

# Consider the Merits of St. Maurice School...

- ◆ St. Maurice provides affordable Catholic education for the entire family (Nursery to Grade 12).
- ◆ All students attending St. Maurice are required to take part in Religion as a formal course of study. Our students are called to actively demonstrate their dedication to Christian Service work.
- ◆ Students are expected to behave in ways which help maintain a structured, disciplined learning environment. They are also expected to develop strong organizational skills, homework and study habits, and a commitment to academic excellence.
- ◆ In addition to university and corporate-sponsor scholarships for graduating students, St. Maurice offers a number of scholarships and awards that are unique to our school.
- ◆ St. Maurice School, together with St. Maurice Daycare and the Before and After School Program, creates a complete program of Catholic Education available for children aged 2 to young adults of 17 or 18 years.

## *Look below for additional highlights:*

General, School Facilities, Kindergarten to Grade 6, Grades 7 and 8, High School

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### GENERAL

- ◆ St. Maurice promotes academic excellence in an atmosphere permeated by Gospel values. Religious celebrations at St. Vital Church occur on a regular basis for students, both for individual classes and for the whole school community. The church also provides an appropriate and reverent atmosphere for Remembrance Day, Advent, Lent, and other prayer services.
- ◆ Students can prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation within the school community.
- ◆ St. Maurice School has an excellent Resource Program with the support of three certified teachers and twelve educational assistants with a focus on early years literacy.
- ◆ Students have access to extra help from their teachers and from their peers and senior students. The school counsellor facilitates peer tutoring arrangements for students in grades 7 to 12.
- ◆ All students wear a formal school uniform to promote unity and reduce competition.

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## SCHOOL FACILITIES

- ◆ The on-site facilities at St. Maurice include:
  - A networked computer lab with over thirty computers, all having access to high speed cable Internet service.
  - A free and safe school-based email service available to students.
  - SMART boards in the Library, main Computer Lab, Grades 7&8 area, Grades 4-6 area
  - Networked and high speed Internet-access computers in every classroom.
  - A wireless network laptop lab in the high school
  - A wireless network portable laptop lab in the Grades 4-6 area.
  - A school library carrying a large selection of fiction, non-fiction and reference texts, with computers and printers available for preparing assignments and accessing the local area network of the computer lab and the Internet.
  - A fully equipped high school science lab for activities in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
  
- ◆ Lunch time amenities include:
  - A full service cafeteria for students in Grades 7 to 12
  - A supervised lunch hour in the classrooms for Grades K-8
  - Daily milk sales and hot lunch sales three times per week for students in Grades 4 to 6
  - Daily milk sales and bi-weekly hot lunch sales for students in Grades 1 to 3

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## KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6 HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Various activities in Grades K-6 annually, for example, the Christmas Concerts, I Love to Read Month, Learning Fair, Holy Childhood Week and the CanWest CanSpell Spelling Bee, National Math contests.
  
- ◆ Students in Grades 4-6 can participate in track & field competitions and various noon hour activities such as chess club, cup stacking club, and a Junior Choir.

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## GRADES 7 AND 8 HIGH LIGHTS

- ◆ Choice of Band or Art options in Grades 7 and 8
  
- ◆ A Grades 7&8 Leadership Group that organizes activities throughout the year, such as a winter trip to Camp Arnes for two days of outdoor fun, and a

field trip in June to celebrate the end of the school year.

- ◆ Grade 8 to 12 students write two sets of formal examinations in some courses. Students achieving high standards in a course throughout the year may be awarded an exemption from the final exam for that course.
- ◆ Grade 7 to 12 students achieving high standards overall will have their name placed on the honour roll board, and those achieving overall standards of highest excellence will have their name engraved on the Honour Roll Gold plaque at year-end.
- ◆ Grade 7 and 8 students can participate in a number of developmental and competitive interschool sports, including cross-country running, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and track & field.

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## HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The small high school population (163 high school students in eight home rooms) creates a “small high-school” atmosphere, yet our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students ensure that a variety of academic and extra-curricular programs are offered on a regular basis.
- ◆ Smaller class sizes in advanced level courses provide for greater student-teacher contact time – both in and outside of the scheduled class times.
- ◆ Aside from the regular academic programs required for graduation and the usual set of high school academic option courses, St. Maurice offers option courses for credit at the high school level in Art, Music: Band, Music: Choral, ICT/Computers, Drama, Journalism, Psychology, Communications, Career Development, Accounting and Business Education.
- ◆ The St. Maurice School Business Education Program (BEP) for interested high school students will help prepare them for a career in business or as an entrepreneur. Successful BEP students will graduate with a special St. Maurice School Business Education Certificate, in addition to the regular Manitoba and St. Maurice School diplomas.
- ◆ The high school Physical Education programs have included archery, golf, aquacise, bowling, orienteering, first aid and CPR.
- ◆ St. Maurice offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses in English Literature, Computer Science and Calculus. Not only does the successful completion of an AP course grant the student a high school credit, but the student may also be granted credit for a similar course at the university level with the successful completion of the College Board Examination.

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- ◆ The extra-curricular programs at St. Maurice vary from year to year depending on student interest and the availability of staffing and resources. The smaller high school population of St. Maurice permits all students the opportunity to get involved in extra-curriculars, a chance many students may simply not have at a larger school. Recent high school activities have included:
  - The High School Student Council which organizes and prepares activities such as spirit weeks, school dances, Christmas hampers, the Lenten Fast, Gym Riot ...
  - The Debating and Public Speaking Club which has achieved recognition in public speaking and debating competitions at the local, provincial and national level.
  - The Yearbook Club which publishes the Kindergarten to Grade 12 annual yearbook.
  - The Manitoba Public Insurance Driver Education course offered conveniently in the school in the after regular classes.
  - Student Contests in Art, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
  - The Overseas Travel Group which departs for Barcelona, Madrid and Rome over the Spring Break of 2011.
  - The Downhill Ski Club which will travel to ski, tube and snowboard at Asessippi Ski Resort in early March of each year.
  - A number of competitive interschool sports, including cross-country running, golf, volleyball, basketball, badminton, soccer, and track & field.
  - A Cross-Country Ski Club with several sets of ski equipment available use by interested staff and students.
  - The Annual Sports Banquet – a year-end awards and recognition ceremony for student athletes, their parents and coaches.