Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had an excellent start to the school year, here at SEB. The support our school community gives our students is truly outstanding. October was a busy month where we: celebrated our Thanksgiving Mass with Father Dave, held our annual School Council fundraiser-the Spook-a-thon dance-a-thon in combination with the pepperette fundraiser, had our pictures taken, held a pumpkin carving contest in conjunction with a very successful Thanksgiving food drive, began our boys volleyball and girls basketball seasons, participated in flag football and ultimate frisbee tournaments, and saw some of our “behind the scenes” committees, such as the Student Council, and Safe Schools begin organizing events for the year.

We welcome new staff to SEB: Ms. Kyra Scanga, replacing Mrs. Berg, Mme Carmel Evans Martin, FSL teacher for Mrs. Moser’s class, and Mrs. Paula Ferguson, planning time teacher for Mrs. Mann’s class.

Please read the important information in this month’s newsletter to keep up-to-date with what’s happening at “The Home of the Stars”, or follow us on Twitter @SEBSTARS1.

Sincerely,

Ms. K. Peace
Principal

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Remembrance Day

On Friday November 11, 2016 our students and staff will gather in the gym at 10:30 a.m. to remember those who have fought in the wars of the last century as well as those who are currently engaged in military service overseas. At the same time, the assembly will focus on ways we, as individuals and as a school community, can spread the Gospel message of peace, love, and forgiveness. Parents and family members are welcome to join us.
From the Library...

Blue Spruce Reading Program Update
We have ordered our 2017 OLA Blue Spruce Reading Program books and will be reading them with our Primary students beginning next month. It looks like a great batch of books and I'm excited to get started with them! After we've read all ten books we will be holding special voting ceremony in the Spring, ahead of the provincial voting, which counts all of the votes from the hundreds of other libraries in Ontario reading the same set of books. After the voting, we will adding the books into our collection and they may be borrowed by students. You can visit https://goo.gl/Fvyhh2 to take a sneak look at this year's nominated books.

Free Primary Stories Online
If you're looking for some free primary stories to read with your children online, you can try https://wedolisten.org/. This site has many Howard Wigglebottom stories, as well as fun activities including matching games and colouring pages. The Howard Wigglebottom stories are great ways to build children's self-esteem and teach valuable lessons in an entertaining and fun way. We also have several of his books available in our library.

Wacky Web Tales
If you're looking for a good story-writing website for students in Grade 3 and up, try Wacky Web Tales (http://www.eduplace.com/tales/). Similar to the paper-based "Mad Libs", this site will prompt students to enter nouns, adjectives, adverbs, names, etc. These words are then automatically converted into a story, often with hilarious results. The stories can be also be printed and shared. Just don't tell them that they're actually practicing their grammar and their writing!

School Library Catalogue
A reminder that our Library catalogue is available at: http://library.wcdsb.ca:8080/kids?config=144#/categories Older students and adults may wish to use the more advanced website at: http://library.wcdsb.ca:8080/?config=144#section=home We are continuing to add many new books to our collection; take a look!

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. Students can access them at https://waterlooca.libraryreserve.com. 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.

E-books and audiobooks can be read on your computer/laptop or downloaded to your tablet/phone/e-readers including Kobo.

Book Suggestions
Students or parents with suggestions on books to purchase for our library can easily complete the form at: http://goo.gl/forms/RQiFMJ7u2L These suggestions will then be automatically sent to me and I will consider them for purchase next that time I place an order. Please note that not all suggested book can be purchased, but I'll do what I can within the limits of budgets and purchasing guidelines.

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 which I will continue to post throughout the year.
SPOOK-A-THON Fundraiser and Pepperette Sales

On October 28th SEB held our annual Spook-a-thon. It was a successful dance held in the gym where there were some fabulous costumes. It was a huge success again. We raised over $4,600.00. WAY TO GO SEB! Preordered pepperettes can be picked up on November 8th from 3:10-6 pm.

Did you know?

Students in grades 3 and 6 participate in May and June in the EQAO Primary and Junior Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Spring 2017. These province-wide tests are developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts and resemble the work children do in class every day. We encourage you to visit EQAO’s website for parent resources and student question examples www.eqao.com

School Cash Online Pay for Student Items Online

Benefits:
✓ Convenient: Make payments Anytime… Online!
✓ Easy to Use: Fill a shopping cart and check out
✓ Safe: No more need to send Cash to school
✓ Secure: Our website is protected and PCI compliant
✓ Save Time: It takes Less than 5 minutes to register
Parent, teacher, student conferences for students in grades 1-8, will be held on Thursday November 10, 2016 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Your scheduled interview time will be sent home prior to your child’s report card being distributed.

PLEASE NOTE: PROGRESS REPORT CARDS WILL COME HOME ON NOVEMBER 10th

NOTE TO ALL PARENTS

“Please be aware of all parking rules for the safety of our students. There is absolutely no idling, parking or stopping in the fire routes, or bus drop off loading zone. Unfortunately if there is no parking space available, you will need to move your vehicle to a side street.” We have also had complaints from our bus drivers that they are not able to turn into our driveway due to the cars that are parked along the sidewalk waiting to pick up students. PLEASE do NOT park here when you should be using the parking lot!
VISITOR PARKING

As you may have noticed in our parking lot we have 5 parking spots reserved for “Visitor Parking”. These spots are reserved for volunteers, community resource personnel and staff when needed.

School Improvement Plan-Focus on Spatial Reasoning

Spatial thinking, or reasoning, involves the location and movement of objects and ourselves, either mentally or physically, in space. It is not a single ability or process but actually refers to a considerable number of concepts, tools and processes (National Research Council, 2006).

