ability to articulate *who* they want to be and how we have helped to prepare them in this regard. As they continue on in their

educational journey, I challenge them to dream about possibilities for themselves, but to always remember *who they are* and *where they came from*. Please see their farewell memories on pages 5 – 8 of this *Ignition*.

We are grateful for the **continued support of SISPAC** to build spirit and community and to support school activities through fun and fundraising. Specifically, you will soon notice playground enhancements intended to increase physical activity opportunities in the school yard. New basketball backboards, rims, and hoops as well as basketball court painting and new hopscotch and four-square outlines will be complete. When you return in September, you will also be treated to a furnished front foyer, compliments of SISPAC. This area, to be outfitted in a couch, chairs, and coffee tables, is intended to be a welcoming gathering place for all community members. SISPAC also donates funds each year towards our extra-curricular activities to offset the transportation costs for field trips. On behalf of St. Ignatius School, thank you to all parents for their fundraising efforts, from which our whole community reaps the rewards.

We are also pleased to inform you that we will be replacing our **volleyball**

and basketball team jerseys for the fall. We have received generous donations from community members in memory of Matthew Hower, an avid sports fan. In consultation with Matthew's family, it was agreed that the funds in trust would be directed towards athletic purchases. The 'bucketball' on the playground was our first purchase using these funds, and the remainder of the funds will be directed towards team jerseys. Please note that a deposit will be required

from all team members, which will be refunded for jerseys that are returned in good condition.

Thank you to Brenda Gerwing who has faithfully put the *Ignition* together this year and to Tracy Zapp who has lovingly tended to the garden outside the front entrance. We are grateful to all our parents who share their gifts in support of our school.

I wish you a safe, restful, and fun-filled summer vacation. Classes resume on Wednesday, September 8 at 8:50 a.m. **All students are required to drop off their school supplies between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7.** Please note that all families are required to hand in their YELLOW fee assessment form and P.E. uniform order form that day.

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As Your Pastor ...

May the peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you!

As we come to the end of another school year, I wish everyone in the Community of St. Ignatius God's richest blessings this summer. I hope that you all have time to recreate and play in your families! I continue to pray for you throughout this summer, wherever our journeys may take us. Though we part for a while, we remain together at heart, and in my heart.

On another note, I hope that I may clear up a misunderstanding. The St. Ignatius School Board recently advised, with my consent, the introduction of a uniform for physical education classes from grade one through eight, effective this coming September. One of the misunderstandings about the introduction of the P.E. uniform is that it is a precursor to a school uniform: that is, a uniform to be worn daily to classes by all students. Please be

assured that this is not the case. The School Board and I have articulated the rationale for the P.E. uniform. Introduction of school uniforms by way of the P.E. uniform precedence should not in any way be inferred.

Have a wonderful summer!

Blessings,
Fr. Gerry



... Fr. Gerry McDougall

From the Board of Directors ...

As the school year ends, the St. Ignatius School Board of Directors would like to thank our departing board members whose terms are up - Art Stannard, Joseph Bennici, Cara Van de Mosselaer and Judy Richichi. We are so grateful and truly blessed to have had these dedicated people to help us through the years. We thank Barry Miller and Dorothy Woods for their giving of their time to the board this past year and welcome our new board members, Kristina Ostermann, John Waller and Richard Van de Mosselaer who will start their terms in September.

Thank you to the community for helping with the golf tournament on June 5 which raised approximately \$9,750.00 to help the parish in its support of the school. Though the weather was not the best, our participants were real troopers and nothing was going to stand in the way of a good golf day. As the day progressed it turned out to be very nice. Thanks to the golf committee and helpers: Rich Van de Mosselaer, Tracy Zapp, David Kolton, Terry Armstrong, Pam Zyla-Smith, Karen Morrow and Linda McVicar.

We wish everyone a terrific, safe, and restful summer.

See you in September!

