



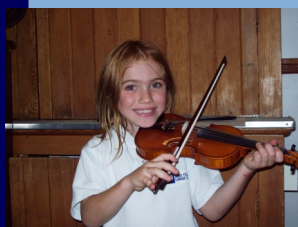
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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2009

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## ROBYN'S VIEW

September brought bright, shiny new faces on the first day of school. Perhaps I noticed a bit more this year as I ventured back to the kindergarten area of the school to see my middle child off on her first day at St. Charles. I couldn't help but look at the door to the Alumni Room and think about the next generation, my children's generation, of St. Charles Alumnus and how new people and ways come, and others

go. The circle keeps going.

It's with great sadness that St. Charles Catholic School and its Alumnus along with the Oblate Sisters and her family, mourn the passing of Sister Regina Chicoine. We could not move forward without speaking of Sister Regina's passion and dedication to St. Charles. Without her presence, the Alumni Association and especially the newsletter,

would never have come to be. Thank you Sister Regina, your mark has been made on our school and we will carry it forward.

3-2-1 Chargers

**Robyn Powell (deBeer)**  
**'82-90, Alumni Rep,**  
**Board of Directors**



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

St. Charles is a very special school! We are truly blessed with our staff, families, and alumni, who help make it a special place – one that is welcoming, Christ-centered, and academically challenging! So far this year, we have been inspired to turn our collective attention to Remembrance Day, Operation Christmas Child, plastic bag recycling, Holy Childhood Association, Open Houses, Heritage Lodge, Thanksgiv-

ing, and the Grade 8 retreat. As I finish this article, the air is filled with joy and anticipation – confessions are over, the musical production had a successful run, the Pennies from Heaven fundraiser went superbly, hampers are packed and ready to be delivered, and St. Nicholas made his annual visit!

Please review the entire newsletter to learn about the St. Charles sports

teams, classroom activities, student council activities, Parent Advisory Committee activities, Volunteer opportunities, religious celebrations and more!

### Odds and Ends

As predicted, enrolment for this year is the highest it has been since our incorporation. The grade seven class has the highest enrolment ever and we have had to add another elementary

# Principal's Update Cont'd



*"Faith based education is an inviting, welcoming atmosphere"*  
- Family Graduation Survey 2009



Christmas Concert  
2009

class. This year we offer families of the choice to enroll their child in a Grade 1 class, Grade 2 class or a Grade 1-2 Combination class.

As with last year, we requested our newest alumni to share their first High School report cards with us. This data collected is one of the factors that is used to determine our progress with regard to academic programming. Again, we have been assured that our graduates are well prepared for high school in at least the core subjects of science, math and ELA.

Congratulations to the Track and Field Teams who performed better than ever last June at the meets. June 2009 was the first year in at least the last 11, that our students won medals. Thank you, Mr. Vann for all of your hard work!

If you attended our annual Christmas programs, our solo recital concerts, or were a participant in the CWL Banquet held at St. Paul the Apostle last week, you may have been pleasantly surprised to see how our arts programs have blossomed over the past few years. We currently have almost 90 students learning the

violin, and all of the Grades 6-8 students actively involved in Art, Drama and Contemporary Band electives. On December 15th, our students performed at the Garden City Shopping Center. They will also be participating in the Winnipeg Music Festival.



We bid a fond farewell to Fr. McGrath who retired last June, and to Fr. Barry Schoenbaert who moved to St. Vital Parish and St. Maurice School during the summer. We are delighted to welcome Fr. Gerald Langevin (BJ23) and Fr. Paul Tingley (St. Charles) to our community. They have "jumped right in" and have become involved with our school events.

We celebrated St. Charles Day on November 4, the feast day of our Patron saint. We celebrated the day with



a school Mass and cake and ice cream. We were thrilled that Fr. Paul Tingley helped serve treats throughout the afternoon!

Fr. Gerald was St. Nick on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Mark led us in prayer at our Opening Assembly on the first day of school and again at the Meet the Teacher Evenings. Msgr. Comeault led a session the Staff Retreat, and visited the Kinder classes when they voiced their fear of ghosts once too often for Ms. Kirkpatrick's comfort. Fr. Glofcheski is back to say daily Mass with the children, and assisted us with our annual Remembrance Day Assembly.