According to the National Research Council (2006), spatial thinking involves three components: “concepts of space, tools of representation, and processes of reasoning” (p. 3). It involves understanding relationships within and between spatial structures and, through a wide variety of possible representations (from drawings to computer models), involves the means to communicate about them. When a child rotates a rectangular prism to fit into the castle she is building at the block centre, she is employing spatial reasoning, as is the student who uses a diagram of a rectangle to prove that the formula for finding the area of a triangle is 1⁄2b X h. Spatial reasoning vitally informs our ability to investigate and solve problems, especially non-routine or novel problems, in mathematics. (Paying Attention to Spatial Reasoning)

We are looking for donations of Halloween decorations that we might use to decorate our gym for future Spook-a-thons. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office.
Boys Volleyball STARS

Congratulations to Seavers G. and Ethan O. - captains of the STARS volleyball team for the 2016 season.

Good luck to all of the STARS representing Sir Edgar Bauer this year – Angelo B., Tyler F., Sam P. (Gr. 7); Logan B., Nolan B., Daniel K., Maui M., Nikola S. (Gr. 6); Steven B., Spencer G., Lucas G., and Matteo I (Gr. 5).

 Already this season, our stars have dazzled their opponents and spectators with their team work and some spectacular rallies. Wish them luck as they finish out the season.

Girls Basketball News!!!

GIRL’S BASKETBALL 2016
The girls basketball team has had a tough go this season so far. Dropping their first 3 games to some very tough opponents. They are steadily improving each game and are trying their best. They are a very unselfish team as they pass the ball around very well.

Go Stars!
Who? Taylor Dietrich, your Community Resource Worker

What? Coffee Connection

Where? Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School

When? Tuesday November 1, 8:30am - 9:30am

Why? Come connect with your Community Resource worker over coffee and snacks!

This month the topic is Anxiety

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**Paul Davis Social Media Parent Presentation**

St. Matthew School Council is proud to present an evening with Paul Davis on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at 7:00pm in the school gym for all parents/caregivers.

Social Networking Safety speaker Paul Davis has over 25 years of IT experience to share. He will speak with our grade 4-8 students during the day on Wednesday, November 23rd and then present an evening session for all parents/caregivers.

Paul provides a common sense approach to dealing with the technology and Social Networks that our young students have/will become exposed to (e.g. snapchat, twitter etc). He will review the Legal Matters involved as well as demonstrating how easily your account can be compromised. Cyber-bullying has become a serious concern in our children’s world. We seem to be hearing more and more in the media about children attacking children via social media, leading to low self-esteem, depression and sometimes suicide. He understands what they do, and how they do it – online.

I hope that you will all be able to join us on Wednesday November 23rd, at 7pm for this enlightening presentation, and that it may spark conversations within your own family.

Sincerely,

Adriana Fontaine and Dana Ograda Bratu

Co-Chairs, St. Matthew School Council
November 2016

Did we have an October this year? Hard to believe we’re already into November! Looking at all of the great things that happened in October it’s easy to see that we’ve been busy at SEB!

A highlight in October is always the Spook-a-thon dance. This year’s dance was another success and as a school we were able to raise $4897 which will go towards funding other things throughout the year like transportation for retreats, Pancake Tuesday, Movie Night and Bingo Night. Thanks to Teresa Iacuzzi and all the parents who gave their time to decorate and help out at the event.

This year we decided to try out Pepperette sales as our other October fundraiser. The orders are expected to be in on November 7th and sales are being totalled – an update will appear in the December newsletter.

Council was again awarded the PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant to run an event that is both for the children and parents in the SEB community. This year the Council decided to bring back the Engineering Science Quest (ESQ) group to run a fun-filled event. Mark your calendars for Thursday November 17th – 6pm – 8pm and join us for the Engineering Science Quest Family Night.

Playground Replacement Update
As many of you know the SEB playground is nearing its life expectancy. The current structure is 21 years old and typically playgrounds last around 20 years. With changing safety standards we are concerned that we don’t have much time left before it will be closed. Playground replacement is not part of the School Board’s budget and therefore the responsibility to replace the equipment falls to the parents and school community. So far we have raised $10,000 towards our $45,000 goal. We are in the process of planning a major fundraising event in June of 2017 called the SEB Play-a-thon. Students in each of our 15 classrooms will have the opportunity to fundraise for the event and we are looking for local businesses to sponsor individual classrooms in matching donations. Be on the look-out for more details in the months to come! If you’re interested in helping out with the Playground Committee please contact Julie Kalbfleisch – jkalbfleisch@gmail.com.

School Council Meeting Dates:
Come on out and meet fellow parents at an upcoming School Council meeting. All are welcome!

Upcoming Meetings:
  Thursday November 24th – 6:30pm
  Thursday January 12th – 6:30pm
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Research has shown that when children are used to drinking water at a young age, they are more likely to drink water later in life.

From 0-4 years, kids’ early eating preferences are setting the foundation for their eating habits.

**Beverages account for almost**

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of kids’ sugar intake every day.

Sugar-sweetened beverages are the largest source of sugar in kids’ diets.

*Water contains:*
- 0 Sugar, 0 Calories
- 0 Additives, 0 Caffeine

As kids get older, they drink more sugar-sweetened beverages.

Sugar intake equals:
- Higher risk of Heart Disease
- Link to Type 2 Diabetes

One study found that each additional sugar-sweetened beverage per day increases the risk of a child becoming obese by 60%.

Contact your Healthy Kids Community Challenge project manager for more information: