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ROBYN'S VIEW



Our regular lives and routines are winding down as we head into summer. Going to the lake, golfing, friend & family get togethers and picnics will soon encompass our daily schedules. We are blessed to have had a school year filled with heartwarming gestures from our community members. We have felt a deep kinship and sense of belonging which embodies the true meaning of Christianity.

For many years the Catholic community, along with St. Charles Catholic School, has benefitted from the presence of the Knights of Columbus. St. Charles has been fortunate to have the generous support from several chapters of the Knights of Columbus for one of the school's largest fundraisers- The Bob Morrison Memorial Golf Tournament. It has a tremendous emotional meaning for our school community. The tournament organizers have always been able to count on the Knights of Columbus for financial support and on golfers from the St. James, Charleswood, Fr. Allan Hall and St. Ignatius Chapters. This spring, the plant sale organizers found themselves in a bit of a volunteer bind. With some luck, Norbert Thibert, who is a St. Charles Board member and also the Financial Secretary for the Father Allan Hall Chapter, put out a call to his fellow knights. They responded with their kindness and helpfulness on a stressful day! Oh how we are blessed to have a group of people so willing to help us when in need.

Thank you to the St. James, Charleswood, Fr. Allan Hall and St. Ignatius Chapters for your tremendous support, knowledge and presence you give to the Catholic community. Every time there's a contribution on your behalf at the school it reminds us that St. Charles is a small piece in a much larger puzzle. God Bless you and the great work you do. God Bless,



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

3-2-1 Chargers
Robyn Powell (deBeer)
'82-'90, Alumni Rep,

SCCS Alumni at the Robert Morrison Annual Golf Tournament held at Breezy Bend.



Left to Right:

Andrew Calista ('74-'84),
Robyn Powell (de Beer) ('82-'90), Louise Mallot (Keough) ('51-'56), Harry de Beer ('61-'67), John Dusessoy ('68-'76), William Dusessoy ('99-'08), Andrew Dusessoy ('97-'06), Christine Morrison ('04-'07), Bill Hall ('81-'83)



Principal's Update

- Dr. A. P. Penny



**.... 2011-
2012 was an
incredible
year.**



It is hard to believe that the year is already over! As we look back, 2011-2012 was an incredible year.

Several of our students achieved recognition for academics. Congratulations to Alia Zagrodnik and Adriana Anastacio who represented our school at the Manitoba Science Symposium where they received a Bronze Medal and to Josh Bond who represented St. Charles at the Canwest Spelling Bee this past April.

The school athletics program continues to thrive. Under the guidance of excellent coaches, Mr. Shawa, Mrs. Yeager, Ms. Kirkpatrick, Ms. Decontie and Mr. Van-Hee, the Boys and Girls Basketball teams made it to playoffs this year to lose only in the finals. We had a large number of students participate in the Badminton season, most of whom made it to the playoffs. Kudos to both the students and their coach, Mrs. Senderewich, and especially to Mr. Shawa and Ms. Kirkpatrick who organized the entire tournament for the Archdiocese!

Based on the positive feedback from the pilot program, the Board approved the Learn-to-Skate Program for a second year. This past year, all of the Grade K-2 students were bussed to and from the MTS Iceplex where they were given skating lessons by Ms. Kirkpatrick and Larry Bumstead. As the students used the same ice on which the Winnipeg Jets practice, the students were sometimes even able to see the Jets practice at the Iceplex!

Continuing the school tradition, Ms. Smith led a student tour to Italy. The group spent seven days in Italy and toured Ancient Rome, the Vatican and Pompeii. Thanks to Archbishop Weisgerber, the students were able to participate in the Papal Mass for Palm Sunday. Other student travel was locally based, with students in Grades 5 & 6 going to Camp Arnes, and students in Grades 7 & 8 students going to Camp Assiniboia.

The Middle Years students participated in several electives, including music, drama, sports leadership, current affairs, and art. Since the kitchen renovations were completed this past summer, cooking class electives were also offered to the Grades 6-8 students. Under the direction of Ms. Smith, the students learned to make pasta, muffins, pizza from scratch, etc.

This year included the creation of the school's new performing group, The Violin Ambassadors. This group of violinists in Grades 5 and 6 performed at local events, such as the OLPH Tea, parish Masses, and at Archdiocesan functions.

Other major school performances included a two-night run of Willy Wonka Jr. , our first full-scale musical. The production was a huge success and plans are already underway for the next school musical "Suessical the Musical". Please join us next April for this performance!

We bid farewell to Diego Pineira, our school maintenance contractor. Diego has been with us for the past 5 years, and will be remembered for making some significant changes to our building including tiled floors, renovated Kinder bathrooms, two PE change rooms, and a refurbishing of the upper BASC area. Good luck, Diego, on your new ventures!

People choose to come to St. Charles because of a recommendation by some-

Principal's Update ... continued

one who has attended the school. Please spread the word! The SCCS Kinder Fair is scheduled for November 28th, and our Open Houses are set for January 29th and February 27th. For updated information about these and all other school events, please check our website at www.stccs.ca.

