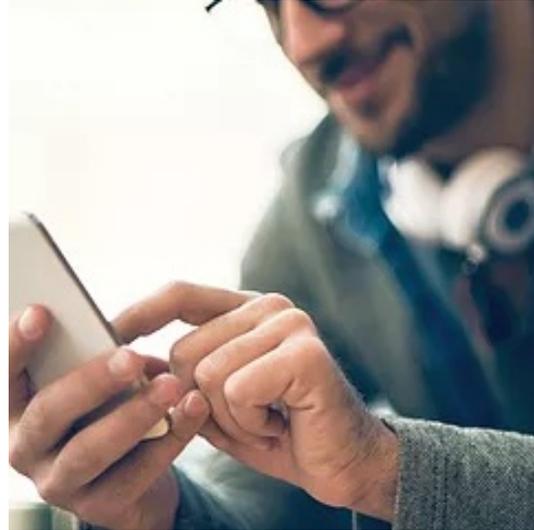




St. Boniface Diocesan High School Linkletter

October 2019

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Principal's Message

Dear SBDHS Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope this Linkletter finds you well! Mother Nature was very good to us over the Summer, but quite the Fall season we are having! I hope many of you were not too affected by the storm that blew in. As we know winter is around the corner so get those parkas and toques out.

As you are aware, we decided to try something fresh and new last year with our 1st Annual Social Fundraiser. It was a great success which raised \$4549.32! **Our 2nd Annual Social Fundraiser is on November 2nd at the same location Regent Park Banquet Hall.** The event is for adults, with the hopes that our parents, alumni, and parishioners can all come together to build community and celebrate our school. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for helping make our event a success. Tickets are available at the school office or online; please go to our school's website or Facebook page for more information.

The Parents' Guild will be working towards a **Spring Community Event** for all students and families to attend and enjoy, so please stay connected by email or our website for more details.

As you know, fundraisers provide resources necessary to continue offering important supplemental educational opportunities for the student body. We, as a school, fundraise to keep the cost of tuition down and many other things. So please remember that fundraising is a huge part of education all around the province. Thank you in advance for your support.

It is hard to believe that it is mid-October already! We were blessed to have Archbishop LeGatt preside for us at our Thanksgiving Mass. His words always resonate with me and help us to

become better Christian people.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Ms. J. Robinson



General Information

Board of Directors

Mr. Richard Lambert, Board Chair
Next meeting: November 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Notes on Safety

A portion of Dubuc (near the gym entrance) is marked as a **Wheelchair Loading Zone**. To ensure easier entry/ exit for students and visitors with limited mobility, please note and respect the listed restrictions.

SBDHS Website: www.sbdhs.net

2019-20 school calendar, Linkletters, photos,
Alumni connections, student accomplishments and more!

School and Office Hours

School Open 7:30 am- 4:00 pm
School Office 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Student pick up: no later than 4:00 pm

Retreats, Assemblies and Masses

These are important, mandatory events for all students. Kindly become familiar with the school calendar and do not make any appointments on these dates.

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER 2019

Nov 1: Photo Re-Take Day
Nov 2: SBDHS Parents' Guild 2nd Annual Fundraiser Social
Nov 4: Admin Day - NO CLASSES
Nov 5: Staff Meeting - EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15 pm & Lacoste Fundraiser begins
Nov 6: Grade 9 Take our Kids to Work Day
Nov 8: Remembrance Day Service - Parents & Alumni welcome!
Nov 11: **Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL**
Nov 12: Report Cards Distributed
Nov 20: Parent/Teacher/ Conferences 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Nov 29: **PD DAY - NO SCHOOL**

DECEMBER 2019

Dec 1: Advent begins
Dec 3: Staff Meeting – EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15 pm

Dec 4: Lacoste Fundraiser pick up
Dec 5: Advent Mass – 2:00 pm (Compressed Schedule C)
Dec 9: Parents' Guild Meeting 6:30 pm All welcome!
Dec 10: Reconciliation
Dec 11: Arts' Showcase 7:00 pm
Dec 11: Drivers' Ed - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Dec 18: Drivers' Ed - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Dec 19: Last Day of Classes!
Dec 20: **PD DAY - NO SCHOOL**
Dec 23– Jan 3: Christmas Break
Jan 6: School Resumes

Campus Ministry

Liturgical Life

We had our Opening Mass on September 18th with Fr. Joshua Gundrum presiding. Our Student Government Executive was commissioned during this service and assisted with handing out the recently blessed crosses to all of our new students and staff. What a nice start to the school year!