Lee Mencik
St. Ignatius School Board of Directors Inc.

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... Lee Mencik

SISPAC...

This has been a busy and eventful year for SISPAC. We have had a challenging and rewarding year with some growing pains, but we have received incredible support from so

many to help make 2009/2010 the successful year that it has been.

Many thanks to John Waller, who has managed our finances brilliantly for

the last two years; John is moving on to join the School Board, where he will continue to share his expertise. Thanks also go to Darlene Lamont, who has been our Secretary for a

... Carolyn Meadows

number of years; Darlene will move to the Treasurer role for next year. Thank you to Cara Van de Mosselaer, who stepped in as co-chair for this transition year to meet an unexpected vacancy in the SISPAC Executive: Cara has been instrumental in getting our School logo clothing program off the ground, as well as working on many other initiatives. Cara will continue her involvement with SISPAC next year helping to draw up new bylaws for our organization. Kristina Ostermann, our Communications person will also be moving to the School Board as the Board/SISPAC representative.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who have stepped up to make our celebrations, events and fundraisers so successful. Thanks to those who acted as class representatives, BBQ coordinators, hot dog day and bake sale helpers, Dinner in the Hall committee, Special Lunch planners, lunch time supervisors, and all of the other events where volunteers worked

hard to make events successful! This has been a banner year for SISPAC events, with more families being active than in many years past!

This year, SISPAC returned to having a dedicated volunteer coordinator position, a shared role filled by Kim Lavilla and Irene Gartner. These two worked tirelessly to not only fill all of our volunteer roles, but also to come up with new and exciting volunteer roles! They have developed a finely-tuned volunteer coordination team that started out the year at the welcome BBQ, cajoling, arm twisting and providing information about SISPAC's role within our school community to ensure that all new families were aware of who SISPAC is and what it does. They continued through the year, ensuring volunteers for Faith Development lunch coverage and other needed events, so that everyone felt welcome to volunteer their time and talents, and everyone who volunteered felt needed and appreciated! They have piloted a 'buddy' program that will match

'senior' parents with new families to help smooth that transition to a new school. Please look out for Irene and Kim next year as they seek to find a volunteer job that will fit your time and talent!

Our two fundraising events were bigger than ever this year: Dinner In The Hall morphed to be a non-dinner, but a fun adult evening of games of chance, a 1920's theme that was enjoyed by all and proved to be highly successful as a fundraiser! As well, our annual bedding plant sale has grown every year, and raised over \$1,500 this year!

Huge thanks go to Mrs. Noonan who acted as SISPAC's liaison with the school; her attendance at SISPAC'S meetings and assistance was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Mrs. Kolton, Father Gerry, Mrs. Reed and all the staff at our school; we are blessed to have such a caring group of people working with our children. Thank you to the School Board for their support of SISPAC.

Water is a Human Right and a Public Good...

...Brenda Probetts

This year, the Social Justice Committee was made up of four energetic and committed grade seven students – Karima Diaz-Hammond, Adan McVicar, Keira Hasenack and Abigail Scott. The focus of their studies was on water and its impact on the world.

The committee shared their message with the school in a variety of ways: they went to different classrooms and played a global economy game which highlighted trading and its impact on water; and posters throughout the school illustrated water conservation

facts. During conferences, a display was created which emphasized the statement that water is a human right and a public good. The committee also addressed the school during an assembly to share their knowledge about water issues. Some interesting information that was shared included:

- One billion people in the world do not have access to safe drinking water.
- The world's water supply is decreasing.
- In some countries girls spend five hours a day getting water.

- Canadians use about 340 liters of water a day.
- Millions of people die each year from water related diseases.

As citizens of this planet, it is our individual responsibility to take an active role in water conservation. The simple tasks we perform every day, like gardening, tending to laundry and washing cars, are opportunities for us to make a difference. Change begins with us, and if we lead by example, others are more likely to follow.