Hope you have a great summer. Estote Fidelis! - A. Penny

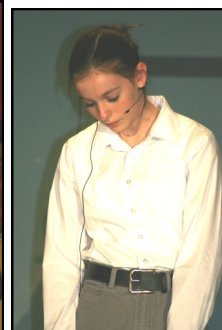
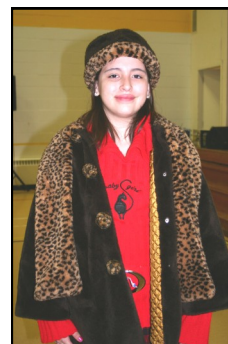


VIOLIN AMBASSADORS

Rome/Pompeii Travellers

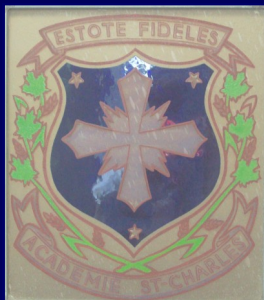


WILLY WONKA PERFORMERS



COMMEMORATION

*We are forever
indebted for
the Faithfulness
the Oblate
Sisters have
shown
throughout
their mission...*



We invite all of our Alumni to come and visit our newest tribute to the Missionary Oblate Sisters.

In the winter of 2011, The Board commissioned On the Edge Studio to design a stained glass window to be placed over the front doors of the original St. Charles School building in the School's Museum annex. The specifications were that the piece be representative of the legacy the Missionary Oblate Sisters have left us, as a school, and as a spiritual community.

Incorporated was the Missionary Oblates' symbol for the centerpiece of the window in glass of royal blue, yellow, and white – the school colours. Then sourced multicoloured glass that represented the four seasons, which shows both the passage of time during the school year, and the seasons of time that the Sisters spent building and teaching at St. Charles. The Spring glass has branches with light green leaves; Summer has the colours of white and bright green leaves; Autumn shows the colours changing with brown and golden leaves on branches; and finally Winter with leafless branches and the white of snow.

At the bottom of the window the Sisters motto is inscribed "Estote Fideles" - Be Faithful. Indeed, we are forever indebted for the faithfulness the Sisters have shown throughout their mission at St. Charles Academy and St. Charles Catholic School.



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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

The Alumni Association would like to Thank Edith Ugrin and Cordy Thomaschewski. They have been the force in creating and maintaining the Alumni Association. They had worked closely with Sister Regina and the last few years were entrusted by Sister to maintain the Alumni Room with all the history and documents of Alumni members. Edith and Cordy are now retiring from the Association.

Edith Ugrin (nee Havixbeck) is a former student and boarder at St. Charles. She returned to the school in 1995, a year prior to the 90th Reunion in 1996, as a volunteer for the 90th celebrations. Edith spent countless hours compiling the history, picture, names of former students, sisters, and memories to compile a real treasure to commemorate the 90th, a book. Ten years later, she was asked again to document the growing changes over the last ten years to Celebrate the school's 100th Anniversary. She did it again with yet another memorable book. This is a real passion for Edith, to preserve the history and memories of the school. She continued to volunteer after the 100th Anniversary, working with Cordy and Sister Regina, continually updating the Alumni.

Cordy and her husband Anton, had four children attend the school in the 70's and 80's. She later returned as a volunteer when her grandchildren were now students during the 90's. She volunteered in the library when Sister Regina enlisted her to the daunting task of creating an Alumni list. She worked decades on this project going through the early registers, contacting students in the hopes they could help Cordy find former students. She helped create, along with her daughter Marie, a database of the Alumni. This was an invaluable tool in the planning of both the 90th and 100th Anniversary Celebrations. Cordy remained a volunteer long after her grandchildren left the school. Through their commitment to the school, Edith and Cordy became good friends.

Now it is time to hand over this task. Thank you Edith and Cordy from the Alumni Association. Sister Regina would be proud!



Robert Morrison Golf Tournament

We thank you for your tremendous support of this year's Golf Tournament!

With your generosity we raised over \$12,000!

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 Vicki's Hair Design
 Western Marble
 Win-Mar Freight Systems
 World of Water
 (Portage Avenue)

Heartfelt thanks to our participants!

We look forward to seeing you next year at Breezy Bend - Monday, May 27, 2013!

How Can I Help?

St. Charles Catholic School believes that every child should have the option of benefiting from a Catholic education.

Thanks to our Student Bursary fund, we are able to welcome families from all circumstances. Last year, the school sponsored \$40,000 in bursaries to families in the school. A collection was also taken up at our Christmas Concerts this year with enough money donated to sponsor an entire tuition! Donations of all amounts are greatly appreciated and will ensure the Bursary Fund's ability to assist.

Donations over \$20.00 will receive a tax receipt and can be forwarded to:

St. Charles Catholic School
331 St. Charles Street
Winnipeg, MB
R3K 1T6



St. Charles is accepting Corporate/ Personal Sponsorship for programs such as the K-2 Learn to Skate Program or prizes and/or sponsorship for major fundraising events such as the golf tournament.



Thank you

for your ongoing contributions
towards this important fund.

WANTED GRADUATION PICTURES

We are looking for graduation pictures for the following years.....

1906-1948
1949-1954
1974-1990
1996-2010

If you can help, a copy of the picture can be sent to the school by mail or sent by email sec@stccs.ca.

2012- 2013

Kinder Fair

Wednesday, November 28th, 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Open House

Tuesday, January 29th, 6:30 p.m.

K-8 General Open House

Wednesday, February 27th, 6:30 p.m.

St. Charles is a K-8 school, offering full day, every day kindergarten, a violin enrichment program, K-8 French, a hockey skills development program, arts and drama, as well as before and after school care. Academy Kids Daycare is also located on the premises. For more information, please call St. Charles Catholic School at 837-1520 or visit our website at www.stccs.ca.

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