

ST. BONIFACE DIOCESAN

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



REGISTRATION 2022-23

REGISTER NOW

We hosted our annual Virtual Open House Event followed by our school tours. Everything can be found on our website for more information. Deadline to register is March 1st, 2022. Join our community and start learning at SBDHS.

UPDATES & NEWS

SCHOOL YEAR 2022

We're excited to start a new school year! We want to share with you all some upcoming events and past events from the previous term. Stay up to date with our newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

BY MS. JAIME SISKKA

Dear SBDHS Community,
The end of the semester! I am quite amazed at how time flies these days. I often feel that we missed a year and it's difficult for me to differentiate which grade the students are in due to this. I am always impressed by the resilience of our students; everyone is putting their best foot forward to achieve their goals in this difficult time.

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**IT'S NOT THE AMOUNT
THAT MATTERS BUT THE
MEANING BEHIND YOUR
DONATION.**

As the 2022 year began, we had an extended Christmas break of two days, then went into a week of remote learning. We know how difficult and less motivating online learning can be, so we are so happy that students are present and learning physically in this building once again. I continue to encourage families to join in on our online events, such as Parents' Guild, school mass and much more, it's a great way to get to know your child's teachers, see what is going on in the school or simply be involved.

Our school is reaching out to our Alumni and Families for donations. The purpose of the request is to raise funds for the bursary fund. We are finding ourselves in a time where the financial need is increasing, especially due to the pandemic and we do not want financial constraints to be the reason not to choose Catholic education for some families. Our goal is to grow the St. Boniface Diocesan High School Bursary Fund to help increase enrolment, support families in financial need and to continue to offer Catholic education. Your donation will go a long way in ensuring that we achieve our goal. We promise to embrace transparency in future newsletters on the amount donated and dispersed. Be a part of us as we endeavor to create funds to not only provide quality education to faith-filled students, but to also help grow our school. All donations \$20.00 or more, will be issued a charitable donation receipt.

[LINK FOR DONATION FORM](#)



As previously communicated, our school is an independent Catholic institution, therefore we rely on the good word of our Alumni, Parents and Students to encourage others to join our community. We continue to market our school to the greater Winnipeg community as well work with International Agents to send students from other countries to get the experience of Canadian education. We continue to reach out and ask, if there are any Alumni willing to promote our school on their business websites, blogs, social media, building, or community, please contact Ms. Devlin at communications@sbdhs.net.

We look forward to a safe and healthy school environment, this year and many to come. Please continue to keep our staff, students and community in your prayers.

MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE-PRINCIPAL

BY MRS. DOROTHY HERR

Students have now settled into their new classes for the second semester. I visited classrooms at the beginning of February to speak to grades 9-11 students about registration for next year and to help with post-secondary planning.

I am currently meeting with each grade 12 student individually to ensure graduation requirements have been met and to provide assistance with post-secondary plans. Students will be directed to online events that will help them with the transition to post-secondary.

I am available to provide assistance or support whether it is academic, career related or personal.

STAY CONNECTED

CONNECT WITH US!



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Facebook: @sbdhswpg
Twitter: DiocesanSt
LinkedIn: sbdhs/wpg



SPRING BREAK

Spring Break is approaching quickly, This year Spring Break falls on March 28th-April 1st, 2022. SBDHS wishes all students & staff a wonderful Spring Break.

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

ALL MEMBERS

Your SBDHS Board of Directors at work

Whether it's providing a sounding board for the Principal on key issues, overseeing the development of a long-range financial plan, or establishing strong committees, The SBDHS Board of Directors is hard at work serving the school in a governance role. This year's Board is 10-members strong, and has many key objectives for 2022 and beyond. Among our first orders of business was the reinforcement or creation of six working committees: Executive, Finance, Nominating and Governance, Bursaries, Human Resources and Marketing and Communications. Each committee has been busy meeting and brainstorming ideas to support its respective mission. One of the exciting aspects of our committees is the joint desire among all Board members to think more 'long term' on behalf of the school, developing and recommending long-range plans for things like bursary fund targets and disbursements, capital planning, facility maintenance, and also helping spearhead the future re-branding of the school in support of the SBDHS Renaming Committee (which has stakeholders including the Archdiocese, administration, staff, students, alumni and Board). There is no doubt the school is in capable hands with Board members including Chairperson Sylvester Oyamienlen, Vicar General Father Carl Tarnopolski, former Director of St. Mary's Academy Sister Susan Wikeem, Principal Jaime Siska, Secretary Lisa Saunders, and hard-working members Clark Sinnott, Ela Kotula, Anjelica Salas, Lumena Cabral and Olalekan Adekoya.

