

St. Maurice School



ST. MAURICE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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From St. Vital Parish...

Hello,

This is such a special, exciting and likely even a little nerve-wracking time of the year – back to school! I wish to welcome all returning students, and extend a warm welcome to all new students, as we mark the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year!

Please allow me to introduce myself: my name is Nicole Savard and I am the Director of Campus Ministry for our school. While this is a new position – not only for the school but for myself as well – I am not new to the school. For the past 7 years I have been the Pastoral Assistant of our parish, St. Vital. During this time, my role and involvement with the school has grown. I have lead scripture studies with a number of the classes, prepared students for the school and class Masses, been involved with sacramental preparation, assisted with the monthly prayer services for the K-6's, and more. I will continue with all of these and will build on them. My role is multifaceted: working with the students, the staff, the parish and the archdiocese - and I couldn't be honored or more excited with all that I will be doing.

Prior to working at St. Vital Parish, I worked for 8 years at my home parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and 1 year at St. John XXIIIrd Parish. My work in these two parishes was primarily Youth Ministry, in which I have a very strong foundation (having taken/attended a number of courses, workshops and conferences).

I am passionate about sharing faith with others, particularly young people. I love their openness, curiosities, questions (including the tough ones!), and their sharing – I always feel that I learn so much from them and they help me grow in my faith. Community building is also very very important to me, and I am thrilled to be part of this incredible community at St. Maurice....doing my part to help strengthen the school community, and its connections with the parish and the archdiocese.

My prayer for all of our students is that this year be one of joy, new experiences, lots of learning and a strengthening/deepening in their relationship with God.

May God's peace be with each of you,

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Principal's Message



Greetings from the Principal:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! Let me extend a special welcome to the 111 students and their families who are new to SMS!

Our students and families will notice some significant and obvious changes around the school. For one, the entire “grass” area of the playground has now been graded and artificial turf installed! As well, some construction work is still underway in the gym, and on its roof, to upgrade the heating and ventilation system for the gym – which will now have an air exchanger (great for a gym) and air conditioning unit (a dream of over 2 decades now becoming reality!) Many students were also very surprised or even perplexed at first about my changed appearance – I have allowed my “summer shaving laziness” to develop into a full beard (which actually caused some confusion and consternation among some of the students in the younger grades, but they all seem to have come to recognize me again!).

Another recent change of great significance for Catholics, and indeed all people, was the canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta by Pope Francis on September 4th in front of thousands of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square. Pope Francis used these words to officially declare her sainthood, words worthy of reflection and meditation:

“For the honor of the Blessed Trinity, the exaltation of the Catholic faith and the increase of the Christian life, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and our own, after due deliberation and frequent prayer for divine assistance, and having sought the counsel of many of our brother Bishops, we declare and define Blessed Teresa of Calcutta to be a Saint. We enroll her among the Saints, decreeing that she is to be venerated as such by the whole Church. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

(Catholic News Agency, online)

Let's take some time to read about the life of this most recently canonized saint, see in her the compassion and mercy of God, and make choices in our lives which increase the Christian life – in our school, in our families and in our world. The following are but a couple of online sources about Saint Mother Teresa:

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/mother-teresa-has-officially-been-declared-a-saint-78947/>

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5611

Best wishes for a great year, and God Bless.

Mr. Bryan Doiron,
Principal



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K-8 News

From Mr. Bennett...



On behalf of the Teaching Faculty we welcome you and your children back for the 2016-2017 School Year. We trust and hope you had an enjoyable summer. The students started school on September 7 with renewed energy, excitement and a desire to learn. We look forward to them, growing and developing (intellectually, spiritually, physically and socially/emotionally).

We embrace a productive partnership to ensure that your children can achieve their highest potential. Educational research tells us that in order to be successful in school, students need support from home and school. A strong partnership with you will enrich your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to that we will continue to work in the best interest of your children. Together, let's guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school every day on time, ready for learning.
2. Completes all homework and assignments on time.
3. Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve their literacy skills.
4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.
5. Informs you if he/she needs additional help in any subject
6. Know that you expect him/her to pursue post-secondary education.

Thank You for providing the loving and nurturing environment necessary for your child's success!

Please review your child's Agenda and check out the school rules. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 15th at the Meet the Teacher event starting at 3:45pm in the gymnasium to be followed by an educational workshop on how you can support your child's intellectual growth.

Check out the September Calendar for other important dates and events.

Together we are stronger- God Bless,

Patrick Bennett
Vice-Principal (for) K-8

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Patriot Pride Corner

Congratulations to **Christian C., Class of 2024**, for his great success in competitive fencing! Christian competed in early June at the Golden Boy Fencing Championships (under 13 mixed foil event), where he was one of the youngest competitors to win a medal (bronze).



Congratulations to **Danielle Doiron, SMS Class of 2012**, who recently became the first female to broadcast a professional baseball game for a Canadian team. The Winnipeg native is also believed to be the first Canadian woman in general to do play-by-play for a professional baseball game.

