Principal’s Message

Winter Greetings,

As Term 1 of the school year comes to a close, I can’t help but reflect on some of the outstanding educational and co-curricular highlights our students have experienced. Our annual fall School Council BBQ, Thanksgiving Mass, Spook-a-thon, ESQ Science Night, Advent celebrations, Advent Mass, Marillac Place Christmas Support, and our annual Primary Christmas Concert, are just some of the really positive experiences in which our students have had the opportunity to participate. Of course none of this would be possible without the support of our dedicated parent community, our caring staff, our hard working school council and the St. Michael Parish staff. Thank you very much to you all.

We welcome our new staff member: Mr. John Michael Pocsai FSL teacher for grade 4/5, replacing Miss Danielle McClorey, February 3rd. Thank you for your dedication to SEB, Miss McClorey.

Please take some time to read the following pages and stay informed of the happenings at SEB. Term 1 Report Cards will be distributed on February 16th.

Ms. K. Peace

Kindergarten Registration for 2017-2018

If you have a child who was born in 2013 and is ready for JK or a child who was born in 2012 and has not attended JK, please contact the school to pick up a registration form 519-884-8480 or register on line at register.wcdsb.ca

Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate

If your child is not baptized and both parents are non-Catholic please contact the school prior to registration day to set up an interview with the principal.
From the Learning Commons...

Author Hélène Boudreau coming to SEB in April

We’re happy to announce that Metis and Acadian author Hélène Boudreau will be visiting SEB on the morning of April 5 and will be presenting to our ELKP and primary classes in our Learning Commons. Boudreau is the author of the *Real Mermaids* series and she’s also written the acclaimed picture book *I Dare You Not to Yawn* as well as several non-fiction books. Parents are also invited to the presentations at approximately 9:00 or 10:00 a.m.

Feel free to visit her website at https://www.heleneboudreau.com/ for more information.

Celebrating Black History

This month, our library is again proud to celebrate Black History Month. All month, we will be displaying and promoting many titles from our collection highlighting the achievements of people of African heritage in many fields. We encourage our students to explore and borrow these titles. Here’s a look at some of the titles we will be featuring:

**Easy Read Books:** Moses, We All Went on Safari, The Name of the Tree, One Love, The Matutu, Dear Baobab, My Name is Blessing, Yesterday I had The Blues

**Fiction Books:** The Watsons go to Birmingham, Last Days of Africaville, The Madman of Piney Woods, Mella and the Nanga


Follow us on Twitter!

Sir Edgar Bauer School Library is on Twitter - follow our feed at https://twitter.com/@sebrlibrary for our latest news and updates.

Free E-books and Audiobooks

Our E-book and audiobook collection on Overdrive continues to grow and we will be adding many more titles throughout the year. There are also several titles celebrating Black History Month. Students can access them at the Overdrive link on EZFind at http://vlcguides.wcdsb.ca/home/EZFind

Students can login using their computer login code/library card number (eg. 12345BER) and their birthdate (MMDDYYYY) as their password. If students don’t know their login, they can ask Mr. Fox.
WINTER WEATHER UPDATE

SEVERE WEATHER
Bus Cancellation and School Closures

How do we make school closure and bus cancellation decisions?

- Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR) bus operators start monitoring road and weather conditions early in the morning.
- A recommendation to make any bus cancellations or school closures is discussed with the Directors of Education at local school boards.
- Transportation cancellations do not automatically mean schools are closed.

What time do we make decisions?

- We try to make decisions by 6:00 a.m.

How do frigid temperatures affect closures?

- Frigid temperatures are temperatures at -35°C with wind chill or colder.
- We monitor Environment Canada’s wind chill index by 5:30 a.m.
- If temperatures are forecasted to be -35°C or colder with the wind chill at 7:00 a.m., buses will not operate.
- Schools may be open to students who can safely arrive at school under supervision or direction of their parents.

Important reminder

- Frost bite can happen within minutes of skin being exposed during frigid temperatures. Please dress appropriately.
- Crossing Guards may not be available as a result of frigid temperatures.

Where do I find cancellation information?

- We communicate this information by:
  1. Our website
     www.wcdsb.ca
  2. STSWR website
     www.stswr.ca
  3. Our twitter account
     @WCDSBNewsline
  4. Local media

Parents have the option of keeping their children at home, or picking them up before the regular dismissal time when concerned about weather conditions.
On February 28th, to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, kids are asked to leave their breakfast at home.