Reflections from the Resource Room

...Christy Bedard

Holly, Holly, Holly, Holly, Holidays
Students, teachers and parents are all happy to have summer holidays.
Parents often ask how they can best

support their children's learning throughout the summer, and to that question I have two suggestions:

Play, play and play some more; Read,

read and read some more.

Extended periods of free play time allow children to develop many skills that are referred to as "executive

functioning” skills. Think of the steps involved in building a tent or fort in the backyard:

- formulate a goal,
- develop a plan,
- break the plan into manageable pieces and put those pieces into a logical sequential order,
- gather the necessary materials,
- begin construction,
- evaluate the plan and refine, as many times as necessary, in order to achieve the goal,
- continue construction,
- enjoy the rewards of the completed project and the feeling of success in having reached your goal.

How many of us read this list and say, “Gee, that sounds just like the steps I use at work every day.”

Reading opens the doors of the imagination. This summer take the

opportunity to share with your child the joy of reading. Have your child read to you; read aloud to your child those wonderful stories that are beyond their reading level; visit the library or bookstore and check out any reading programs they may be hosting; and take time to talk about the stories you are reading. This discussion is so important because . . .

- talking about new words helps to build your child’s vocabulary;
- encouraging your child to create and share with you their mental picture of what is going on in the story helps build your child’s visualizing skills;
- discussing what is going on in the story helps build your child’s comprehension and summarization skills;
- asking questions such as, “What do you think will happen next?” or “Why do you think a character

behaved in a particular way?” helps build your child’s ability to reflect on a story, ask good questions in relation to a story, and to think beyond what is printed in black and white,

- asking your child what the story makes them think of helps your child make connections to literature, to see how stories can relate to each other, and how what we read can relate to our own life and to the larger world, and
- modeling that everyone reads and good readers think about what they are reading will aid your child in becoming a more committed, capable and confident reader.

I wish each of our St. Ignatius School families a safe and spirit filled summer holiday.

Physical Education Update...

...Cheryl Van Dale

Congratulations to all of our athletes who participating in the MCSAA Track and Field Meets, June 7 and 14, 2010. You courageously displayed your athleticism and sportsmanship. Gianluca Esteves medalled in all of his events: He placed first in both the 200 and 400 meter runs and third in the 1500 meter run. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who jogged with us to the Kelvin track, purchased water for the students training on really hot days, and attended the track meets. Your support is truly required and appreciated.

The first couple weeks in June led us to have several Physical Education classes indoors participating in rainy day games. When we could be outdoors, we continued working on our fitness management running laps and learning/practicing the various track and field events. We also enjoyed playing field sports and games on the wonderful green grass. The grade eight class kept busy designing our June 30, 2010 Field Day games as

part of the Manitoba Physical Education curriculum. They will be the leaders of the Field Day teaching the other students about the countries they selected from the 2010 World Cup of Soccer. They researched popular sports/activities of these countries, and the fruits or vegetables grown there. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the ever-changing weather.

Ten Healthy Summer Fun Activities:

1. Set a health goal (either nutritionally or exercise) and strive to accomplish it by summer's end;
2. Plan a healthy backyard picnic and play games. Prepare the picnic with your child; try homemade juice-icles and trail mix;
3. Walk, roll or stroll to a nearby park or trail;
4. Fly a kite and watch the clouds roll by;

5. Teach and let your child teach you favourite versions of jump rope, hula-hoop, marbles or jacks;
6. Creative play, such as designing a backyard obstacle course using accessible household items;
7. Play catch or kick a ball;
8. Plan a treasure hunt and practice the skill of orienteering;
9. Wash the car together;
10. Plant a vegetable garden together and enjoy the fall harvest.

Wishing you all a healthy, active, and blessed summer.