Recent challenges and world events have not deterred us from our mission to ensure a rewarding and positive Catholic education experience for our children. With that in mind, the Board would sincerely like to thank all SBDHS administration, teachers and support staff, and all our wonderful families for their dedication, faithfulness and grace as we move together through 2022.

Centurion Store

HIGH QUALITY BRANDED ACTIVE & CASUAL WEAR AT REASONABLE PRICES

Our Centurion store has been re-stocked and updated online at our website www.sbdhs.net. We have a good selection of items for sale. Visit the library to view the items or for a fitting. Buy now while supplies last and support your school at the same time!



STAY SAFE



REMEMBER TO STAY SAFE AND FOLLOW PROTOCOLS



Your Student Council



Miss Alexis Lloyd
President



Miss Jessica
Kazmierczak
Vice- President



Miss Emily Doyle
Secretary/Treasurer

Student Council has been working hard to plan fun dress up days and activities in the school while adhering to Covid protocols. Our major goal this year is to bring positivity to the school and brighten the lives of students and staff during what has been a very challenging time for all of us. This past December, Student Council held a Winter Raffle and awarded one lucky student an Amazon gift card! We hosted a candy cane gram event, where students were able to show their appreciation for their friends by sending them a candy cane with a notecard. Student Council also teamed up with a group of our very own carolers and visited each class to sing and distribute candy canes to spread some Christmas cheer on the last day before break!

Student Council planned a Hats & Sweats Day in January, so that students have the opportunity to wear something comfortable before exam week. In February, we will be planning an activity to inform and educate students about Black History Month and its importance. We are also looking forward to decorating the school for Valentine's Day and planning a Valentine's-themed activity! Student Council is excited to get back into the swing of things after the extended Christmas break and remote learning period. If you have any suggestions for Student Council activities in the future, be sure to let your TA Representative know!

DEPARTMENT HEADS

The English Language Arts Department

The ELA department has been working hard to enhance the experiences of our students with a wide range of texts. One of the major developments at all grade levels has been the incorporation of more indigenous content as well as literature from a wide range of cultural perspectives, aiming toward cross-curricular lessons with Social Studies and History. In addition, students have been trying their hand at various types of poetry, short story writing and essays as well as visual representation assignments and public speaking. Students have also been developing research and MLA formatting skills as well as proofreading and editing which they can apply in other courses as well.

Ms. Olson, Ms. Proulx, Mr. Lisowski

The Religion Department

This year, the Religion Department is pleased to welcome Mr. Resendes as our Campus Ministry Coordinator, who has worked very closely with the department in organizing chapel services, grade level retreats and sharing his time in the classroom with our students. At the Grade 9 level, we continue to look at the development of the Old Testament and have introduced a new textbook this year, while in Grade 10, we have been looking at the Sacraments of the Catholic Church and their connection to the New Testament. In Grade 11, we have been studying social justice and the history of The Church while in Grade 12, we have been looking at the development of morals and ethics. All of these courses work together to help develop our students as spiritually well-rounded individuals who are able to carry the Gospel values into today's ever-changing world.

Mr. LeSage, Mr. Lisowski, Mr. Resendes

Mission Statement

Called to assist in the Church's mission of education, St. Boniface Diocesan High School seeks to serve students, parents, and the Catholic community by educating the whole person through quality education in a Christ-centered environment.

Calling all Grade 9-11 Students

your education, your choice.

Don't forget to register for the 2022-2023 school year!

APPLY NOW ONLINE AT WWW.SBDHS.NET



DEPARTMENT HEADS

Athletic Department

After another longer break we are looking forward to seeing our student-athletes back on the basketball court! Obviously safety remains a top priority and all players will be wearing masks at all times during practices. The games have been postponed until the beginning of February and the new schedules will be out soon.