## Full Circle

This newsletter has a neat perspective on how things change over time, and yet nothing really does.

We were so delighted with the Pedersen Family for donating the funds to expand the Sr. Regina Library to include the Excelsior Resource Center, complete with orange, red and purple chairs, tables, and several leather easy chairs! In this issue, a synopsis by Sr. Regina is included in which she shares the trials and tribulations of updating a library. The process she underwent in 1975 was almost identical to what happened this summer and fall! Pete Seeger's tune "Turn, Turn, Turn" summed it up beautifully: To Everything (Turn, Turn, Turn) There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn) And a time to every purpose, under Heaven...

### A Bird's Eye View

As Principal, I am privileged to share in a variety of experiences with our staff and students. The list below is a sample of "Life in the Day" of a St. Charles student:

The MYRCA book club met over noon hour in our newly updated Library/Resource Center. It was delightful to witness the quality of preparation by the students as they shared their reports, and the respect and curiosity they demonstrated when discussing their books. The Grade 5 class made presentations on their Aboriginal

Cultural projects. This was a huge project that involved research, creativity, reading/writing and organizational skills.

Each class developed their prayer corners in the first month of school which for Grade 5 involved selecting a rock. Of course, Grade 4's corner included one of the Bibles they received at the annual Bible celebration and Grade 3 created a huge tent made out of streamers and woven yarn bits.

Kindergarten has been learning about feelings, and can now correctly identify if they are sad, happy, or glad.

Complex math is being taught in Grade 3 and already this year the students were doing simple algebraic equations. The students were able to solve problems such as  $\_\_ + 12 = 19 - 6$ . Grade 1-2 recently learned what will probably be their favourite word of the year, circumference, and measured the distance around mini-pumpkins with yarn as they learned what it actually meant.

The Middle Years students, in gym class, developed a Haunted House Obstacle Course for their younger school-mates. The younger students developed coordination (a learning outcome for PE) while having a great time as they worked their way

through the course. We are so blessed to have student leaders of this quality in our building! I suspect it is because they have so many terrific role models in our teaching and parent community from which to learn.

Congratulations to the students who have accomplished great things lately, both in and out of school! Some of their successes are shared throughout the newsletter. Keep up the good work!

### Heartfelt Appreciation

Thank you, alumni members, for your willingness to support the school in so many helpful ways! Since the last newsletter, we have had items donated for various causes (ranging from toys to fridges to money), alumni members participating in the Open House and various activities, fundraising,... and the list goes on! Special mention to Robyn Powell ('82) and Bill Hall ('78) for organizing the fundraising events, and coordinating alumni contributions.

May your 2010 be blessed!

Dr. Penny Parzyjagla  
Principal



# Sr. Emma's Corner



*"A great time  
to get to know  
my classmates  
better and help  
build our  
community" -  
Grade 8 Retreat  
Student*

Archbishop Weisgerber once told us, "Growth is letting go of something and welcoming something new." That is exactly what the Oblate Sisters experienced over the last few years. As in all religious congregations, our numbers dwindled to the point where our Mother House, on Aulneau Street, became too big for our needs. We sold our Mother House to the Manitoba Catholic Health Organization who is transforming it into apartments for residents 55+. So all of the Sisters had to leave. The following changes took place over the summer: A group lives at the Sisters of the Cross' Provincial House; the Retreat Centre at St. Charles has become a residence for our Sisters who require assisted living; the Sisters from the infirmary are at Tache Centre and the rest of us are living in apartments across the city. In approximately two years we will return to Aulneau Street but it will no longer be our Mother House. We will be renting apartments like everyone else at, what will then be called, "Villa Aulneau". Talk about a letting go! We are definitely called to live our Oblate mission in a

different way. With God's help we will still fulfill our mission with an open heart and in faithfulness to the charism handed down to us by our founder, Archbishop Adelard Langevin and our co-foundresses, Mother St-Viateur and Mother Marie-Joseph.

Some of the alumni must remember Sr. Alice Arnal (Sr. St-Emile) who taught music at St. Charles Academy from 1951 to 1972. She is presently at our St. Charles residence. Her musical talent is still very alive and she has been able to accompany some of our students who performed at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in December. The little band consisted of violins, guitar, drums, and singers. Sr. Alice accompanied on the keyboard. She also accepted to accompany a group of violinists at our Christmas concerts. Thank you Sr. Alice! The sharing of your God-given talent with us was greatly appreciated.