School Council would like to treat the students, faculty and staff of Sir Edgar Bauer School to a pancake breakfast on Shrove Tuesday. Pancakes, syrup and juice will be served after morning announcements and kids will eat breakfast together in their classrooms.

Due to the large number of students participating in the pancake breakfast we are not able to accommodate food allergies, such as eggs, gluten and/or lactose intolerance. If your child has a food allergy or any other dietary restriction and you would like them to not participate in pancake Tuesday, please send a breakfast snack with them to school. This will allow all kids to join in the celebration.

Parent volunteers and supplies are welcome! If you can volunteer please contact the office at 519-884-8480.
SEB Movie Night & Pajama Party!
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Sir Edgar Bauer School Council is proud to sponsor a family movie night and pajama party on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. We’ll be showing two movies again this year, and we’d like you to help decide which movies we should show!

Please take 30 seconds to visit the following link and choose your favourite movie for younger/older grades:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7X5WMLV

Youth Grades
- Storks
- Trolls
- The Lego Movie
- Ice Age: Collision Course

Older Grades
- Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life
- Ghostbusters (2017 version)
- A Monster Calls
- Cheaper by the Dozen

Winning movies will be announced in next month’s newsletter.
For now, just mark your calendars!
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We have a designated handicapped spot in front of the school for individuals who require close access, to be dropped off and picked up. Please be considerate and do not park in this spot at any time, unless you have the appropriate permit. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Healthy Active Schools

Hand washing, when done correctly, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infection during the winter season.

Set a good example and encourage your children to wash their hands regularly.

COLD & ILLNESS

Thank you for keeping your children home when they are sick. It is very easy to pass on colds and flu in a school environment. Children who do not feel well, do not learn well. If students are well enough to be at school, then the expectation is that they go outside for recess. Unfortunately, we do not have staff on duty inside during recess times to supervise students who are not well.

Safety First!

Parents, when dropping off your children, please help us put their safety first by ensuring that your child:

1) Gets out of the car from the passenger side of the car, directly onto the sidewalk, as opposed to from the driver’s side, into traffic in the driveway in front of the school

2) Crosses the driveway in front of the school at designated crosswalk section rather than over snow banks around the parking lot into traffic on the driveway in front of the school. Please make sure they stay off of the snowbanks.

The safety of every child is important to us!
Mission Day is Coming!

Friday February 10th

Some favourite activities are returning:
BINGO, PLINKO, Snack Station, Face Painting
With some new ones this year:
Pong, Friendship Bracelets and more

Tickets are available on
SchoolCashOnline now!

Cash preorders: Mon through Thurs
next week (Feb 6-9th)

10 tickets/$5, 25 tickets/$10, 60 tickets/$20

Get your tickets early so you can play all afternoon!
All Proceeds to the St Michael Church Africa Project

Winter Walk to School Day
It’s Safe. It’s Fun.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017  #WalkToSchool
Water is the natural choice for kids to stay hydrated and healthy. Our community is looking for ways to help children and families choose water and healthy beverages more often.

Water contains no sugar, calories, caffeine, or added ingredients like preservatives. It’s the natural, healthy, and cost-free beverage choice.

Drinks that contain added sugar are not a healthy choice – especially when these drinks start to replace the nutritious drinks and foods that growing children need. These types of drinks add extra sugar and calories to kids’ diets.

Sugar-sweetened drinks are the single largest source of sugar in kids' diets and have been shown to contribute to obesity. Too much sugar also increases the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and tooth decay (cavities).

What about juice and other beverages?

Children don’t need juice, offer whole fruit instead. While 100% fruit juice contains some nutrients, it also has a lot of naturally-occurring sugar and calories. A piece of fruit or vegetable is a healthier choice as it contains important nutrients and fibre, and will leave kids feeling more satisfied. 100% fruit juice (no sugar added) should be an occasional treat.

After two years of age, children can include unflavoured skim, 1% or 2% milk as part of their daily fluid intake and as a source of calcium and vitamin D. If a child cannot drink milk, fortified, unsweetened soy beverage is a good option.

Take the pledge to promote water for your family at www.waterdoeswonders.ca! Schools, workplaces and community groups can take the pledge for organizations, and help to share the Water Does Wonders! message across our community and through social media networks.