Miss Doiron was the broadcaster for the live colour commentator play-by-play on 93.7 FM CJNU and 89.5 FM "The Lake" in Kenora, Ontario for the third and fourth in-

nings of the September 3rd Goldeyes game played against the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks at Shaw Park. She was subsequently invited to call several innings of the next two Goldeyes regular season games. Danielle is a recent graduate of the Creative Communications program at Red River College and has been employed as the Winnipeg Goldeyes media relations assistant for the past two seasons. One news report stated: "This is not only a monumental achievement for Danielle, but a significant milestone for Winnipeggers, Canadians, and young women in general with career aspirations in sports media." (Photo credit: Edward Doiron)



Let Your
Patriot Pride
Show!

The mission of NET Ministries of Canada is "to challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church." For the past several years, we have been bringing NET, the National Evangelization Team, to St. Maurice School to provide day-long retreat programs to our high school students. Some years ago, two St. Maurice grads, **Janice Lavergne '08** and **Alyssa Gabrielson '09** were accepted and joined a NET team for the year after their graduation from SMS. More recently, the Class of 2016 has produced two new NET missionaries: **Justus Odiatu '16** and **Suzette Doiron '16**, who were both accepted into the program for this fall. Justus and Suzette are currently in training with NET in the Ottawa area and will be assigned to a traveling NET team or a parish/diocesan team in October. May God bless you, Suzette and Justus and bless the work of all NET missionaries who will bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to young people across Canada!

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Sacrament of Confirmation



Preparation for all Roman Catholic teens in grades 8-12 wishing to be Confirmed in the Spring of 2017 is soon beginning. We encourage you to connect with your home parish for more information and to celebrate the Sacrament (preparation for this Sacrament is not offered through the school).

Registration forms for the prep sessions at St. Vital Parish are now available at the bulletin board in the church gathering space near the parking lot doors.

Prep sessions will take place Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30PM beginning November 3rd.

How do I sign up to Volunteer at St. Maurice?

Parents and other adult volunteers play important roles in many areas of the school's effective operation. Parent volunteers are involved in helping to supervise field trips, acting as coaches for sports teams, working in the Library, helping out at special events, etc. Parents are required to make prior arrangements with the teachers or the administration in order to volunteer at the school.



All adults who wish to volunteer in the school must obtain a Child Abuse Registry Check form from either of the school offices and return the completed form to the school office for processing well in advance of their volunteer work in the school. There is no charge for this check for volunteers. It may take up to 6-8 weeks for the process to be completed by the proper authorities, so please complete the required paperwork as early as possible. A cleared Child Abuse Registry Check will be held as valid for three years for volunteers. Please contact Mrs. Trapp in the High School office (204-453-4020) if you wish to determine when your previous Child Abuse Registry Check submission will expire.

All visitors to the school (including parent volunteers) must report to a school office immediately upon entry, at which time they will be asked to sign in and be provided with a "visitor" tag that must be worn in a manner visible to others. This tag is to be returned to the office from which it was issued when the visitor is leaving the building.

Adults wishing to volunteer at St. Maurice School are invited to leave their name and area of interest with Mrs. Langstaff or Mr. Lomonaco for sports, Mrs. Jorgensen for the Library, or Mrs. Oneschuk for all other volunteer opportunities.

The SMS Parent Guild is always seeking volunteers for their events and activities ... contact the Guild by email at stmauriceparentguild@gmail.com or via their website at <http://smsguild.wordpress.com/>

Huge thanks to all those who have volunteered in the past! This year's students and staff look forward to having you as a volunteer too!

St. Maurice School Inc.

School Staff 2016-2017

Teaching Staff

Kindergarten to Grade 6 Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten – KA	Mrs. Julie Phippard
Kindergarten - KB	Mrs. Debbie Benson- Van Wallegghem
Kindergarten - KC	Mrs. Allyson Clarke
Grade 1A	Mrs. Rosanne Lowe
Grade 1B	Mrs. Yoanne Rautert
Grade 2A	Mrs. Yuklin Jagassar
Grade 2B	Mrs. Melissa Melnyk
Grade 3A	Mrs. Krystle Wray
Grade 3B	Ms. Frances Montpetit
Grade 4A	Mrs. Susanne Burdz
Grade 4B	Mrs. Barb Van Wallegghem and Mrs. Kerri Raghuvver
Grade 5A	Mrs. Clare Dark
Grade 5B	Ms. Cheryl Buczynski
Grade 6A	Mrs. Donna Scharer
Grade 6B	Mr. Lee Domolewski

