

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.

November 2011



St. Ignatius raised over 800lbs of food for Harvest. Well Done Students!

The Principal Says...

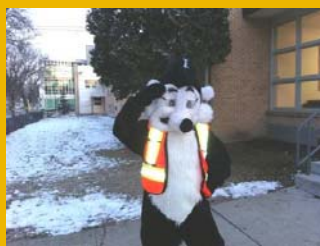
Dear Parents and Guardians,

School life is well on its way this year and we continue to Celebrate What Is Right with the World and St. Ignatius School in the light of 100 years. Students thrive on success and learning is always built on what is already experienced, connected and affirmed, and so this theme of Celebrating What Is Right is not just naive, Pollyanna optimism; it is at the very heart of transformative learning! When a student really hears from a teacher that their

work is something to celebrate and things are right, there is new energy and intrinsic motivation. Deeper still, when we can reflect to others that their person is right and really something to celebrate then amazing growth can happen. The wonderful good news of the Gospel tells us that God really celebrates what is right with us and mirrors to us pure, unconditional, draw out the best, caring love. Dare we believe it!

As the season of advent

approaches I'm reminded of its many meanings. I understand it to be a time of patient waiting, eager expectation, openness to saying Yes, and preparing for wonder. Are not these the attitudes and mindsets we want for our children at school everyday? The season of advent has much to teach us not only about being a disciple of Jesus but of being a good student. What learning will happen if we can cultivate these advent meanings into our lives! What is good for the spirit is always good for the mind and body too.





What goes on in P.E.?

Cheryl Van Dale has been the physical education teacher at St. Ignatius for the last five years. During that time she has created a program that encouraged every child who entered the gym to develop a healthy lifestyle and recognize fair play rules in all areas of their life.

This Ignition article by Mrs. Van Dale shares what she has taught and learned over the past five years:

The Manitoba Physical Education Curriculum vision statement is: Physically Active and Healthy Lifestyles for All Students. Balance is a term we like to use in physical education in reference to many topics:

- *Balance in movement*
- *Balance in healthy lifestyles*
- *Balance in personal and social management.*

As our physical education program has evolved over the past five years, we have sought balance between co-curricular and extracurricular; movement skills, and recreational pursuits. Our physical education guiding principles, and sports contract guide us in helping students to foster life-long fitness goals, and our athletic council supports student leadership in sports, especially our intramural programs.

Our Physical Education programming includes many extra and fun endeavors which complement the Manitoba Curriculum, such as Wonder Cares Fitness Programming, The Terry Fox Run, field trips to the curling club, Fantastic Gymnastics, guest instructors for zumba, yoga and soccer. We have also been awarded the Manitoba Physical Education Teachers Association award called TOBA which means we offer Physical Education that benefits all students. This specifically highlighted our Music and Movement Unit. For the past five years we have been in a partnership with Manitoba in Motion and Healthy School in Motion.

Our Manitoba Catholic School Athletic Association Sports teams are also benefiting from the parent coaches' knowledge, talents, and love of the game. We have added two badminton banners since 2006, individual student and team success within track and field and other running events. Last year our boys' competitive basketball team was in the consolation finals. Our athletic teams are now chosen so that all of our students who undergo our skills assessment workshops will be placed on a St. Ignatius Team – be it developmental or competitive. We are also very proud of our new sharp volleyball and basketball uniforms and the bucketball in the playground that was donated in memory of Mathew Hower.

Mrs. Van Dale would give credit to others for these successes, but the St. Ignatius community is really indebted to her for her enthusiasm, her sense of fair play, and her dedication to our school and its athletic program. It has been a blessing and great pleasure to have journeyed with Mrs. Van Dale, and we wish her continued success as she moves on to her new position.

“Let them praise your great and awesome name. He is holy.”

The grade five class studied psalm 99 with Father Gerry. Instruction and discussion focused on the many wonderful names of praise that we have for Jesus. The students then wrote acrostic poetry to demonstrate their knowledge of the psalm. Please enjoy some of the poetry created by the students.

Thank you to Father Gerry for spending time with the grade five students studying this section of the Bible.

Pace maker

Redeemer

Ichtus

Never ending God of love

Christ

Emmanuel

Our saviour

Friend

Problem solver

Eternal life

Alpha and omega

Conqueror of death

Everlasting love

-Gabriella

Cup of eternal life

Holy spirit

Redeemer

Ichtus

Son of God

The light of the world

-Ralph

Our brother

Universal

Redeemer

Shepherd

Holy Lord

Ichtus

Emmanuel

Lord of Lords

Dominus

-Finn

Master

Emmanuel

Saviour

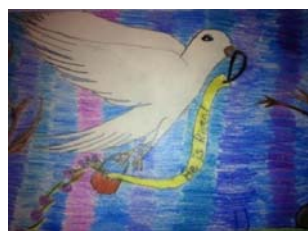
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-Sarah



SISPAC NEWS

100th Anniversary Dinner/Dance

A hearty thank you to everyone involved in making the dinner/dance at St. Mary's Academy on October 29. As the main fundraiser for SISPAC, we were also very thankful to all members of our community, past and present, who came out and enjoyed a great meal and great company.

SISPAC Hamper Evening

In lieu of a December meeting, SISPAC hosts a hamper night – this year it will occur on Tuesday, December 6 from 6:30 to 9:00 at the school. Come out and join the parent community of our school in spreading Christmas spirit.

SISPAC Volunteer Opportunities

We are still in need of some assistance in filling some of our positions:

Faith In Action Chair:

Plant Sale Coordinator:

Volunteer Co-coordinator

Class reps Grade 5 (two needed)

Class reps Grade 6 (two needed)

Class rep Kindergarten (one needed)

Class rep Grade 2 (one needed)

Class rep Grade 8 (one needed)




Mrs. Van Dale Farewell

Thanks very much to Bev Laping, Suzie Parker, Violet Miller, Tannis Scott and Carolyn Meadows for helping out with lunch supervision at the school on November 8 so that the staff could enjoy a luncheon with Mrs. Van Dale. On that note, all parents would like to wish Mrs. Van Dale health and happiness as she moves on to other life challenges. We would also like to extend to Mr. Peña a warm welcome to our school.

Reminders:

- Mass will be celebrated on Nov 29 at 9 a.m
- N-6 No School on Nov 18
- 7/8 Exams Nov 15th & 17th in the a.m.- no classes p.m.

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
					7/8 SHOPS classes = Day 4 * No After-School Program © Vertex42 LLC, www.vertex42.com/calendars	