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE GRADE 8 RETREAT

*Mrs. S. MacKinnon—Gr 8 Teacher*

The grade eight students enjoyed a retreat at St. Charles Catholic Church, Thursday evening November 12th and all day Friday, November 13th. Mrs. Nicole Hoard led the retreat called "Building Community: We are the Body of Christ". Everyone had a refreshing and memorable experience. They would sincerely like to thank Mrs. Hoard for leading the retreat and St. Charles Catholic Church for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities.

*"At our retreat we had an amazing time. I loved every part of it, especially when we all sat and talked (I don't think we do that enough). I loved getting to know my classmates better. I also liked learning about community. It's a very important thing to know about, because we live in it and should take care of it. I'm glad we learned about it."*

*-Alex L.*



## Singer/Musician Sierra Noble visits St. Charles!

Staff and students were thrilled when Sierra Noble performed a concert at St. Charles on June 12th.

She sang a few of her tunes including her newest hit "Possibilities" and played some fiddle and guitar music. Deacon Joe McClellan accompanied her and shared a story from his new children's book with the students.

The highlight of the event, though, was when Ms. Noble invited Jesse T. (Grade 6) to dance while she fiddled. Jesse has been taking dance lessons for five years, including Jig/Reel. Jesse became interested in Jig when he first saw Sierra dance at the Festival du Voyageur!

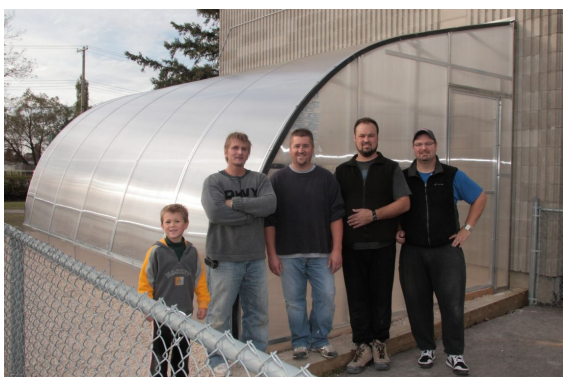


## Our Greenhouse is Complete!

With a little bit of praying, some great weather by Mother Nature and a lot of hard work and dedication from several parents and staff, the Greenhouse was completed on Sunday, October 18th. This was a project that has been talked about for over two years and now has become a reality! Our school community is filled with people who possess various talents which was proven by this project.

Thank you to Kelly Gale for laying the foundation for the Greenhouse.

Thank You to James Carr, Darryl Everard, Michael Landygo, Greg Lyon, Dave Wyllie and Diego Pineira for all their effort and expertise they used to complete the greenhouse before the snow came to stay. Collectively, over 80 hours of work was needed to get the job done!



### THE GREEN HOUSE!!!

"Hello, this is me (Alexis) and my friend Siena. I am the Gr.4 Journalist of the week. Siena and I are in the Green House. As you can see, she and I are each holding a plant. There is nothing in the Green House yet. Soon there is going to be tons of tables with tons of beautiful plants on them. Students at St. Charles are excited that there are going to be beautiful plants in the Green House".



*"Thank you all for doing what you do everyday! My son and my family thoroughly enjoyed our years at St. Charles!" - Family Graduation Interview 2009*

# Alumni News

## DUSESSOYS CELEBRATE 25 YEARS WITH THEIR BUSINESS, SARGENT SUNDAE!!!



An article in the August 20th, 2009 edition of the Metro One featured a business that has become a St. James landmark. John and Lynn Dusessoy are celebrating 25 years with Sargent Sundae.

While the rest of St. James has enjoyed visiting Sargent Sundae for their ice cream fix, St. Charles has enjoyed a different relationship with the Dusessoy family.

John was a student at St. Charles (68-76). Both of John and Lynn's sons, Andrew (97-06) and William (99-08) attended St.

Charles before continuing on to St. Paul's High School. During their time as parents in the school, Lynn became quite involved as classroom reps and volunteering wherever needed for various events and lending her many talents. John, always the businessman, joined the Board of Directors, rolled up his sleeves and dove in head first. He spent countless hours laying tile, working on electrical and mechanical, doing whatever needed to be done to keep our building running smoothly.