A reminder to everyone that one of the best things for both our physical and mental health is getting outside! Take your family to the Forks and explore the amazing Skating Trail, or get to one of our parks and go hiking, skiing, snowshoeing or walking! The outdoors makes us all feel better!

Mr. Scott

The Dramatic & Visual Arts Department

During the first semester, the grades 9/10 drama students participated in their very first virtual drama productions, *The Happiness Shop*. Throughout the semester, the students participated in warm ups and units that prepared them for performances in class. We also explored tableau and storytelling.

Our grade 11/12 drama students also participated in their very first virtual drama production, *The Fried Koubassa*. These students were very excited to perform, as it had been 2 years since they were able to perform for an audience, even if it were virtual. When we pivoted to remote learning, students created some parody television commercials and daily life sportscasts. These performances were performed virtually and some were performed in person.

In the Art Room, grade 9s explored the Elements and Principles of Art, through assignments and projects. Some included exploration of lines, creating blind contour self-portraits, and modified contour projects. In addition, they experimented with watercolors, to create dream-catcher assignments. Another example of projects included: 1 Point-Perspectives and 2 Point-Perspectives village scenes. The grade 10 class, spent some time creating Woodlands Art, inspired by the Indigenous Group of Seven Artists. They have also experimented with oil pastels and more for their projects. Highlights included their gemstone projects, Starbucks cup projects, and more. The grade 11 and 12 classes begin in the second semester with some review and some in-depth Art history study. Projects will reflect the history and some inquiry-based, student-led projects. I look forward to seeing what they create!

Ms. Proulx

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Science Department

The SBDHS students wrapped up their learning in science classes in January. The students faced the adversity of remote-learning but were highly engaged during the remote learning period! Exam preparation was in full swing once the students returned to in-class learning. The Grade Nine science students presented their science fair projects; congratulations to all of them who dug deep to complete their projects on top of all their other commitments during this time. The Science Department wishes all SBDHS students the best of luck on their exams and in Semester Two!

Mr. Richardson

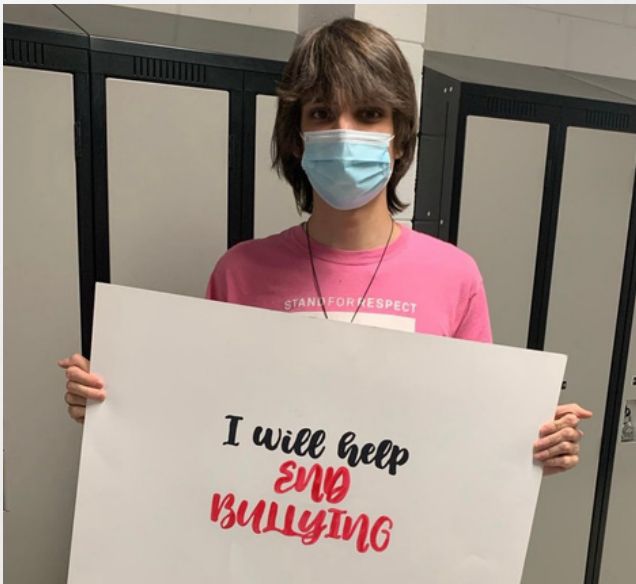
Mathematics Department

The students have been working hard to finish up their courses and are preparing to be successful in their January exams. We wish future success to the grade 9 students who are continuing on with Mathematics 10F next term as well as to the rest of our students that will begin their new math courses next term, especially those Grade 12 students that will be taking Calculus 42U, a dual credit course for high school and University.

Ms. Kula



AROUND SBDHS



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



REMEMBRANCE DAY



FUN IN SCIENCE CLASS



GRADE 12 GIRLS LAST VOLLEYBALL GAME



WORKING HARD DURING CLASS



GRADE 12 BOYS LAST VOLLEYBALL GAME



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JOIN OUR BUSINESS PROGRAM



WINE RAFFLE

PARENTS' GUILD WINE RAFFLE



ST. BONIFACE DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL



REGISTER NOW
DEADLINE
MARCH 1st, 2022

Please visit our website
to register www.sbdhs.net

JOIN A COMMUNITY
FOLLOW YOUR PASSION
STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH



UPDATES & NEWS



Congratulations to Emily! She will be attending Bethany College in Minnesota next year where she will get the opportunity to study and show off her amazing softball skills! It has taken her a lot of dedication and we are all very proud of her!

