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MISSION STATEMENT

Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School is dedicated to working with the community and the local church to provide a quality Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and the development of informed, responsible citizens.

The LeBoldus Mission statement will be reviewed during the 2005-06 school year. We welcome any suggestions from our community regarding proposed changes. Please contact the office regarding any ideas you may have.

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2005 – 2006 school year at Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School. We hope that you make this the greatest year of your schooling and life so far. We also hope you will be able to positively contribute to a very exciting and rewarding year. Be part of the plan. Get involved in the academics and the extracurricular opportunities and challenges. My advice to you is very simple:

WORK HARD/STUDY SMART/GET INVOLVED/HAVE SENSIBLE FUN! Dale Reed

Staff List: The 2005-06 LeBoldus staff members include:

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Kelly Hammond, Vice Principal
Robert Arsenault
Wade Bartlett
Denise Beaudin-Anaquod
Maureen Beisel
Patricia Bilodeau
Charlene Bolen
Bradley Breit
Donna Columpsi
David Cornish
Robert Davies
Paul Dawson
Debra Dittrick
Rose-Marie Dornstauder
Jason Duczak
Kelley Ehman (Dept. Head)
Greg Fischer
Elisabeth Fogarty
John Foord (Dept. Head)
Jim Gallagher
Bonnie Gantefoer-Nayet
Joanne Gelowitz
Denise Genest
Christine Hladky
Rhonda Horvath (Dept. Head)
Karen Hoffmann
Rod Houk (Dept. Head)
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Support Staff

Brenda Hicks
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Pat Stoffel
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Instructional Assistants

Monique Boyko
Darcy Demyen
Mary-Anne Harazny
Scott Kuntz
Marcia Pontius
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NEW ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM AT LEBOLDUS

Mr. Dale Reed, last year's Principal at St. Gregory School, returns to LeBoldus this year as Principal. Mr. Reed was the Vice Principal at LeBoldus for the 2002-2004 school terms. Mr. Reed has been in the educational field for 23 years, serving students over those years as a teacher, department head, consultant, vice principal, and principal. Mr. Hammond is an educator with 24 years experience, the last six years with Regina Catholic Schools. Mr. Hammond's position for the first four years with Regina Catholic Schools was as Computer Technology Consultant. He has followed this with one year as Vice Principal at St. Francis School, and now will be in his second year at LeBoldus as Vice Principal.

Mr. Reed and Mr. Hammond are joined by the members of the LeBoldus Leadership Team. This team is comprised of the Principal, Vice Principal, and the following Department Heads:

Ms. K. Ehman – ELA, Humanities

Mr. J. Foord – Phys. Ed, PAA, Extra-curricular

Mr. R. Houk – Math, Sciences

Mrs. R. Horvath - Student Services, FIAEP, Christian Ethics

Mrs. Lynette Nishnik – Core French, Fine Arts, French Immersion, Spanish

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Rod Houk as our new Math /Science Department Head. Mr. Houk comes to LeBoldus from Riffel High School. He has a wealth of experience in the area of Mathematics and will be leading the AP Calculus students this year.

SCHOOL OPENING

Thursday, September 1, 2005

8:30 AM - Grade 9 Students (Assembly in the Gym and TAG)

1:00 PM - Grades 10, 11, 12 (Assembly in the Gym and TAG)

Friday, September 2, 2005

8:30 AM - REGULAR CLASSES BEGIN for all Students

12:00 PM - Grade 9 Welcome BBQ & Activities

NOTE: Extra-curricular tryouts for sports such as cross-country, soccer, and volleyball will also begin on this day. Football tryouts & practice begin August 22nd. Be prepared for the tryouts as the specifics for each will be announced at the group assembly.

September 8 – SCHOOL PHOTOS

September 8 – PARENT NIGHT SCHOOL – 7:00 p.m.

NEW ATTENDANCE PRACTICE IN REGINA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Good attendance is important for success at school. Absences and lates, whether excused or unexcused, may be detrimental to a student's success. Research shows that after five absences in a semester, students' learning is significantly affected. Monitoring of absences and lates, by both the home and the school, will help students to be more successful in school. We encourage all parents and guardians to impress upon their children the necessity of attending classes and being on time. We also ask that appointments be made outside of school time as much as possible. By working together we can help students succeed at school. All Regina Catholic High Schools will be incorporating a new attendance practise. Please see the attached document for specifics.