Grade 7 to 12 Home Room Teachers

Grade 7A	Mrs. Susan Sosnowski
Grade 7B	Mrs. Carrie Shillingford
Grade 8A	Ms. Anita Andrew
Grade 8B	Ms. Rosanna Costanzo
Grade 9A	Mr. Godwin Cotter
Grade 9B	Ms. Michele Sarna
Grade 10A	Mr. Jim Falloon
Grade 10B	Mrs. Jennifer Brennan
Grade 11A	Mr. Andrew Gamby
Grade 11B	Mrs. Ashley Dupont
Grade 12A	Mr. Rob Mizeracki
Grade 12B	Ms. Eliana Dell'Acqua

Physical Education	Mrs. Leanne Langstaff
Physical Education	Mr. Jeremy Lomonaco
French 1-6	Mrs. Kelly Sproule
Music 1-6	Mrs. Leanne Jensen
Music for K, Band 7&8	Ms. Vira Kurchenko
Computers 9-12	Mrs. Mihaela Ciric
Art 7-12	Mr. Godwin Cotter
Business Education	Mr. Andrew Gamby
Physics 11&12	Mr. Bryan Doiron
Psychology 12	Mr. Nick Sagriotis
Library, Social Stud. 7	Mrs. Lana Jorgensen
English, Debate	Mr. Shaun McCaffrey

Resource Teacher	Mrs. Brenda Grieve
School Counsellor	Mrs. Jocelyn Lantin
Director of Campus Ministry	Ms. Nicole Savard

Administration

Pastor and Director	Fr. Barry Schoonbaert
Assistant to the Director	Mrs. Dionisia Roman-Osicki

Principal	Mr. Bryan Doiron
Vice-Principal (K-8)	Mr. Patrick Bennett
Vice-Principal (9-12)	Mr. Nick Sagriotis

Support Staff

Administrative Secretary	Mrs. Vickie Oneschuk
Administrative Secretary	Mrs. Anne Trapp
Administrative Assistant	TBA
Resource Assistant	Mrs. Maricar Pagtakhan
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Susie D'agruma Mrs. Cheryl Doiron Mrs. Colleen Dow Ms. Amanda Johnston Ms. Kristine Kuriata Ms. Christine Marks Miss Laura Medway Mrs. Pat Newman Ms. Carol Nikkel Mr. Vikram Patel Ms. Faithe Pearson Ms. Jennifer Quang Mrs. Glenda Rac Miss Rosalyn Roces Mrs. Diane Santarsieri Mrs. Suman Sharma Mrs. Monika Thakur Miss Anne Thorimbert Mr. Randy Dyck Mr. Asmerom Yehdego Mr. Erwin Braun Mrs. Barbara McDonald Mr. Rick Fontaine Mr. Germain Coutu Mr. Xander Pieterse Ms. Rahne Templeton Mr. John Sousa
Head Custodian	
Evening Cleaners	
Head of Maintenance Cafeteria	
IT Support	

Clinical Support Services

(Winnipeg School Division personnel, South District)	
Psychologist	Leah Funk
Speech & Language	Neelum Balchan
Social Worker	Melissa Schmichael
Reading Specialist	on call

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St. Maurice School Important Dates & Events 2016-2017 (Tentative)

Some dates are subject to change – Please consult the monthly calendar and/or the school website for the most complete and up-to-date events guide.

September

7 First Day of Classes
9 Textbook Caution Fees due
13 Healthy Lunch program starts for Grades 1-6
15 Meet the Teacher and Parent Information Sessions
16 Agenda Signatures page due, K-12
Final day for 7-12 Course Change Requests
19 Picture Day, K-12
23 No School, K-12

October

3 Deadline for ALL sports registrations
10 Happy Thanksgiving - No School K-12
21 No School K-12
31 Grade 7-12 Christian Service Sheets due

November

6 Daylight Savings Time ends – fall back 1 hour
8 Picture retakes
11 Remembrance Day – No School K-12
14 7-12 Progress Report Cards distributed
No School, K-6
15 Grades 7-12 Report Card Parent Reply Sheet due back
17 Parent-Teacher Interviews for Grades 7-12, 4:00-9:00 pm
21 7-12 Dismissal at 11:20 am
Parent-Teacher Interviews for Grades 7-12, 1:00-6:00 pm
25 K-6 First Term Report Cards distributed

December

1 K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00-8:00 pm
2 No School K-12
6 K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00-8:00 pm
20 Kindergarten Christmas Concert at 2:30 pm
21 Grades 1-3 Christmas Concerts at 1:00 and 6:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Christmas Concerts at 2:30 and 7:30 pm
22 School Mass at 9 am
Dismissal for the Christmas Holidays at 11:45 am
25 *May God Bless you with a very Holy Christmas!*

January

1 *May God Bless you with a Happy New Year!*
9 Classes Resume after Christmas Break, K-12
23 Grades 7-12 Christian Service Sheets due
25 Last day for the Cafeteria food service until February 6
26- Feb 2 Exams for Grades 9-12
30- Feb 2 Exams for Grade 8