It's already been two years since John's official role with the school Board of Directors has been completed,

however, John has only been a phone call away to lend out some of his vast knowledge of the school.

Thank you John and Lynn for your continued support. The St. Charles community congratulates the Dusessoys on their 25th Anniversary and wishes them many

***If you have any news you would like included in the Alumni Newsletter, please contact us by writing or e-mailing [sec@stccs.ca](mailto:sec@stccs.ca)***



## History Corner (excerpt from 100th Centennial History Book)

In 1984, the Oblate Sisters were unable to continue to provide a sister as principal. Orest Rosolovich became the first lay person to fill the principal's position. In order to fill a commitment to the Directors and parents that the Oblates would maintain a presence in the school to provide support to the principal and staff, a new position, that of Apostolic Directress, was created. In December, 1989, Sister Therese Brule was appointed to this position. An Oblate librarian, Sister Regina Chicoine, and one Oblate teacher, Sister Emma Berard, continued to serve at the Academy along with a dedicated lay teaching and support staff. Lay teachers have been part of the staff since 1963-64. The first three were Miss Pierrette Goulet, Miss Helene Brodeur and Miss Claire Desilets.

**SEND US A MEMORY OF YOURS.....**



## Welcome Back Mrs. Dorothy Gair!

Mrs. Gair is our Literacy Consultant this year. She will be working with students with focus on four strategies of reading.

Some of you may remember Mrs. Gair as your kindergarten teacher (1980—2004).

Also, congratulations Mrs. Gair on the arrival of your new baby grandson, Robert!



*"We have been very happy with our experiences at SCCS. We have recommended the school to many".*

*Parent  
Survey Spring, 2009*

## HOW CAN I HELP?

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

As times have become difficult for families in our community, it weighs heavily on our minds. Some of our children may not be able to continue their academic experience at St. Charles.

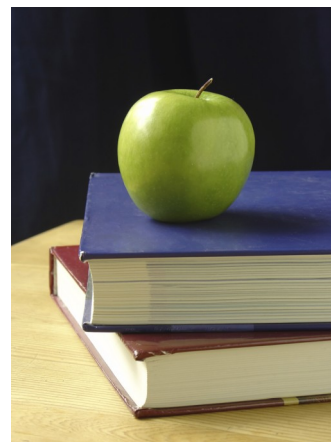
Thanks to our Student Bursary fund, we are able to welcome families from all circumstances. Last year, the school sponsored \$40,000 in bursaries to families in the school.

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

Thank you for your ongoing contributions towards this important fund.



## TERRY FOX RUN AN EXTRA SPECIAL EVENT THIS YEAR!

The St. Charles Terry Fox School Run/Walk day was quite the event this year! Our school assembly was highlighted by our special guest speaker, Mr. Paul Rosen, Team Canada's Gold paralympic medalist. Mr. Rosen described his incredibly inspirational story in great detail with passion and enthusiasm to the children, delivering and instilling in them a great message, one of determination, overcoming adversity, and always working towards one's dream. The children were then encouraged to think about similarities between Mr. Rosen's story, and that of Terry Fox... there were many. The children also decorated a paper shoe, which they hung up on the gym walls, and were dedicated to someone they know that has been affected by cancer. Mr. Creed's art students created a large paper mache shoe which was used to collect donations, and was signed by Mr. Rosen. The students then went on a community walk/run and

were treated to freezies afterwards to cool down from the September heat! All in all a great day!



*Phys-ed teacher Mr. Dominik Vann and Mr. Paul Rosen*

## St. Charles' Receives New Team Jerseys and New Logo!



St. Charles received new sports jerseys this year for the volleyball and basketball teams, which bear our cool new updated SCCS Chargers logo!

The students are thrilled and proud to be wearing their new school sports uniforms!

The updated logo was created by the phys-ed teacher, Mr. Dominik Vann's brother, Mr. Jamie Vann.





## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINE AROUND FUNDRAISER!

**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALUMNI TO GET TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN!**

On Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the school will be hosting its 11th Annual Dine Around Fundraiser. The school office will begin taking reservations beginning Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

There are two ways you can attend the Dine Around this year. If you have a group of six already, then you may purchase a table for \$240. However, if you wish to spend a fun night out but haven't found a group of six...then let us help you. Individual seats may be purchased for \$40 per person and we will find tablemates for you. This event is an excellent way to get to know other parents in the school and to also have a nice dinner with great company.