I came to St. Ignatius in September of 2008. I've only been here for 20 months. I like how cozy Mrs. Kolton's office is *wink wink*, and I like how the library is full of comfy pillows to just chill out on and I like how I still have recess. I also like how Madame Marasco can be crazy around me and I like how Mrs. Probetts is artistically random and I like that I found more brothers and sisters here. I like how Brandon's in my class and I like how Sam makes me laugh all the time and I like how Owen is really pleasant to talk to and I like how Julie can go home and get me things. I like how Joselle draws cool things and I like how Julia always puts on a show and I like how Jordan makes super funny side comments. I like how Branton can strike a conversation at any given time and I like how Elly sits with me in ELA class and I like that Evan is always caring and you have to always love him. I like how Zeke is a really nice guy and I like how Lindsey is amazingly smart and I like how Taylor is quite funny. I like how Nick Mealy draws cool things and I like how Nicole is my Skinày and I like how Garrett is the guy who gives me candy. I like how Nick Noonan is nice and I like how Ian is an amazingly funny dude and I like how Jack is lovable no matter what he does. I like how Ange makes me wanna sing out loud and I like how Thomas is a funny guy and I like how Brooke is really smart. I like how Tania is my BabyCakes and I like how, when Keith sings, everybody feels a little better on the inside and I like how Marie never hesitates to share and I like how I feel at home here. Thanks errrrrboddy. =D
-Jinnette

In September of 2008 I came to St. Ignatius. It wasn't that long ago, and I already have my own spot in Mrs. Kolton's office. I LOVE how Jack Psooy is in my one and only grade 8

class, and I like that we still have recess. The Library is filled with pillows which is amazing because it's so cozy. I like how spontaneously random our French teacher is (Mme, Marasco) and also our ELA teacher is (Mrs. Probetts) AND our math teacher who can make a joke out of anything(Mrs. Barnson). And camp is amazing (winter camp) the whole experience was great. -Brandon

One of my main memories of St. Ignatius was Grade 6 camp. It was the first camp I went to with my classmates, and it was a lot of fun. We did many activities such as archery, zip line, ropes, horseback riding, orienteering, but one of my favourite parts was pool ball. Pool ball was a game that they had set up in various spots around camp and it was a lot of fun. It's difficult to explain it in writing, but I'm sure many other kids will enjoy it just as much as I did.
-Owen

During the nine years that I've been here I really learned a lot. I remember the teachers and principal that moved on, but the thing that I will remember the most is all my friends who were always there and shared jokes and hilarious stories. Unfortunately some of my best friends are going to different high schools; I'll miss all the good times I had with Jinnette, Tania, Ange, Elly, Nicole, Brandon, Keith, Evan, Jack and so many more! I can't write all the memories I had or it would be way too long. -Sam

I've been in St. Iggy for four and a half years. My favorite memories are when the whole class went to camp. Camp Arnes was really fun. But then in grade seven and eight we went to winter camp; it was really fun except when it's very cold out. Years in St. Iggy's includes a mix of laughter,

drama, fun learning, new friends, and tons of homework. -Joselle

I have so many memories here and some of my favourites are from this year. There has been so much going on, and I will never forget all my friends and the good times we had. The year has been so crazy and so much has changed. Some of my favourite memories are watching the Olympics at camp, walking to shops, and hanging out with my friends. The only advice I have is to have fun with your friends and finish your work.
Bye.-Julie

My favorite memory is in Grade 4 when everybody preformed T.U.S.C. Mine was great. The topic was "invited guest" and I chose to invite my dad to talk about Micronesia, a small island. He spent several years of his life living there. He talked about what he ate, how he helped the community, how he was a teacher there, what kind of animals there were, and the people he met. At that time I was so proud of my dad. -Jordan

To the students of St. Ignatius, I have few things to pass on. Take the little I say and apply it to your years here and at school in years to come.