February – I Love to Read Month

3 No School for 7-12
Grad Photos
5-7 Camp Arnes for interested Grade 7&8 students
6 Cafeteria re-opens after exams
9 Public Open House for Grades 7-12 at 7 pm
10 7-12 Term 1 Final Report Cards distributed
12-19 Catholic Schools Week
13 Gr. 7-12 Report Card Reply sheets due back
14 Toonies for Tuition Casual Day
16 Gr. 7-12 Dismissed at 11:20
Gr. 7-12 Parent-Teacher interviews 1:00-6:00 pm
Public Open House for Kindergarten to Grade 6 at 6:30 pm
17 Catholic Schools Day In-service - No School K-12
20 Louis Riel Day – No School K-12
23 Gr. 7-12 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00-9:00 pm
27 No School for K-6

March

9 Deadline for New Applications and Re-registrations for re-turning students
K-6 Second Term Report Cards distributed
10 No School K-12
12 Daylight Savings – spring ahead 1 hour
14 K-6 Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-8:00 pm
16 K-6 Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-8:00 pm
24 Dismissal for Spring Break at 3:15 pm for K-6 / 3:30 pm for 7-12

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St. Maurice School Important Dates & Events 2016-2017 cont'd

April

- 3 Classes resume after Spring Break, K-12
- 4 Grades 7-12 Christian Service Sheets due
- 6 Entrance Exams for new 7-12 students at 6:00 pm
- 13 Grades 7-12 Second Term Progress Reports distributed
- 14 Good Friday – No School, K-12
- 16 *Happy Easter – Rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord – Alleluia!*
- 17 Easter Monday - No School, K-12
- 18 Grades 7-12 Report Card Parent Reply Sheet due back

May

- 1 Deadline for Class Placement Requests
- 2 AP Computer Science Exam , begins at 8:00 am
- 3 AP Literature Exam, begins at 8:00 am
- 9 AP Calculus Exam, begins at 8:00 am
- 22 Victoria Day – No School K-12
- 26 Grade 12 Grad Retreat
- Last Day for the School Cafeteria Food Service
- 29 High School Student Council Election Day
- May 29-June 1 Grade 12 ELA Provincial Standards Testing

June

- 12 No School K-6
- 7-12 Christian Service Program sheets due
- Grades 9-12 Exemptions posted at the end of the school day
- 13-20 Grades 9-12 Final Exams
- 13 Grade 12 Provincial Pre-Calculus Mathematics Achievement test
- 14 Grade 12 Essential Mathematics Achievement test
- 19 Grade 8 Exemptions posted at the end of the school day
- 20-23 Grade 8 Final Exams
- 21 No School 9-12
- 22 Grades 9-12 Textbook Returns 9:00-noon, and 1:00-3:30 pm
- Textbook Return Deadline for Grades 9-12 at 3:30 pm
- Grade 12 Grad rehearsal at 10 AM
- 26 No School Grades 7&8
- 27 9:00 am Graduation School Mass and Convocation Ceremony
- Grade 12 Final Report Cards distributed
- Grades 7&8 Textbook Returns 9:00-noon, and 1:00-3:30 pm
- Textbook Return Deadline for Grades 7&8 at 3:30 pm
- 2:00 pm Grades 9-11 Awards Assembly
- 28 6:00 pm Graduation Dinner and Dance
- 29 2:30 pm Kindergarten Year-End Celebration in the Gym
- 30 School Mass for Grades K-11 at 9 am
- Grades 7&8 Awards at 10:15 am in the Church
- Final Reports distributed for K-11
- 11:45 am Final Dismissal for Summer Vacation - *May God Grant You a Safe and Rejuvenating Summer!*

***The first day for
students for
school year
2017-2018
will be
Wednesday,
September 6,
2017.***

**Congratulations to the following students who earned a spot on the
Honour Roll for Term 2 of 2015-2016**

Grade 7

Tomi A.
Brodie A.
Chynna A.
Nathan A.
Debbie A.
Asmi B.
Jordyn C.
Ardal D.
Gurnoor D.
Patrice E.
Melani F.
Morgan F.
Gina F.
Zeta G.
Abigail G.
Vince G.
Collin H.
Madelyn H
Rey J.
Reid K.
Nolan L.
Nathan N.
Cheska N.
Sarah P.
Abhinay P.
Michael R.
Kriti S.
Savana S.
Sophie S.
Ashley T.
Noah T.
Jasman V.

Grade 8

Akara A.
Fiorella A.
Francisco B.
Perry C.
Alyssa C.
Shania C.
Juliana D.
Danielle E.
Elisa G.
Anastasia D
Mike H.
Esha K.
Emma K.
Yeji L.
Ximena P.
Nyume M.
Morina M.
Claire N.
Khushee P
Taj R.
Alycia S.
Sara T.
Vaibhav V.
Yoska W.