The night of the event, we will gather in the school gym for a Wine & Cheese reception. There will be a Rainbow Auction with wonderful prizes for the diners to bid on. Before everyone leaves, we will draw names for the restaurant your group will dine at. Following the draw, diners are on their way for a relaxing night out of good food and good company! At your restaurant, you will enjoy an appetizer, main course, dessert, and tea or coffee (the restaurant may or may not have a selected menu waiting). We do ask that the diners remember, they are responsible for their liquor and the gratuity for the server. Hope to see you there!

**Thank you to the following families who have contributed to our Student Achievement Awards in honour of their loved ones!**

Louis Caron Award  
Music Student of the Year  
(new award for 2010)

Robert Morrison Leadership Award  
Gr. 8—Exceptional Leadership  
(Elsa Kaka—'09 Recipient)

Jordan Paige Citizenship Award  
Gr. 8—Exceptional Citizenship  
(Kayla Krause—'09 Recipient)

Diane Giguere O'Rourke Award  
Gr. 1 Citizenship  
(Lily Freitas/Lindsay Turner  
'09 Recipients)

Damian Mills Award  
Strong Athletics and Academics  
(Dylan Thiessen—'09 Recipient)

Gladys Belhumeur Volunteer Award  
Exceptional Volunteerism  
(Patti Chipman—'09 Recipient)

George Jones Memorial Award  
Athletics and Academics  
(Kyra Thiessen—'09 Recipient)



## OUR LIBRARY GRAND RE-OPENING

### "THE ST. CHARLES EXCELSIOR RESOURCE CENTER"

"One thing we must always remember, without volunteers many great and wonderful things would never be realized. During the month of August two exceptional volunteers, Norma Switzer and Delores Teichroew assisted in planning how we could go about changing our library into a more vibrant and useable center. Having come up with a sheet of approximately 20 recommendations we were ready to tackle our project. Norma and the Mannette family volunteered many hours in culling,

cleaning, repairing, reorganizing and shelving books. Without Norma's knowledge, dedication and diligence we would not be anywhere near the goals we had set for this library.

In September, with the phenomenal news that a donor family had offered funding for furniture, a design was drawn up to enable us to utilize the library space to its fullest.

Throughout this fall, with the help of Ms. Bevan, and our volunteer St. Charles Alumni girls, we continued on with organizing, culling and cleaning. Their contributions helped get the library ready for our students. I would also like to thank Mr. Creed and his grade 4 student volunteers who eagerly shelve all the returned books once a cycle.

And, last but not least, all the parent, student and staff volunteers who helped paint and contributed their time to revamping our center. There is still work to be done but I know we will reach our goals because of our wonderful volunteers".

*Mrs. L. Senderewich, ICT Coordinator*



## Prime Minister Harper Sends Letter of Congratulations to St. Charles Catholic School

"It gives me great pleasure to extend my most sincere congratulations to you on having received the Quality Daily Physical Education School Recognition Award, presented by Physical and Health Education Canada (PHE).

This award recognizes your school's commitment to promoting the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle. I would like to commend the staff, coaches and parents for supporting an excellent physical education program which encourages physical activity, leadership and self-confidence in students. You may take pride in your efforts to provide

opportunities for our children to cultivate the knowledge and skills they need to make wise choices about living a healthy life.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Recognition Awards program (RAP). I would like to congratulate Physical and Health Education Canada for their ongoing commitment to improving physical education programming in our nation's schools.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes."

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.  
Ottawa 2009





Put a little faith in  
your child's education.

**Kinder—Grade 8 Open House**  
Wednesday, January 20th  
7:00 p.m.

All day, every day Kindergarten  
Violin enrichment program  
Before and after school care  
Academy Kids Daycare on premises  
FAST / BARTON literacy programs  
Competitive sports  
Hockey program  
K-8 French

All faiths are welcome

## MS. WHITE'S (Grade 7) CURLING TEAM

I've had a few people asking about my curling team, so I thought I would send a note with my team's website. You can find all kinds of information on the website including when we are away, when we play and how we are doing. You can also find our bios, pictures, the article that was recently published in the Free Press and you can also leave us a message in the guest book! Feel free to pass the website on to anyone you know that may want to look! We appreciate all the support we can get! The website is [www.teamcareycurling.com](http://www.teamcareycurling.com).