Waterloo Region is one of 45 communities across Ontario taking part in the Healthy Kids Community Challenge (HKCC). The HKCC unites communities with a common goal of promoting children’s health through physical activity and healthy eating. The current theme is Water Does Wonders! The HKCC will be encouraging children and families to choose water to satisfy their thirst instead of sugar-sweetened beverages; in schools, through local media, at community events, and across the region.

For more information on healthy beverages and the Healthy Kids Community Challenge...
Paint a Bright Future with Us!
The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer a fee based Extended Day Program for children from JK to grade 6.

We:
Provide before and after-school learning for children in JK to grade 6 with a Full/Part-time recurring weekly schedule.
Are available from as early as 7:00 a.m. to as late as 6:00 p.m.
Incorporate the same play-based, inquiry and exploration approach taken in the regular school day.
Offer parents a convenient school location and a safe and healthy environment for young children with no wait lists.
Are run by the same knowledgeable Registered Early Childhood Educators from the school day.
Allow for consistency and security for parents and children.
Are available for an affordable fee offering a variety of payment methods including most major credit cards.
Are eligible for Region of Waterloo child care subsidy.

To register visit www.wcdsb.ca
For more information please call 519-578-3660

Tell Us What You Think!
You are invited to participate in a survey about WCDSB Extended Day programs.

To share your opinions and complete the survey, go to: https://survey.wcdsb.ca/extended-day.aspx

Every year The Waterloo Catholic District School Board conducts these surveys to help us have a better understanding of the needs within our school communities. You are invited to complete a web-based survey that asks about your opinions & needs with Extended Day Programs.

Your participation in the study is voluntary. You do not have to participate if you do not want to. You can choose to leave any question blank. Your information will be kept private. The program staff, principals or other school board staff will not know what you have said on your survey.

If you have any questions about the survey and would like to speak to someone please contact 519-578-3660.

To all visitors, volunteers and guests, this is a friendly reminder that all of our schools are scent free. We kindly ask that you please refrain from wearing scented products while in our schools.

Thank you for keeping students and staff safe.
Did You Know?

EQAO provides a wide variety of parent resources at eqao.com
Sometimes parents ask us how they can help their child with mathematics. Tabletalkmath.com sends a weekly newsletter to its subscribers and shares ideas how families can incorporate mathematics into their conversations. For more information visit tabletalkmath.com

Remembrance Day Poster Contest

On behalf of SEB we would like to congratulate 3 of our students for their outstanding art work.
Selina Y. 1st - Primary Black and White
Cathy Y. 1st - Junior Colour Poster
Leslie Y. 4th - Primary Colour Poster

Way to Go!

Information Updates

If you have recently moved or have changed home phone numbers or work phone numbers, it is important that you let the office know of these changes for emergency purposes.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Call 519-884-8480

Milk Bags, Milk Bags, Milk Bags!

Send us your CLEAN and DRY colourful outer milk bags.
ECO Team will weave them into blankets for refugee camps.
They are used for sun and rain protection, warmth, and ground cover.
They are easily washed and last for many years.

Thanks for Upcycling your waste to be useful and comforting for those who need it.
Congratulations go out to Kiona B. and Claire H. who have been chosen by the girls’ STARS volleyball team for 2017 to lead them as their captains; and to Julia B. who is the assistant captain.

Team members include: Grade 8’s – Kiona B., Claire H., Megan H. and Leanne K.; Grade 7’s - Autumn B., Julia B., Kate F., Michelle K., Jessica K., Julia P., Sarah R., and Hailey T.; Grade 6’s – Carlene J., Kara L., Basis S., Lisa T., Aliya U., Amy C., and Emylie Z.; Grade 5’s – Lilly B., Megan B., and Addy C.

Please wish our STARS luck as they play against other St. David family schools this season and dazzle them with their team work, volleys, spikes, sets and serves.

The boys intermediate basketball season is in full swing, the boys are currently 2 wins 1 loss & playing with lots of determination. Good luck for the rest of the season Boys!

This year’s team is: Logan, Will, Evan, Makhaya, Ford, Riley, Mark, Neil, Thomas, Chris, Gurdeep, Ethan, Nicholas, Nicola, Jake, Andrew.

Congratulations to the following SEB Stars representing SEB at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition:

Kiona, Nick, Mark, Ethan, Nikola, Basia, Lisa, Noah, Logan, Elliott, and Neil

9-13 year olds, start practicing your foul shot for next year!
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