Grade 9

Enitan A.
Naomi A.
Sidney B.
Nathaniel C.
Michael C.
Aysia C.
Faith S.
Natali D.
Bennet F.
Vianca G.
Rhina G.
Serena G.
Yosan G.
Justin G.
Devin H.
Benjamin H.
AJ J.
Harshraj J.
Abbey L.
Shayla M.
Japujee M.
Andrew N.
Claudian P.
Matthew P.
Jazmeen P.
Marvin S.
Yzabella S.
Aayush V.
Kavisha W.

Grade 10

Kavin A.
Amritpal B.
Isham B.
Angelica B.
Tyger C.
Harliv D.
Ranshika F.
Vince G.
Ashley H.
Dillon I.
Sharin K.
Jin L.
Sachini M.
Trey M.
Daniel M.
Howie P.
Claire S.
Partiq S.
Sukhsagar S.

Grade 11

Llana A.
Ezra B.
Chandler C.
Fidelia D.
Tyrese G.
Navi M.
Trevana M.
Gage G.
Shirly X.
Maximillian Y.

Grade 12

Zander A.
Mackenzie C.
Danielle D.
Ishpreet D.
Patricia E.
Audrey G.
Faith G.
Nishpreet G.
Alexandra H.
Ben M.
Nick M.
Teresa S.
Anabel U.
Alisha V.
Manuel Z.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST YEAR'S MAJOR AWARD WINNERS FOR GRADES 9-12!

Undergraduates:

The St. Albert the Great Science Growth Award	Keith Y.'19
The St. Maurice School Citizenship Award	Kaleab C.'18
United Way Community Service Award	Llana A. '17 and Shirly X.'17
Principal's Award	Isham B.'18
School Spirit Award	Navi M.'17
Academic Excellence Award for Grade 9	Devin H.'19
Academic Excellence Award for Grade 10	Claire S.'18
Academic Excellence Award for Grade 11	Navi M.'17



St. Francis of Assisi Award Winners

Thank you for having completed 20+ hours of Christian Service last year at a formal external volunteer agency:

Ezra B.'17, Deumi B.'17, Daniel M. '18, Bennet F.'19, Harsharaj J'19, Aayush V.'19
Ishpreet D. '16, Audrey G. '16, Nisha G. '16, Ben M. '16, Alisha V. '16,



Graduates of the Class of 2016:

Valedictorian	Eric M.
The Governor General's Bronze Medal	Anabel U.
Schulich Leader Nominee	Anabel U.
The Chown Centennial Scholarship	Manuel Z.
The Jesuit Entrance Scholarship	Audrey G.
The St. Paul's College Alumni and Friends Assoc.	Anabel U.
The St. Vital Church Award	Peter H.
The Loh Family Foundation Scholarship	Audrey G.
The St. Vincent de Paul Award	Audrey G. and Anabel U.

John and Toni Scatliff Humanitarian Award	Suzette D.
Christie's Office Plus Continued Learning Scholarship	{none for 2016}
The Direct Entry to Engineering Scholarship	Chhavy N.
Matthew Schwegel'04 Airborne Ranger Promise Award	{none for 2016}
Father P. A. Morand Award	Suzette D.'16
Outstanding Student of the Year Award	Alisha V.'16



St. Maurice School Business Education Program Certificates:
Teena C., Ishpreet D., Nishpreet G., Carolina V.

St. Maurice School Activity Letter Awards:
Betel B., Ariana C., Tim C., Suzette D., Audrey G., Michael J., Yoo-Shin P., Anabel U.

St. Maurice School K-12 "Lifer" Crest Awards:
Zander A., Amrit B., Mackenzie C., Teena C., Danielle D.,
Suzette D., Audrey G., Alexandra H., Michael J., Matthew R., Charlene S.

The description and criteria for these awards may be found on the St. Maurice School website under the tab for "School Documents - High School Awards", using this link:

<http://www.stmaurice.mb.ca/pdfs/9-12%20%20Awards%20Info%20Posting.pdf>

Please Be On Time

Classes, grade Masses and school Masses will begin as scheduled and therefore it is very important that all students arrive on time for the beginning of the school day. The school doors will be opened by 8:30 am for students at all levels, K-12. The late arrival of a student is disruptive to the learning environment of their classroom, and is detrimental to their own education as well. Parents are asked to make every effort to have their child/children at school a few minutes before the opening exercises. Students who have a few minutes to prepare themselves and their materials for the beginning of the day will no doubt have a better school day!



Before and After School Hours

Please be reminded that St. Maurice School does not provide general supervision before 8:30 am or after 3:45 pm daily for students at any level (K-12). Outside of these hours, students may only remain in any part of the school buildings or be on school property if they are under the direct supervision of a staff member for a specific extra-curricular activity or are officially registered for the Before & After School program operated by St. Maurice Daycare for K-6 SMS students. Students must attend to their locker as early as possible at the end of the day and will not be permitted to loiter in the hallways after 3:45 p.m. Once the cold winter months arrive, it becomes critical that parents arrange for the timely pickup of their children from school so that they do not have to wait long out of doors.