Thanks for your support—Ms. White (Gr. 7)

Please note that Ms. White's team has qualified for the provincials beginning January 4th—8th. Good Luck Ms. White!!!

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## A Tribute to Sr. Regina Chicoine (Written by Shirley Sylvester from the 100th Centennial History Book)

In 1989, New York City undertook a Library Power Project and it declared that, "One of the most important things a school teach is reading, and a school without a library, a librarian or good research materials short-changes its students". The library at St. Charles Academy between 1975 and 2000 was fortunate to have a qualified librarian, Sister Regina Chicoine, who undertook the challenge of developing a library where children's imaginations could take flight and where information abounded for those seeking to learn.

In the years previous to Sister Regina's arrival at St. Charles, the school had undergone a number of changes. The last boarders had left in 1969 and grades ten, eleven and twelve had been discontinued as of 1973. The Oblates realized that the school would benefit from a well-organized library to better serve all its students and teachers.

In 1975, Sister Regina was invited by the Oblate Order to organize the library at St. Charles.

When she arrived, she found the library located in the same area as it is today but it was smaller—a square, windowless room. Twenty-four small tables were lined-up, classroom style, to accommodate students. The

lighting was poor and the shelves were filled with books suited mostly to high school students. Only grades seven, eight and nine students made use of the library since there were no materials available for younger students. All books were covered and numbered, but not according to the Dewey Decimal Classification System. Rather, a notebook listed the numbers of the books available. Many French language books were on the shelves, a throwback to the days when Francais was taught in the school. For Sister Regina, the challenge was building a library which would become a valuable tool in the development of the potential of all students. How does one begin to build an effective library? Sister started by putting her library science training to good use. She established the Dewey Decimal Classification System, the principal one used throughout the English-speaking world for schools and public libraries. She consulted the Children's Catalogue for guidance in selecting appropriate books. She requested that a library budget be included in the school's budget in order to be able to obtain suitable tables, adjustable shelving, books and

audio-visual materials. She began her annual treks to the Children's Hospital Book Markey to find well-priced books in order to stretch budget dollars. Volunteers were called upon to help her carry heavy bags filled with treasures from the sale back to the school. And, so, on and on it went, year after year, until the library became a wonderful asset to the school. Quality books included the Caldecott and Newberry Award winners, wonderful series such as the Enchantment of the World books, the Eyewitness books, up-to-date encyclopedia and scores of colourful picture books to tempt young readers.



Now that the library had something for everyone in terms of reading materials, Sister Regina introduced USSR (uninterrupted sustained silent reading), a program where fifteen minutes of the first weeks of each month were set aside for everyone in the school to read. She was moving forward in her vocation to make students "readers for life".

As the years passed, changes in enrollment meant that the classroom next to the library was no longer in use. In 1988, Sister began to dream of an expanded library with more space and natural light from north-facing windows. She invited Elaine Sheepish, the Acting School Librarian

Curriculum Consultant from the Department of Education, to visit the library. The latter supported Sister's recommendations that the library be expanded by partially demolishing the cinderblock wall at the north end of the library thus creating an archway into the adjacent classroom space. Sister's request was rejected for a number of years because of financial constraints but, in 1992, Tim Struthers, a parent who wanted the students to enjoy the maximum advantages a library could provide, offered to shoulder the cost of the renovation. The work was completed over the summer and in September, 1992, staff and students returned to a lovely, expanded library with a reading centre for young students and glorious natural light. Sister, staff and students were in library heaven!

