

St. Maurice School



ST. MAURICE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

A word or two from Mr. Caligiuri...

Dear Parents,

Writing my entry for the November newsletter brings me to the reality that this school year is well under way. The past few months have been quite busy and productive. Our students and staff have been hard at work. We will be sending home our first progress report of the school year for the grades 7 to 12 levels on November 3rd. Since these first report cards are based on somewhat limited assessments, they are not necessarily indicative of how the rest of the school year will turn out for your child. However, hard work and perseverance will always bear fruit in the long term.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will bring home their Report Cards on Thursday November 24th. Please note that the November School Calendar had incorrect date information about the first of the two Parent Teacher Meetings. This has now been corrected. The Grade 6 Parent Teacher meetings will take place on December 1 and December 6 from 4 to 9 pm.

Encourage your son or daughter to do their best. As a parent myself, I know how easy it can be to focus too much attention on our children's weaknesses. We mean well of course. However, it would be good to balance our comments a bit by focussing on the things they do well. A little encouragement on a consistent basis may provide that little extra that could make a difference in your child's education.

Our volleyball season will soon enter the playoffs stage. We expect a number of our teams to enter the playoffs. Thanks to all the coaches for your time. Where would we be without you? To parents, thank you for your support. Your attendance at games is greatly appreciated by the athletes. Our Cross Country Team had a successful outdoor season, and all members competed well at the Provincial competition. Our Debating Team has been preparing to compete in a number of upcoming tournaments.

Lastly, we will hold a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10th commencing at 2:45 p.m., which our grades 6 to 12 students will be attending. You are invited to join our student body, if you have the time.

God bless,

Giuseppe Caligiuri
St. Maurice School Principal

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Patriot Pride Corner

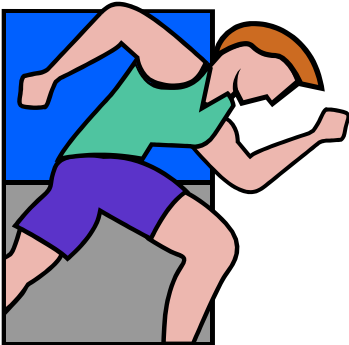
Congratulations to Norina J. '14 of Grade 10, a member of the Jazz on Wheels band which performed on October 20th, 2011 at the University of Manitoba for an audience which included Canada's Governor-General, the Right Honourable David Johnston. Norina is a vocalist with this jazz ensemble which was formed last year at her former school as part of a student outreach program initiated by the U of M called The Bridge: Music Learning for Life.

If you know someone who you believe should be featured in our "Patriot Pride" Corner, please email information regarding the student and his/her accomplishment(s) to library@stmaurice.mb.ca

Please list the subject line as "Patriot Pride Nomination." Please also be sure to include all pertinent information, including your contact information (name, phone number, email address, etc) in the event that any follow-up information is required.

Please note that St. Maurice School reserves the right to edit submissions for length and/or content, and shall determine the means and timing of recognition appropriate for each instance using any of the following: homeroom announcement, morning P.A. announcement, newsletter article, or other means as may be appropriate.

Cross Country



The physical education department would like to congratulate the cross country team for a successful fall program. Our runners competed in five different races this year. We started our season at the Assiniboine Park cross country race. Our second event was the St. Maurice invitational. We then competed at La Barriere and Harbourview. We completed our season at Spruce Woods for the Provincial championship.

Our team consisted of 5 varsity boys, 2 varsity girls, 1 junior varsity girl, and 2 junior varsity boys. Danielle D.'12 completed her cross country career in which she competed in all 4 years at a provincial level. All runners made consistent improvements and will look forward to the indoor track and field season which will begin this December.

Team Members

Varsity Girls: Delphine S.'12, Danielle D.'12

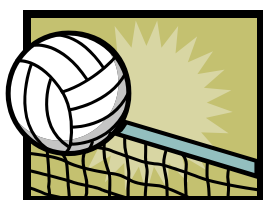
Varsity Boys: Gurkirat C.'12, Danny K.'12, Simrat K.'12, Matthew J.'13, Robert K.'13

JV Girls: Emily U.'15

JV Boys: Edward D.'14, Daniel I-J.'14

Junior Varsity Volleyball 2011

The Grades 9 and 10 boys volleyball team has come a long way in a short time this season. The fact that St. Maurice School did not have a high school boys volleyball team for the past few years did not deter this year's group of athletes from practicing hard, learning new skills and coming together as a team. The JV boys team has nearly completed its regular season; with two wins, two losses and only one season game left to play (against St. Boniface Diocesan High School on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00 in our gym – come out and cheer us on!). Here's the 2011 Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball Team roster:



#3	Reagan T. '15	power
#8	Riley M. '15	middle
#10	Zachary F. '14	power
#20	Sukhdeep S. '14	power
#27	Edward D. '14	middle
#34	Hoang Nhat L. '14	power
#41	Tri L. '14	team captain, setter
#49	Nick T. '15	middle/right side
#71	Francis D. '15	right side
#87	Abhishek S. '15	middle
	Andrew N. '11	assistant coach
	Jeffery S. '13	assistant coach
	Mr. Bryan Doiron	coach

Good luck with the rest of the season – Go Patriots!