We were also blessed to have Archbishop Le Gatt join us for Thanksgiving mass on October 10th. We commissioned our new Campus Ministry Team for the year . . . 34 students in all. Wow!

Retreats for everyone!

Our incoming Grade 9 students were excited to have their first high school retreat on September 13th. There were many get-to-know-you activities planned throughout the day, which included a fun puzzle theme. We zeroed in on how each student is an important piece of the puzzle here at SBDHS. Our Campus Ministry Team co-lead the retreat with Mrs. Thiessen, making sure it was an action-packed day!

The Grade 10, 11 and 12's had their retreat days October 16th-18th. They spent their day exploring what solidarity and justice means to them, both globally and locally. We were happy to have Janelle Delorme from Development and Peace present to us each morning, educating us on the situation in the Amazon, teaching us ways in which we are all interrelated and how we can do our part to help. But the most challenging part of the day might have been trying to put the chopped up pumpkins back together with toothpicks! Well done, everyone!

Mexico Build 2020

This year our school will be traveling to Mexico with a Canadian charity called Live Different for a service experience over Spring Break. We will be spending 10 days in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico, building a home for a local family. We will have many opportunities to experience the rich Mexican culture when we're not hammering, sawing and painting and maybe even learning a little Spanish! We still have room for more students to join us. Please speak to Mrs. Thiessen for more details!



Athletics

Our Volleyball season is well under way and all of our teams have been working extremely hard

and we have witnessed some exciting action. A special thanks goes out to all of our coaches who volunteer their time! The playoffs begin in November and all of our teams are looking like they will qualify.

Congratulations to our JV Girls Volleyball team who finished in second place at the College Beliveau Tournament and are also ranked #8 in the province!

Basketball tryouts will begin in the middle of November. Please remember that to play at the high school level, student-athletes are expected to attend every practice, whether it is before or after school!

Our Physical Education classes have been busy doing some fitness testing, including the 1600m run. We had some excellent results including a school record set by Zoe Nonato, with a terrific time of 6:28!

With all of these activities going on don't forget to have a healthy breakfast every day as it not only provides you with energy, it also stimulates your brain!



Arts' Department

Even though the snow seems to be coming early, it's warming up with activity in the Arts' department at SBDHS. Here are a few of the exciting activities going on!

Music Ministry- Masses

Music Ministry led the school in music worship at the Opening Mass on September 18th, and Thanksgiving Mass on October 10th. We will be celebrating the Advent mass together with the school on December 5th at the Holy Cross Parish. Parents are welcome to attend. We have some new students to the group, and it is great to see their desire to be involved!

Choir Class

This semester we have a combined 9-12 choir of 26 students, and we have been preparing for our Creative Arts Showcase performance on December 11th at 7:00 pm in the Holy Cross gymnasium. They'll also perform at the Remembrance Day service on November 8th.

Music (Guitar) Class

Our grade 10's and 11's have guitar class this semester, and we have working on developing their guitar skills. They are working hard at learning to perform using chords, as well as learning to read music and playing in ensemble! You will be able to see what they have been working on at the Fall Creative Arts Showcase in December!

Arts Showcase

Our first Creative Arts Showcase of the year is coming up on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm in the Holy Cross gymnasium. We look forward to performances from the grade 10 and 11 guitar classes, the grade 9-12 choir, and the drama class. Come out and see what the students are accomplishing at SBDHS!

Admission is \$2 (proceeds go to the arts department), and there will be a bake sale hosted by Campus Ministry. We would love to see you there!

Drama Class

We've begun the year with fairy tale tableaux and tongue twisters as a warm up to stage presence and characterization. The class was quick to move into improvisational theatre, bravely performing in front of the class in some ridiculous and hilarious scenarios. Students are beginning to work on their own monologues and begin to work on their production for the December showcase: *Oddball* by Lindsay Price.

Upcoming Events

In December, students will be caroling in the school and at a senior's residence (or two). Details will come as we set the plans in place. This is open to all students who love to sing Christmas carols!

Next semester will see a new group of students in new classes preparing for the Spring Creative Arts' Showcase, held on May 13th at 7:00 pm.

There will be grade 9 and 11 guitar classes, a grade 11/12 choir, and several visual arts classes who will present their best work to you in the second semester.

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out!



Grad Committee

Hello everyone!

The Grad Committee has been hard at work over the past few weeks to prepare for June 24th, 2020.

We have started our weekly pizza sales, which will contribute greatly toward the cost of graduation. Graduates are split into 6 groups, and they will rotate every week selling pizza.