1. Do your homework. If you don't, no one is going to do it for you. Lack of promptness taught me that if deadlines are not met, it will pile up. From experience, I know that it is a lot easier to do assignments over a larger period of time.
2. Stay organized. Date your papers, keep an agenda, and clean your locker regularly. This will help you stay on top of all your assignments. Also, write your name on everything.
3. This is the most important one of all. Listen to Mrs. Probetts. She is

always right. If you ever need anything, (advice, help, etc.) she is always there.

Good luck here and where ever else you venture. -Julia ☺

This year has been pretty crazy, but by far my favourite. We've all grown closer together as a class this year-(so much closer!), and even though there have been tons of weird times, it's been really fun.

One of the best memories is definitely Winter Camp. I mean, with the great planning committee how could it not be good?! Camp was definitely more laid-back this year, but that's pretty much how we like it. We watched the Olympics every night and yelled at anyone who bumped the antenna. Good times, good times.

I think we take for granted how comfortable we are at this school, and we've never gotten as sad during the summer because we know we're going to see all of our friends at school in September, but that isn't really the case anymore. Although we're sad to be leaving, this school has prepared us well for high school, which we are all looking forward to.

Some of us have been here all nine years, and as much as we say, "Oh, I can't wait to get outta here!" We are all going to miss this school. It's is like our second home, and I'm definitely going to miss everyone. -Elly

I have loved being at St. Iggy's and had an fantastic time at the camps and enjoyed activities that were super awesome. The best thing about camp was spending time in the lodge talking about things, playing pool ball and ping pong, and watching the Olympics. I loved the Three Piggy Opera in kindergarten; I was a brick seller. I really liked being on the basketball team this year. There were

lots of thing to do at St. Ignatius to keep us busy, besides homework! I have met some really good friends along the road and I hope to still see them after this year. All of the volunteers and teachers were great and always there for us when we needed them. There were great times and memories that I will never forget. Thank you to teachers and friends that made the nine years that I was here fantastic. -Branton

It's been a long nine years for me at St. Ignatius School. There were a lot of fun times, memories and, I've made lots of lifelong friends. I hope the next generations of kids that go through St. Ignatius have the same great experiences that I had. The camps that were organized were great too, both Arnes and Assiniboia. I will never forget them. Farewell, St. Ignatius. -Evan

I've been at this school for nine years, and I have made friendships with everybody I have met. I am sad to be leaving this school after a great nine years. I wish I didn't have to part with all the people that I have spent so many years with, all of us going different ways. For those nine years, this school was my home away from home. I will greatly miss this school of memories. -Zeke

Over the nine years that I have been here, this school has become my second home. I have become to know this school like the back of my hand. Although there were some tough times for our class, we managed to stick through it all together.

My favourite memories from St. Ignatius are by far, grade eight winter camp and walking to shops with my friends in grade seven. Winter camp this year was made fun mostly because we planned it all out well and we had three days full of great laughs.

Walking to shops is an awesome memory because of the time spent together with friends. Memories were very valuable for this year and years to come to remember the fun times we had.

This school captures many great memories and laughs that I have made with all of my friends and teachers. In a few years, when we are in another school, hopefully we will be able to look back at all of our struggles and obstacles and laugh. Thank you to everyone who made this year special for me. I hope that I have been a good ambassador of St. Ignatius and role model for the rest of the school.

-Taylor

St. Ignatius is a great school! I can't believe how fast the past nine years have gone by. I will really miss this school a lot and will treasure everything that I learned and received during my time here. Thank you to the wonderful friends and teachers at St. Ignatius who help to create a warm and inviting atmosphere that has chorused through the halls and hearts of everyone in the school! It is the people who make St. Ignatius such an awesome school. I will remember St. Ignatius in my heart forever. -Lindsey.

After nine years at St. Ignatius, I have lots of memories and things I will miss when I'm gone. I will always remember the grade 6 and 7 camps. In grade six we went to Camp Arnes and had so much fun. We went horseback riding and zip lining. We even got to play on a ropes course high up in the air and we did many other fun activities. In grade seven and eight we went to winter camp at Camp Assiniboia. It was much different from Camp Arnes but still just as fun. We went cross country skiing and Zip lining in the snow in grade eight. We even got to organize winter camp, which made it even more fun.