Gr. 7-12 Basketball Registration

All Grades 7-12 athletes interested in registering to play basketball must obtain a Team Sports Registration Form from the Phys. Ed. Coordinators, Mrs. Langstaff or Mr. Schwegel. The student must already be on the Athletes List for having paid the General Sports Fee, which was due by October 1st. The completed Team Sports Registration Form must be submitted to the high school office by the deadline together with any applicable fees. Fees may be paid in cash or by cheque payable to “St. Maurice School”. The Grade 7&8 team fee for basketball will be \$20; Grade 9-12 players must pay \$40.



Deadline for all 7-12 Basketball Registration forms and fees: Tuesday, November 1, 2011

It is critical that the registration form and all applicable fees are submitted before the deadline date. The decision to register a team of a given gender at a given level will be determined and reported to the appropriate league convenor as soon as the indicated deadline has passed. Therefore, late entries cannot be accepted.

Please refer to the Sport Regulations for Student Athletes section of the Student Handbook in the Agenda for many other details regarding the sport team programs at St. Maurice.

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Gr. 7-12 First Term Progress Reports

November 3 Grades 7 to 12 First Term Progress Reports distributed at 3:30

November 4 Report Card Reply Sheets and Parent-Teacher Interview Request Forms due back

November 10 Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-9:00 pm

November 14 Parent-Teacher Interviews 1:00-6:00 pm (Grades 7-12 students dismissed at 11:20 am)

Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled on a first come - first served basis using the Parent-Teacher Interview Request Forms returned to the school.

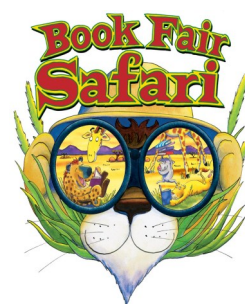
St. Maurice School Library

St. Maurice School is dedicated to promoting literacy. To that end we have been building up our library and encouraging reading at all levels. We support the idea that every child should be a reader.

Thank you so much to the students, parents and staff of St. Maurice School for making To the Book Fair (and Beyond!) another highly successful book fair. St. Maurice Library will be receiving \$571 in books and Scholastic product for our school, plus \$1350.00 cash in fundraising. I am so very privileged to work at a school where literacy is valued and books are desirable! (The students and I also enjoyed “tin-foiling” teachers and students to look like Space Robots!)

Thank you also to the families of St. Maurice School for supporting our recent Chocolate Bar Fundraiser. The monies raised in this drive are used to support both the PE programs as well as the Library. Without the money raised in these two fundraisers, we would be unable to continue to provide the resources we do to our students. Students who sold 2 or more boxes of chocolate were invited to attend a pizza party in the gym (hosted by the PE Department and Library) and some had the opportunity to win prizes such as iPods.

Reason #1 Reading Is Better than TV:
Reading Exercises Your Mind and Your Imagination



From Chef Germain

The Smart Choice Meal Reward Program is in effect and cards are available in the cafeteria. See all the details on the next page!



St. Maurice School Presents 2011 Smart Choice Meal Reward Program

Join up for the chance to Win!

Sign a “Smart Choice” Draw card , complete 15 healthy purchase choices from Your School’s “Fresh Food Cafeteria” and be entered to win a monthly prize. January 31, 2012 your completed card will be entered to win a Grand prize T.B.A. The more “Smart Choice” cards completed the more opportunity to win the Grand Prize. Also: A secret spotter will randomly seek out the healthiest bag lunch per week and award 3 stamps to that student. Eat healthy and Win!

Cards Ready October 17th

Monthly
Draw to
Win!!!

Qualifying Healthy Choices

- Special with Salad or soup instead of fries
- Sandwich with either soup, salad, fruit or yogurt
- Vegetables and Dip with side of fruit, or yogurt
- Salads with side of fruit, or yogurt
- All large meal salads
- Soup and salad

Fries will only qualify when eaten with a high protein and “Super Carb” special. Then they will be served in a portion of less than a half cup.

Look for the new “Health Style” Lunch specials. Designed for optimum nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices. What is it? 1 cup protein, 1 cup of “Super Carbs” and ½ cup “Caution Carbs”.