STUDENT TIMETABLE/CHANGES

Student timetables for the 2005-06 school year are enclosed. Your finalized timetable will be issued at TAG on Thursday, September 1. The timetable is extremely tight and has very little flexibility to accommodate student requests for classroom switches. Please keep this in mind when looking at the timetable. Timetable changes for students who **REQUIRE CHANGES due to class failures** will be done on Friday, August 26 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. in Student Services.

LEBOLDUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Find enclosed the 2005-2006 Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School Yearly Planner. This is provided to give you and your family information regarding the pre-scheduled events throughout the year. Please note this is not the full calendar, as the schedule for the various athletic and fine arts activities are not included at this time as they are unknown. Note these dates on your calendar so that you may keep current on monthly activities.

STUDENT FEES

Student fees are established by the Regina Catholic School Board and are payable by each student. Fee statements for the 2005-2006 school year will be distributed to each student by mid-September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 791-7251. Fees are assessed to provide support materials, participation charges/fees at a variety of venues, and/or resources for the classrooms, labs, and/ or Phys. Ed. Therefore, it is very important that these be looked after when the fee statements are sent out.

A \$20.00 uniform fee for all Grade 9's is a mandatory fee. The uniform, which is to be used for physical education classes, will be distributed at the start of the school term. These can be used in the Phys. Ed. classes your sons/daughters may take throughout the four years at Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT FEES

As a result of lost or damaged textbooks during the 2004-2005 school year, several students have outstanding fees. If the fees are in excess of \$20.00, a fee statement is enclosed with this newsletter. Fees under \$20.00 will be added to the 2004-2005 fee statement. Please pay these outstanding amounts by September 30. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!



INFORMATION AND AGENDAS PROVIDED ON OPENING DAY

Students will receive information regarding policies, books, lockers, etc. during their orientation sessions in TAG on Thursday, September 1. Agendas will be given out as well. These will be used to review the school and system policies on this opening day, and prepare students to use the agenda throughout the year.

SCHOOL HANDBOOKS / AGENDA

An organized student tends to be a successful student. It is important for our students to use agendas to help them maintain a sense of order in their lives.

The Student Handbook will be provided in order for parents and students to familiarize themselves with the school's policies and practices. Please ensure that you are aware of the contents of the handbook. Students **MUST** have the agenda with them at all times during the school day. We use the agendas as another means to ensure safety within our school. The agenda must have the student's timetable and attendance practice inserted within the agenda.

Why do we issue a handbook to each student?

1. Each student will learn about time management, goal setting, study skills, keeping track of assignments and appointments, and recording grades.
2. Parents and teachers may record notes on the weekly assignment calendar in order to communicate on a daily or weekly basis. This will improve the students' performance at school.
3. Athletic schedules and other activity meetings will be recorded by the students so parents and teachers will be prepared for these commitments. The Study Skills section will be used by the TAG teachers to help students develop good study habits and practices.
4. The telephone directory will be used by students when they are absent from school so that they may call a Study Buddy from each class.
5. The student handbook section is included at the front of the handbook to ensure that parents and students are informed of current and pertinent school policies.
6. The reference section contains important formulae and tables, common grammar rules, scientific equations and historical and geographical information to assist students with their classroom and homework activities.
7. Students must have their agendas signed by the staff member or office personnel in order to leave their respective classrooms for any required activity, including, but not exclusive to, being called to the office, going to the Resource Centre, SRC Room, or washroom. This will help to monitor and protect student activity within the school.
8. Students who lose their handbook will have to purchase a new one for \$6.00.

CORRECTION TO STUDENT AGENDA CALENDAR

Because we were able to book a larger facility for graduation, the following changes have been made to the calendar: March 31, 2006 will be a regular school day. The Professional Development Day has been moved to June 23, 2006. Course Finalization Days will be June 16, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2006. Graduation Mass will be June 23, 2006 at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 7:00 PM and the Graduation Exercises and Banquet will be June 24, 2006 at the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts at 6:30 PM. Please make these changes as soon as students receive their agendas.