We will also have two voluntary fundraisers for the graduates to participate in, with one taking place in the late fall and one in the spring. Information on the fall fundraiser will be coming soon.

There are a few important dates coming up in regards to graduation. Graduation photos will be taken on January 17th, 2020 and will be by appointment only; information on how and where to book your appointment will be available at a later date.

The main event itself will take place over a two-day period. The grad luncheon for staff and students, will be at 11:00 am on Tuesday June 22nd, in the St. Boniface Cathedral hall. Later in the day, at 1:30 pm, the convocation rehearsal will take place. On the 24th, graduates must arrive at the cathedral at 9:00 am, and the convocation will start at 10:00 am.

Later in the afternoon, graduates will have the option to go down to the Legislature for small group photos; a full group photo will be taken at the grad dinner and dance. The dinner will take place at the Viscount Gordon Hotel. Doors will open at 6:00 pm, and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. This event will go on until 11:30 pm.

Plans for an after-grad event hosted by parents will be arranged at a later date.
Until next time,
Grad Committee

Student Government

Hello students, family, and friends of SBDHS,

Welcome back! As the 2019-2020 school year kicks off, our Student Government has begun preparing and planning fun activities for our school community.

So far, we have had a very successful Terry Fox Walk, during which students were able to learn about the inspiring life and legacy of Terry Fox, a great Canadian Hero, during our assembly. As a school, we walked through the St. Boniface neighborhood to the Forks. Along the way, we had lots of fun competing for TA points. Students got to play tug-a-war, Frisbee, and practice teamwork in their TA groups. Our school raised \$850 and showed solidarity in the fight against cancer!

We also had a great time during our Welcome Home day. Our TAs were dancing and lip-syncing as some iconic girl and boy bands, such as the Backstreet Boys, One direction, Destiny's Child and the Spice Girls.

A great job was done by all the students and TA teachers for practicing some amazing, prop-filled dances and skits that made our whole school laugh and sing-along! Students showed amazing enthusiasm during competitions, like dance-offs, a hula hoop contest, a clothing relay race and a "Guess the Teacher" quiz.

It was great to see students and staff dressed up, cheering each other on and showing school spirit!

It has been a great start to the school year thanks to all the participation and enthusiasm. Our student Government is hard at work to continue planning some fun events and dress up days for our school to enjoy!

Sincerely,
Katelyn M
Prime Minister, SBDHS Student Government

Executives

PRIME MINISTER - Katelyn M
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER - Reema A
MINISTER OF FINANCE - Jorge M
MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES - Angel S

Premiers

TA 7 - Alexis L
TA 8 - Myles B
TA 23 - Kristinah Pa
TA 24 - Brian N
TA 26 - Minh N
TA 34 - Israel A
TA 35 - Rosanna G
TA 36 - Jude G

Parents' Guild

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18+ EVENT

**SBDHS PARENTS' GUILD
PRESENTS:**

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NOVEMBER 2, 2019

8PM- 1AM

**REGENT PARK BANQUET HALL
116-701 REGENT AVE WEST**

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT LIBRARY@SBDHS.NET,
VISIT THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY AT 282 DUBUC STREET
OR GO TO [EVENTBRITE.CA](https://www.eventbrite.ca)**

SILENT AUCTION | 50/50 | LATE NIGHT SNACK | CASH BAR | 18+ EVENT

As the Fall season has brought us back to our regular schedules, The SBDHS Parents' Guild is also back to regular monthly meetings and we are very excited for what this new school year has in store!

As parents of students attending SBDHS, we are all parent guild members. We meet once a month to execute & plan events throughout the year. We would love your ideas and talents to help us do this.

We hope you are able to join us for our next parents' guild meeting taking place on Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm in the school library.

We started off the school year with the Meet the Teacher evening; the Parents' Guild had provided the food portion of the event.

Our next community building event will take place on Saturday, November 2 at the Regent Park Social Hall for the SBDHS Parents' Guild 2nd Annual Fundraising Social Event. Join us for an evening of food, fun, silent auction, 50/50, fellowship and a place to kick up your heels on the dance floor. This evening's proceeds will benefit the ELA department with MP3 players, the Sports department with equipment & our Arts department with a soundboard.

Tickets for our event are available on **EventBrite** or through the school office. Please keep in mind if you would like to support our event, but are unable to attend, support tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite and at the school office as well.

Your silent auction prizes can be brought to the school library! Thank you, your generosity is appreciated!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send them to parentsguild@sbdhs.net.