If your schedule does not allow you to drop off or pick up your child according to these times please call 204-284-0881 and inquire about our Daycare's Before and After School Program for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Students in Grades 7-12 can inquire at the office about the before and after school study hall option available to them. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of your child/children outside of school hours.

Once the cold winter months arrive, it becomes critical that parents arrange for the timely pickup of their children from school so that they do not have to wait long out of doors.



**Attention Parents and Students:
Come and Meet the Teachers!
September 15th at 3:45 p.m.
in the Gym**

Contacting your child's teacher(s):

Keep in touch with your child's teacher(s) by email! The teachers' school email addresses are listed on the school website. Teachers ordinarily check their school email every school day, but please be patient as they may not be able to reply immediately. If the topic for discussion would require a personal conversation rather than an email, please call the school office to leave a message for the teacher to call you back. Let's work together for the best educational experience for your child!





Student Entrances

Students must enter and exit the school building using the doors designated for their class/grade level:

- ◆ Kindergarten students and their parents are to use the front doors and stairs of 1619 Pembina Highway. Kindergarten students are to be brought directly indoors to their classroom by their parent. Parents are asked to assist their child in changing out of their outdoor clothing and into their indoor footwear. Parents of kindergarten students are to pick up their child directly from the teacher in the classroom at the end of the school day.
- ◆ Grades 1 to 6 students are to use the white doors from the parking lot. Except for students registered in the Before School Program, all Grades 1 to 6 students are required to wait outside in the fenced “safety zone” until the 8:30 am bell, at which time a staff supervisor will admit the students into the building. Students in the Before School program will proceed to their classrooms under the direction of the Before and After School Program staff.
- ◆ Grade 7 and 8 students are not to enter the building until the 8:30 am bell. They must wait in the area near the brown doors of the Church, and must stay out of the traffic lanes of the parking lot. The brown doors will be opened for students in Grades 7&8 at 8:30 am. At the end of the school day, grade 7&8 students will exit using the brown doors until 3:45 pm, and thereafter exit using the white doors. Students must stay out of traffic as they wait for their ride.
- ◆ Grades 9 to 12 students must enter the building through the blue doors from the parking lot. High school students are to use only the parking lot blue doors to enter or exit the school.

A note to parents: For the sake of reducing hallway congestion and for developing student independence, parents are asked to not enter the school building as they drop off or pick up their child/children (except for the parents of Kindergarten students). Parents may of course enter the school if they have to conduct business with the school office, have an appointment to meet with a teacher, or are dropping off/picking up their child/ren for the Before/After School Program.

At the end of the school day, let's please all do our part to keep our students safe in a very busy parking lot by following the rules listed below:

- All students in Grades 1-6 should be waiting for their rides in the “safety zone” between the gym building and parking lot fence.
- There is to be no ball playing or running games (eg. tag) in the “safety zone”.
- The school playground is off limits as this area is used by the After School Program.

Students are to follow the directions of the supervising staff members. Parents are also asked to respect the rules of St. Maurice School while they and their children are on school premises. Remember, these rules are in place for the safety and wellbeing of all children who are waiting to be picked up. All parents/guardians are expected to be good role models for safe, respectful and patient behavior in our busy parking lot!

Parents are reminded that when they pick up their children, they are to park their cars and physically walk to the barriers to escort their children to the vehicle. Parents who cannot physically leave their vehicle (eg. due to a physical disability; an infant in the vehicle; etc) can ask parking lot supervisors for assistance.

All students are to be picked up by 3:45 p.m. Any student in Grades 1-6 remaining in the parking lot past 3:45 p.m. will be asked to report to the school office where their parents will be called.

Please also refer to the Before and After School Hours section of this newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring an optimum instructional and safe environment for our students.

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New Regulations regarding exams (Grades 8-12)

(copied from the 2016-2017 student handbook; changes from previous in **red font**)

Examinations are an integral part of the student's academic evaluation and every effort must be made to write all examinations at their scheduled times.

Should a student be absent from the January First Term Examination for any reason, **including parent-planned absences:**

- **the scheduled exam will not be deferred to a different date or time**
- a makeup exam will not be made available
- the student must write the June Final Examination in that course
- (Grade 8) the student's Final Grade in the course will be calculated as follows: 35% of First Term Final Report mark (exam not written) + 65% of Second Term Final mark (including the June exam).
- (Grades 9-12) the student's Final Grade in the course will be calculated as follows: 30% of First Term Final Report mark (exam not written) + 70% of Second Term Final mark (including the June exam).