STUDENT FORMS – All DUE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 at TAG

A) STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC FORM

The enclosed information is currently what we have on file. Please check the form for accuracy, make any necessary changes and return the form to your teacher advisor. **PLEASE INCLUDE ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF WHICH WE SHOULD BE AWARE.** If there are any very serious medical conditions, please contact Mr. Reed at 791-7250 with the appropriate details. Please return the demographic form whether changes were or were not necessary. This information is vital for communication with the parents or guardians, particularly should there be an emergency situation requiring parental attention.

B) R.H.S.A.A. WAIVER FORM

Each year the Regina High Schools' Athletic Association requires all students who compete in high school intercollegiate sports to complete a permission form. Please note that if general permission is being given for participation in "all sports", then only this box should be checked. This will eliminate the need for parents to sign forms throughout the year for individual sports. Please return this form to your teacher advisor.

C) MEDIA CONSENT FORM

Enclosed is a media consent form. Please complete and return to the school to your teacher advisor.

D) COMPUTER ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FORM



SCHOOL PHOTOS – Thursday, September 8

Lifetouch Canada will be taking **school photos on Thursday, September 8.** All students must have a photo taken for their Library/ I.D. card. Please adhere to the dress code guidelines outlined in the student handbook. Students will not be allowed to have photos taken with inappropriate paraphernalia or gimmicked eyewear. Hats are also not allowed to be worn. Picture packages will be available on a prepaid basis. Pricing and package information will be sent home early in September. These will be the photos used for the yearbook.

PARENT NIGHT SCHOOL – Thursday, September 8

On **Thursday, September 8, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM** parents will be given the opportunity to experience the timetable of their son/daughter. The evening will begin with a general assembly in the gymnasium. It will then be followed by the parents following their child's/children's timetable. Beginning with period 1, parents will move through their child's four or five classes and in a maximum of 10 minutes per class, parents will meet the teacher and be provided with a brief outline of the course content, the expectations of the students in terms of behavior, work habits and attitude, as well as an outline of the evaluation procedure for that particular class. **Parents are asked to bring a copy of their son's/daughter's timetable with them.** This indicates the periods, room numbers and teachers' names. We look forward to seeing you!

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are provided for student use. A non-refundable caution fee of \$10.00 is charged annually to all students when they pay registration fees. Students will be charged for all lost or damaged textbooks. An appropriate amount, prorated for damage and replacement cost for a lost, will be assessed should any damages or losses be incurred by a student. Students must ensure that all textbooks are handed in at the end of the semester to the appropriate teacher, and that the textbooks are assessed and marked as returned by that teacher for that classroom. All textbooks must be returned. If they have been lost or damaged, the textbook must be paid for at the end of the semester, prior to participating in the student's first CFD of the semester.



LOCKS AND LOCKERS

Each student will be assigned a locker on opening day. Grade 9's & 10's students will be issued an individual locker, while the grade 11's & 12's will be asked to share a locker. **All grade 9 students and students new to Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School** must purchase a LeBoldus issued lock. All other students who do not have a LeBoldus lock must purchase one from the Main Office. **All students must have a LeBoldus lock.** Students who attended LeBoldus last year are reminded to bring their LeBoldus lock on September 1. Students must keep their combinations to themselves, and their lockers locked, to prevent theft. Students will have to take responsibility for lost or stolen property.



STUDENT PARKING LOT – NEW REGULATIONS

Parking in the student parking lot will be on a PERMIT basis. Anyone who parks in non-parking areas, including in front of the gate to the John Paul II Centre, or in staff parking spots or in visitor parking can be expected to be ticketed and/or towed. For those students who must park on the surrounding streets, we expect you will remember to be good citizens and show proper respect and courtesy to our neighbours and their property. Proper driving habits are important for the safety within our community. Parking permits will be made available for a cost of \$10.00 and may be purchased in the office in mid-September by activity card holders.