SBDHS STATEMENT

THE COMMUNITY OF ST. BONIFACE DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL
CONDEMNS THE USE OF VIOLENCE AND RACIST SYMBOLS IN ALL
FORMS.

WE BELIEVE IN THE CELEBRATION OF INCLUSION, DIVERSITY,
THE EVENTUAL END OF RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY AND
ACROSS CANADA.

WE HOLD THE TRUTH OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS MESSAGE FOR
PEACE, LOVE AND UNITY OF ALL PEOPLE, AND WE CALL ON ALL
PEOPLE TO PROMOTE THESE VALUES ETERNALLY.

SBDHS WINE RAFFLE

Hello SBDHS families. We are excited to announce that we will be having a wine raffle this year! Money made from the raffle will be going towards our bursary fund. The bursary is a wonderful way to help families in our school community. Because of Covid, life has been tough for many. This bursary fund is extremely important right now. Let's show how caring our school can be by making this the best wine raffle ever.

The date for the Wine Raffle has been set for April 11. Donations of a bottle of wine or a \$10.00 MLC gift card are now being accepted until March 7. Donations can be dropped off at the office. Each donation will be entered into the Participation Draw for a \$25.00 restaurant gift card. We are depending on your support to make this fundraiser a success. Please consider donating...it goes to such a well needed fund. With even every family donating just 1 bottle of wine...our wine raffle will be a success...which will make us as a community successful, at helping families that need that helping hand.



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Dear SBDHS Alumni,

As you may be aware, it is that time of year where we are continuing to recruit to strengthen our Catholic community. We would like to ask if you would kindly share our posters and handouts at your place of work, or anywhere that you think would gain attention for our school. Also, some exciting news we have our Virtual Open House taking place February 2nd, 2022 at 7:00pm. If you know of anyone that might be interested in joining our community please let them know we are welcoming all faiths grade 9 through grade 12.

Also, we want to connect with you because we miss you! We have a few alumni stories and are looking to add more to our collection to share on our website and social media.

We want to know what you've been up to, what you're working on and generally how life has been for you after graduating. We want to hear about the accomplishments, proud moments and memories of your time at SBDHS.

We would love to chat more and if you're interested, please reply to us and we'll get in touch with next steps.

Thank you for continued support and efforts.

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH



Marcus Cabral
Class of '19

Marcus is currently a student at the University of Winnipeg in the Faculty of Education specializing in Integrated BEd/BPHE program, finishing up his major in Kinesiology and minor in Psychology with the hope to become a teacher within the next few years. Marcus is working at John Pritchard School as an Educational Intern and also works at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex as an administration assistant. Marcus has many highlights of being a student at SBDHS especially being so active within the sports atmosphere his favorite was intramurals. Marcus feels that St. B shaped him in a variety of ways from turning him into a more sociable and active person and assisted him in creating close friendships that he values very much. Marcus said the close-knit community is not only created throughout the school but within your very own grade as well. Marcus is very grateful for having the opportunity to attend such a great school and he is grateful that St. B showed him the value of holding people that are close to him to this day.

BE THE NEXT TO SHARE YOUR STORY

GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

Donate to St. Boniface Diocesan

Together, our community sends a strong signal of support for SBDHS's mission through our collective generosity. The St. Boniface Diocesan High School Bursary Fund gives students unparalleled experiences in faith, academics, athletics, arts, and all areas of pursuit at school.

The St. Boniface Diocesan High School Bursary Fund is key to maintaining the access and diversity of our student body and is part of the legacy of our SBDHS roots.

In addition, tuition alone does not cover the cost of maintaining our facility and providing high-quality programs which are the hallmark of an SBDHS education. St. Boniface Diocesan High School relies on the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends to enrich student experiences and enhance school programs.

We invite you to share our vision of education for young students in spirit, mind, and body. Your generosity, from a small donation to a large endowment, will enable SBDHS to remain a center of educational excellence for young students. Please visit our website to donate.

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