Should a student be absent from the June Final Examination for any reason, including parent-planned absences:

- **in exceptional circumstances***, a makeup exam may be made available, and will be scheduled at the discretion of the Administration, dependant upon the reason for the absence from the exam (***serious illness, death of family member, unexpected serious emergencies**)
- a medical doctor's note will be required to excuse an exam absence due to illness, such that a makeup exam is permitted
- a score of 0% will be recorded for the exam if the absence is not explained by the parent to the administration in advance of the scheduled ending time for the exam

If a makeup exam is not possible, then:

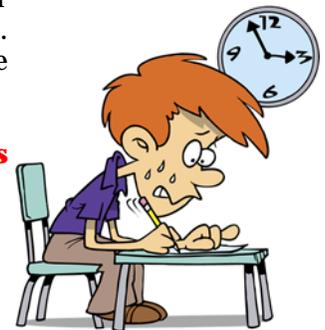
- (Grade 8) the student's Final Grade in the course will be calculated as follows: 65% of First Term Final Report mark (including the January exam) + 35% of Second Term Final mark (exam not written).
- (Grades 9-12) the student's Final Grade in the course will be calculated as follows: 70% of First Term Final Report mark (including the January exam) + 30% of Second Term Final mark (exam not written).

If the January exam for the course was not written for any reason, then the final exam in the course must be written, else a mark of 0% will be issued for the June exam.

Parents must not allow students to stay home and miss presentations, tests or exams for minor illness, medical or other appointments, being ill prepared, etc. If a pattern of missed tests and/or exams emerges, appropriate action will be taken.

Exams will not be rescheduled for a different date or time for reasons of employment, vacation, travel, etc.

We thank you for your cooperation.



Grades 7 and 8 Study Hall

Parents, please be advised that the Grades 7&8 study hall operates as follows:

- The study hall is open to grades 7&8 students from 7:30 to 8:30 am, and from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The school does not provide general supervision before 8:30 am nor after 3:45 pm.
- Students attending the study hall are charged \$1 per session to use the service, unless they have been instructed to attend by a teacher or administrator, or are meeting in that space with their scheduled tutor.
- Prepaid study hall pass cards are available for sale from the school office. This \$20 card is the best means of making sure your child has ready access to the study hall services offered. The supervising staff member will alert your child when their pass card is depleted; then simply send another \$20 payment to renew for the next visits to the study hall.
- The study hall is ordinarily located in one of the grade 7 or 8 classrooms, but may be relocated to a high school classroom if required.
- A St. Maurice Staff member supervises the study hall room. The staff member is also available to provide extra help to the students upon their request.
- A record is kept of the students who do attend at the study hall each day; however, attendance at the study hall is voluntary. The supervising staff member does not take attendance, nor do staff seek out “missing” students. Students may leave from the study hall to go home at any time. Parents who require their children to attend at the study hall are not to expect school staff to monitor or enforce the attendance of the student.
- Appropriate use of the study hall time includes: completion of homework, reading, quiet group work for school projects, tutoring.
- Students may listen to music using headphones/earbuds only while in the study hall, however it is expected that they be using their time wisely and productively.
- A student who is disruptive to the study hall environment will be asked to leave the study hall immediately and wait for their ride either outdoors or at one of the school offices.
- A student may lose the right to attend at the study hall for repeated instances of misbehavior.



You Are Invited!

Please join us on Monday's at 6pm at "Meet Me at the Bell Tower- South End" with a lawn chair or mat. We are meeting weekly on Mondays at 6pm outside on the grounds of the South End Bell Tower at St. Vital Parish. We want to provide soup to everyone. Until we get food donations lined up, it would be appreciated if you would bring some bread, or rolls, or salad to share. But no obligations!

The South End Bell Tower is geared towards offering youth a place where they may share their presence, voices, stories and ideas across cultures and generations.

Older members of the group provide a sounding board, more ideas and a network in which the community may achieve its goals and get important things done. The primary focus of the group could be **anything**. If you want to brainstorm with us, please come with your ideas and suggestions! Please extend this invitation on to others as well. We want to make sure to invite youth groups, and groups that are representative of our community.



High School Student Council for 2016-2017



Congratulations to the following students who will form the High School Student Council Executive for school year 2016-2017. Best wishes and God Bless you in your work for the high school community!

President:	Tyrese G. '17
Vice-President:	Navi M. '17
Administrative Secretary:	Shirly X. '17
Public Relations Officer:	Llana A. '17
Religious Events Coordinator*:	Fidelia D. '17

*This position is filled by appointment.

STOP! and Read This Please....

FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF OR PICK UP STUDENTS IN THE TRAFFIC LANES OF THE PARKING LOT.

There will be approximately 698 students at St. Maurice School this year! All students must access the school through the various doors located adjacent to the parking lot. This article has been prepared as a reminder of safe school parking lot practices.