NOVEMBER 2019

18 SCHOOL DAYS, 1 PD DAY, 1 ADMIN DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>D1</i> <i>All Saints' Day</i> Photo Re-Takes—AM	2 <i>All Souls' Day</i> Parents' Guild Social
3	4 <i>D2</i> ADMIN DAY Marks Due	5 <i>D3</i> <i>Compressed B</i> 2:15 pm Dismissal	6 <i>D4</i>	7 <i>D5</i>	8 <i>D6</i> Remembrance Day Service	9
10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY- NO SCHOOL	12 <i>D1</i> Report Cards Distributed	13 <i>D2</i>	14 <i>D3</i>	15 <i>D4</i>	16
17	18 <i>D5</i> <i>Parents' Guild @ 6:30</i>	19 <i>D6</i>	20 <i>D1</i> Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 pm– 8:30 pm	21 <i>D2</i>	22 <i>D3</i>	23
24	25 <i>D4</i>	26 <i>D5</i>	27 <i>D6</i>	28 <i>D1</i>	29 <i>D2</i> MANITOBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' PD DAY- NO SCHOOL	30

DECEMBER 2019

14 SCHOOL DAYS, 1 PD DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent Begins	2 <i>D3</i>	3 <i>D4</i> Compressed B 2:15 pm dismissal	4 <i>D5</i>	5 <i>D6</i> ADVENT MASS 2:00 pm Compressed C	6 <i>D1</i>	7
8	9 <i>D2</i> Parents' Guild @ 6:30	10 <i>D3</i> Reconciliation	11 <i>D4</i> Arts Showcase 7:00 pm Driver's Ed 5-7 pm	12 <i>D5</i>	13 <i>D6</i>	14
15	16 <i>D1</i>	17 <i>D2</i>	18 <i>D3</i> Driver's Ed 5-7 pm	19 <i>D4</i> Last day of classes Locker clean up	20 <i>D5</i> PD DAY	21
22	23 <i>D2</i>	24 <i>D3</i>	25 <i>D4</i>	26 <i>D5</i>	27 <i>D6</i>	28
CHRISTMAS BREAK						
29	30	31				
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JANUARY 2020

20 SCHOOL DAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
	CHRISTMAS BREAK					
5	6 <i>D6</i> School Resumes	7 <i>D1</i> Compressed B 2:15 pm dismissal	8 <i>D2</i> Driver's Ed 5-7 pm	9 <i>D3</i>	10 <i>D4</i> Compressed B Varsity Girls Game-2 pm	11
		ELA 40S PROVINCIAL EXAMS			VG HOME TOURNAMENT	
12	13 <i>D5</i> Parents' Guild @ 6:30	14 <i>D6</i>	15 <i>D1</i> Driver's Ed 5-7 pm	16 <i>D2</i>	17 <i>D3</i> Grad Photos	18
19	20 <i>D4</i>	21 <i>D5</i> AMA 40S STANDARDS	22 <i>D6</i> ESM 40S STANDARDS Driver's Ed 5-7 pm	23 <i>D1</i> PMA 40S STANDARDS	24 <i>D2</i>	25
				PRINCIPALS' RETREAT		
26	27 EXAMS	28 EXAMS	29 EXAMS Driver's Ed 5-7 pm	30 EXAMS	31 EXAMS	
	COURSE CHANGES				JVG BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT @ ELMWOOD	

FEBRUARY 2020

17 SCHOOL DAYS, 1 PD DAY, 1 ADMIN DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					JVG BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT @ ELMWOOD	
2	3 ^{D2} SEMESTER 2 BEGINS ADMIN DAY	4 ^{D3} Compressed B 2:15 pm dismissal	5 ^{D4} Driver's Ed 5-7 pm	6 ^{D5} OPEN HOUSE 7:30 PM	7 ^{D6} Compressed B Varsity Boys Game-- 2 pm	8
					VB HOME TOURNAMENT	
9 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK	10 ^{D1} Parents' Guild @ 6:30	11 ^{D2}	12 ^{D3}	13 ^{D4} Report Cards Distributed	14 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY PD NO CLASSES	
16	17 LOUIS RIEL DAY NO SCHOOL	18 ^{D6}	19 ^{D1}	20 ^{D2}	21 ^{D3}	22
23	24 ^{D4} SKI TRIP	25 ^{D5}	26 ^{D6} ASH WEDNESDAY Compressed Schedule Mass @ 1:15 pm Driver's Ed 5-7 pm	27 ^{D1}	28 ^{D2} Grad Photo Re-Takes (AM)	29

Thank you!

Have a safe and happy Halloween and enjoy the fall/winter. We'll be in touch again in the new year.

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