One of my favorite memories I had at St. Ignatius is being at winter camp in grade eight during the Olympics. When team Canada was playing against Russia everyone gathered in the lodge and watched the game on the projector screen. Whenever Canada scored everyone jumped up and cheered. During the intermission we rushed to make our pizza ovens so we could get back to watching Olympic hockey.

There are many things I will miss about St. Ignatius other than the field trips we went on. I will miss all the teachers that prepared me for high school and all my friends who gave me a great experience here. Even though I am excited to be moving on to a new school, it will be strange not walking into St. Ignatius on the first day of school to see all my old friends; I know that with everything I learned here, I will do well in my new school. I will always remember St. Ignatius and be thankful I had the opportunity to be a part of it. -Nicole

Dear St. Ignatius Attendees,
Before I came, or even heard of this school, I lived in a place in U.S.A. called Dallas, Texas. I spent my whole life there. My whole life that is, until I was about 11 or 12. I used to go to a somewhat disorganized school called St. Faustina Academy. Then we came to Canada because my mom and my stepdad got together and decided living in Winnipeg was a better idea (for some reason unknown to me). At first, I was homeschooled, but then my parents heard of a school very near to where we were living, and signed me up for seventh grade. I came here thinking I wasn't going to fit in. Getting along with people was a little harder for me. But eventually, in eighth grade, I started to get along just with people because we had a certain understanding of each other. Just one piece of advice: first, observe, then you'll get along just fine. -Nick M.

My favourite memory is walking to shops in Gr.7. It is so much fun, and you feel completely free and unrestricted. It is such a great feeling. Winter camp was so much fun. It is really great to be always doing something. St. Ignatius is a good school. - Nick N

My favorite memory was when we got to walk to shops because we got to stop wherever we wanted.

Another memory was when we went to camp because we had fun. I would also like to thank the teachers that I had at St. Ignatius. They were very helpful. :) -Garrett

St. Ignatius is a good school. Shops is a great learning experience. Going to camp was my favorite memory because the activities were fun. -Ian

St. Ignatius is a great place to spend your elementary and middle school years. It has been a great time, with everything from academics, camp, and Shops, to sports teams and student leadership opportunities. I advise others to take the chance to do all that you can to be a part of the school community and get involved in activities. It is an awesome school to be at and an amazing place to meet new people and friends. -Jack

St. Ignatius School is like my second home; I have spent nine years here and it has grown to be a part of me. This school has helped me become who I am today. With all the obstacles I have gone through I have learned that all things happen for a reason and these reasons will prepare us for our future.

While being in this school, I have had many great memories that I have shared with my friends, classmates and teachers. My favourite memories of being at this school are by far, in Grade 4 when we went back for second candies, Grade 6 Camp Arnes,

Grade 7 when we walked to shops, and grade 8 winter camp.

These past years have been truly amazing, and I can't believe they're coming to an end. It's going to be sad to leave my past here at this school, but it's also going to be good for me to move on and make more memories somewhere else. -Angelina

My time at St. Ignatius was interesting. It seems like not that long ago I walked into this school, scared, and excited all at the same time. Before I knew it, I felt like I was part of the class. It has already been two years, and I leave St. Ignatius with mixed feelings. This school has taught me a lot, like how not everything in life is going to be easy; it has prepared me a lot for high school. I have gotten a taste of the real world from this school, and I am thankful for that. I feel prepared to start a new journey and make many new memories. -Brooke

I thank all my super-awesome teachers that have taught me during these eight years at St. Ignatius. Grade 6 camp was great. But Grade 7 & 8 camp was amazing! It was filled with fun. I remember in grade four we went to the Fort Whyte Centre and I enjoyed it very much! I remember when we were allowed to walk to shops. We always went to Mc. Donald's or Subway! But when I leave I will miss St. Ignatius. -Thomas

This is my sixth year at this school, and it is all I have known. I have known my classmates for so long, and I will be sad to be saying goodbye to them. St. Ignatius made me the person I am today. As I am graduating, I recall all the special memories I have of this school. I will miss the camp experience and the teachers, but I will miss most of all my friends.