Drivers: to help keep all of the students and other people safe, please be sure to:

- ◆ Drive carefully and respectfully of others at all times.
- ◆ Enter and exit the parking lot only according to the posted signs.
- ◆ Drive slowly and cautiously through the lot.
- ◆ Park only in the parking spots painted yellow onto the lot. We realize the challenge of this request during the winter as the painted lines are covered by snow; however, we ask that you park so as to keep away from the usual lanes of traffic into and through the lot. Orange cones may be set out to help identify the lanes for traffic flow and the rows for parking. Please watch out for these cones.
- ◆ Do not park in any of the parking spaces labeled "Staff Parking Only", even for only a short time. The congestion in the lot only increases when a staff member drives up and must wait for a vehicle to vacate their assigned parking space.
- ◆ Please do not stop or park in the 4 signed "Handicap Only" parking spaces unless you have and display a valid handicapped parking pass.
- ◆ Do not stop or park between the signs at the opening of the parking fence at the blue doors. Some of the school staff must drive through this one opening to access their parking stall. Furthermore, many of the pedestrians entering or leaving the school pass through that opening; please leave a clear view for them to watch out for the traffic in the parking lot.
- ◆ For the morning drop off, please drive as near as possible to the fence opening at the blue doors before stopping to drop off your child/ren. Stopping in the traffic lane at the brown doors or white doors causes the traffic seeking to enter the parking lot to back up onto Manahan Avenue, which creates significant traffic congestion.
- ◆ For the after school pickup, please do not stop to pick up students in the traffic lanes of the parking lot. Please park your vehicle in a vacant marked parking spot and then drop off or pick up your children. Parents of younger children should accompany them on the walk between their vehicle and the fenced off area of the parking lot.
- ◆ Please consider that less congestion would occur on Manahan Avenue if all traffic were to flow from east to west. As you leave the parking lot by the northbound exit alley, please turn left onto Manahan and then turn right on Hudson Street to Chevrier Blvd. (or exit the parking lot by the westbound alley directly to Hudson).
**This route also makes getting back onto Pembina Highway easier as you will be able to use the traffic lights at Chevrier and Pembina to your advantage.



Slow down, and help us keep our children safe.

Please help us keep your children safe.

No Smoking Policy

All persons are requested to respect the school's policy on smoking, which is presented in the senior student handbook as follows:

St. Maurice School has been designated as a smoke-free environment. Due to the fact that St. Maurice has both elementary and high school students, it is expected that the senior students [and parents, drivers] set good examples for the younger students. Smoking is therefore prohibited in the school, on school property, and anywhere within sight of the school. The possession and/or use of electronic cigarettes or personal vaporizers, whether refillable or disposable, is prohibited at St. Maurice School. These policies also apply at school excursions and sports events, etc. Thank you for your cooperation.



PhysEd Announcements



September is an exciting month in the gym! We are happy to see how much all the returning students have grown and look forward to meeting all of the new students! Volleyball and cross-country are beginning this week. Please ask your child when practices start so they can come out and meet some teammates and have fun playing our first school sport for the year! We offer teams for volleyball from Grade 7 – 12. Cross country is offered from grades 4-12. Cross Country practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45 – 8:30am.

Sports Registrations for all sports through the year are due on October 3rd, 2016. You can get a registration form from the High School Office of the Phys Ed Office. Sports offered this year are Cross country, volleyball, basketball, soccer, badminton, and track and field.

Phys Ed shirts can be purchased from the Phys Ed Office for \$10. Every student in Grades 3 – 12 is required to have a St. Maurice Phys Ed Shirt and a pair of blue shorts for gym class. Shorts can be purchased on the Sportswear Website. You can find a link to this website on the St. Maurice School website.



Golf Activities 2015

1st Annual St. Maurice Open Golf Evening

Thursday, September 22, 2016 at Crescent Drive Golf Course

Tee Offs beginning at 4:30

Open to students grades 7-12, alumni, parents, teachers, and school staff.

Please join us for food and drink at Pony Corral on Pembina Hwy at 7:00 pm following our Golf Games.

For registration contact Mr. Falloon at 204-453-4020





July 2018

10-day Service Learning Trip

NICARAGUA:

From coffee fields to classrooms—dive into life in the land of lakes and volcanoes

ME to WE trips support the work of *Free The Children*, giving travelers a unique opportunity to engage in activities that directly contribute to *Free the Children's* holistic and sustainable development model. This will be a St. Vital Parish & St. Maurice School trip.

A typical day on this Service Learning Trip would include:

- ◆ Immersion into the local culture, daily life
- ◆ Volunteer projects
- ◆ Team-building exercises
- ◆ Action planning – getting ready to make a difference at home
- ◆ Meals
- ◆ Accommodations
- ◆ Free-time



This very special opportunity is open to teens currently in grades 8-11

Preparations will include:

- ◆ Local service opportunities/projects
- ◆ Faith formation
- ◆ Fundraising
- ◆ Monthly preparation sessions

Anticipated cost is \$3500-\$4000; payment plan available



Group leaders will be Mr. Falloon (St. Maurice teacher) and Nicole Savard (Director of Campus Ministry and parish Pastoral Assistant)

An information session will be held in the church on Thursday, September 29th at 6PM. If you are interested but are unable to attend this session, please contact Mr. Falloon at 204-453-4020 or jfalloon@stmaurice.mb.ca