Although Sister's primary goal in developing her library was to create an atmosphere to foster children's love for books and reading, she remembered to smell the roses along the way by enjoying the students who visited the library daily. Kindergarten students were impressed with having to fill out cards and drop them in the slot. Colton, a kindergarten student who had promised to return an overdue book "tomorrow", responded, "Is today tomorrow?" when she approached him about the late return. Steven, a primary student absorbed in his

book, blurted out, "I was right in the middle of Babar" when Sister interrupted his flight of imagination. Paul from grade one declared, "the library is better than gym". Considering the popularity of gym classes among students, this comment was quite a compliment. When Sister insisted that all library books be returned before Spring Break and that classes no longer visit the library until after the break, Jeremy in grade three remarked, "It's not the same without the library." Older students were more reserved, of course, but they were well aware of what wonderful resources their library and librarian were. Many of whom returned for a visit after having left the school, made a point to drop in and see Sister Regina to tell her that her library was so much better-equipped that the ones in their new schools. How rewarding to hear such comments from young people! In addition to enjoying the many students she encountered, Sister also valued the many parent volunteers she worked with over her twenty-five years as librarian. Volunteers appreciated the experience gained in the library and the love of books that they developed. The volunteer help was a great asset, for their assistance allowed Sister to offer a variety of other services to the staff and the student body. She had her hands full ordering, organizing, repairing and

managing the book part of the collection, but she was also responsible for the audio-visual section. This entailed the purchase and maintenance for hardware such as TV's, cassette recorders, and VCR's, and also the purchase and borrowing of software. Also, in order to raise funds to supplement the library budget, Sister organized annual book fairs which proved to be successful and eagerly-anticipated events. Then, in the fall of 1998, Sister started a stamp club for students in grade three and up. The club met every two weeks. Two volunteers, Mr. Andy Horvath and Mr. Ken Munnoch, were on hand to guide the young hobbyists in their new interest. In May of each year, a field trip to the Stamp Show at the Marlborough Hotel was organized. When she was informed that the 1998 show would be opened by an RCMP constable, Sister, ever the educator, took the opportunity to have students research the RCMP. The following year, the Stamp Show featured Pato, the Pan-Am Games' mascot. Stamp club members such as Stephanie, greatly enjoyed the shows commenting that they were "fun, fun, fun." Some students liked belonging to the club because "At every meeting you learn something new," and another remarked that, "I will continue to collect stamps hopefully for a long time."

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## Highlights from the 9th Annual Robert Morrison Golf Tournament

This year's Golf Tournament was a huge success! With 90 golfers in attendance, it was the highest attended golf tournament to date! Thank you to our resilient players who, despite the rain and cold, supported the event with much enthusiasm! We were honored to have His Grace, Archbishop Weisgerber attend as well as many Parish priests, alumni, school parents, and corporate representatives. Thank you to Mr. Katch, Mme. Langlois and our student violinists who entertained us at dinner. We also thank Mr. Creed (Grade 4) and students for the informative smart board presentation. Thank you also to our many parent volunteers.

*Submitted by golf tournament coordinators: Shelly and Bill Hall, Kristin Foianesi and Bruce Hnatowich.*

**We also extend a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors for their generous support!**

### Gold

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### Silver

Auto Gallery of Winnipeg	Avant Systems Group	Birchwood Automotive
Blessed John XXIII Parish	Econo Wall & Ceilings	Hnatowich and Associates
Knights of Columbus St. James	MacDon Industries Ltd.	Marshall Fabrics
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wojcik's Funeral Chapel	The Press Room

### Bronze

Brewers Direct	Bruni Auto Repair & Body Shop	Challoner Family
Braun Team, Scotia McLeod	Bill & Katherine Kirk	Sharon Blady, MLA Kirkfield
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Sister's initiative in starting up the stamp club was rewarded by students enthusiasm in embracing their new hobby. In addition to all her activities, Sister was also the school photographer which took up considerable time. In addition, shortly after her arrival at St. Charles, she had set in motion the researching of the school archives. This search later led to the setting up of the Alumni Association. All of these activities were made possible, because parents volunteered their time to help out in the library thus freeing Sister for additional duties.

Over the years, Sister Regina gained the love and respect of students, staff and parents with her knowledge of her job and her obvious enthusiasm for her work. She came to St. Charles as a paid staff member in 1975, but when the school could no longer afford to pay for a librarian, she asked the Oblate Order to allow her to continue her work as a volunteer.

In the year 2000, Sister left the library insisting that her departure not be described as retirement since there were still many challenges for her to tackle. She is now totally involved in her valuable work with the Alumni Association. No one has replaced her in the library because no one can. Two retired librarians, Mrs. Frame and Mrs. Dewart, have graciously volunteers to come to the school once in a six day cycle to try and maintain the wonderful library created with love, devotion and a lot of hard work by Sister Regina.

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