My classmates have made this school experience for me, and I am extremely grateful for them. I am looking forward to high school, and meeting new people, but I will always remember St. Ignatius. -Keith

My greatest memory in St. Ignatius is that everyone is very welcoming to the new student! The first time I ever set foot in the school, everyone was saying hello and welcome, which was pretty cool because I was so nervous on going to this school. I've learned a lot of stuff, stuff that I never knew before. I especially like the sports

teams, because I got to learn new things like track and field. St. Ignatius is a pretty cool school. Thanks for all the things you all did for us to make us better students and thanks for everything.-Marie

Over these nine years at St. Ignatius I think we've all grown closer together as a class. I have many great memories and lots of things I will remember. I will always remember the camps we went to in grade 6, 7, and 8. They were so exiting and we all had fun together. Even though I am very excited to be starting high school there are many

things I will miss about St. Ignatius. I will miss all of the teachers that have helped me expand my learning and all of the amazing friends that made being here a great experience. -Tania



BIRTHDAYS OVER SUMMER BREAK

July

- 2 Robbie Havelka, Gr. 4
- 7 Lidia Imbrogno, Gr. 2
- 10 Beatrice San Gabriel, Kindergarten
Keith Vossen, Gr. 8
- 15 Webb Gillis, Gr. 7
- 19 Anais Van de Mosselaer, Gr. 1; Colm Thomkins Gr. 5
- 21 Mitchell de Jong, Nursery
- 22 Olivia Chivers, Gr. 1
- 24 Ava Van de Mosselaer, Gr. 3;
Thomas Semchyshyn, Gr. 6
- 25 Brendan Bourns, Gr. 4
- 26 Tania Velasquez, Gr. 8
- 31 Arden Van de Mosselaer, Gr. 5

August

- 3 Brett Westra, Gr. 2
- 4 Jack Psooy, Gr. 8; Lauren Sneesby, Gr. 6
- 5 Carter Kidd, Gr. 4; Ralph San Gabriel, Gr. 3
- 6 Eric Carbajal, Gr. 3
- 7 Isaiah Sanchez, Gr.3
- 8 Holly Havelka, Gr. 1; Ethen Demchinski, Gr. 2
- 9 Sean Urbana, Gr.7
- 11 Ellie MacRae, Gr. 8; Joseph Reznichuk, Gr. 4
- 13 Anna San Gabriel, Gr. 5
- 15 Eben Godin, Kindergarten; Helen Black, Gr. 6
- 18 Aiden Osterman, Gr.1; Sam Sawchuk, Gr. 4; John Hrynchuk, Gr. 7
- 19 Spencer Molloy, Gr. 3, Owen Lothian, Gr. 5
- 20 Teersten Frankemolle, Gr. 6
- 22 Miichael Morrow, Gr. 1
- 25 Ciaran Woods, Gr. 3
- 27 Julia Armstrong, Gr. 1
- 29 Leah Hogarth, Gr. 7; Lauren Hower, Gr. 7
- 31 Hayden Laping, Gr. 4

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- 3 Delaney Gerwing, Gr. 2; Jerett Alvaran, Gr. 4; Sam Bennici-Clendinnen, Gr. 8
- 4 Rose Marie Orcullo, Gr. 6
- 5 Laura Sharpe, Gr. 7
- 6 Fiona McNichol, Gr. 4; Theo Gerwing, Gr. 4; Anna MacRae, Gr. 5