REGINA TRANSIT

Regina Transit will be offering special bus service for high school students living in South East Regina on a subscription only basis for the 2005-2006 school year. This will be the seventh year for the subscription service that will take students from South East Regina to Campbell Collegiate and LeBoldus High School with no transfers. The cost of the special bus service for the entire school year will be \$470.00, payable in 10 monthly installments of \$47.00. Students will receive special transit passes for the entire school year (which can be used on the regular transit system as well), a map indicating the route and departure times for the special bus and a list of operating procedures for the special service. For more information, call Regina Transit at 777-7813.

THE SRC WELCOMES THE GRADE 9'S

On Thursday, September 1, all grade nines will be welcomed to LeBoldus by the staff and students. They will meet in the gymnasium for a general assembly and then move to their TAG for orientation to the school's day-to-day operations and policies. The SRC will also lead them through a few activities and provide them with a welcome treat.

At noon, on Friday, September 2, all grade nines are invited to participate in the SRC Noon Hour BBQ and Activities. The SRC will be giving further details to the students during the first day activities.

Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School does not condone nor accept any bullying or hazing activities, particularly during the first couple of weeks of the new school year. Our students are to respect the dignity and well being of each other and the community.

SRC ACTIVITY CARDS

For the upcoming school year, the Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School SRC will provide an opportunity for students to purchase an activity card for \$25.00. They may be purchased in early September at the same time as the student fees are paid. Students who purchase an activity card will receive:

- free admission to school dances (regular cost is \$5.00/dance);
- free admission to regular season basketball and volleyball home games (regular cost is \$1.00/game);
- free admission to regular season football games (regular cost is \$2.00/game – tickets are available at the school only)
- half-price admission to all LeBoldus drama productions;
- discounts for admission to other school events;
- other free items or discounts during the year (eg. 2 for 1 pizza on pizza days);
- monthly canteen specials;
- 10% discount on Sun Store products;
- free entries into draws for various prizes;
- opportunity to purchase a parking pass for an additional \$10.00.



SCHOOL DANCES

Throughout the year the SRC sponsors approximately four (4) school dances. In addition to staff members chaperoning these dances, **parent chaperones are required**. Please contact the school at 791-7250 if you would like to help with one or more of these events. Without your help in chaperoning, putting on these activities is a difficult task.

BEST BUDDIES

Best Buddies is a student based volunteer program designed to foster friendships between high school students with and without intellectual disabilities. Last year we launched our Best Buddies Chapter at Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, the first high school program in Western Canada. We had a very successful year and we were proud to be selected as the winner of the Fun, Friendship and Commitment Award for best new Chapter. This year we plan to continue with Best Buddies and we are looking for volunteers from Grades 9 to 12 who would like to participate in this valuable program. If selected, students are expected to contact their buddies A MINIMUM of once a week, to plan activities twice a month and to participate in group events four times per year. Any interested students should see Mrs. Horvath in Student Services to complete an application form.

ATTENTION GRADE 11 STUDENTS

Last year, and for the years to come, many Canadian universities, including the University of Regina, have changed their entrance requirements to allow grade eleven credits to be used in the entrance application procedure. What you do academically in grade 11 may affect your post-secondary plans. Plan accordingly.

ATTENTION GRADE 9 STUDENTS

Below is a suggested supply list for grade 9 students:

1. Two (2) sturdy 3-ring binders (different colors)
2. Two (2) sets of dividers
3. Two 3-ring pencil cases
4. Loose leaf paper (400 sheets)
5. Two (2) colored pens (red & blue)
6. One (1) highlighter
7. One (1) ruler
8. One (1) calculator

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Home & School Association will continue to work for the benefit of Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School students. The aim of the committee is to facilitate continuing communication and promote mutual understanding between the school and the community. If you would like to become involved with a committee that will benefit your children, please call the school in early September. The committee is not involved in fundraising. **The Annual General Meeting will be held September 21 at 7:30 P.M.** The dates of future Home & School meetings, although typically once a month, will be announced at a later time. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The current President of the Home & School Association is Ronda Schmalenberg. She can be reached at 584-2099. Elections for the 2005-2006 executive will be in October.

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E-MAIL ADDRESSES – RETURN TO TAG ADVISOR SEPTEMBER 1

We, at Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, are interested in creating effective and cost efficient communication with the families within our school community. One such means of communication is through e-mail. At times we would like to provide information about upcoming events or practices that you as parents and students must be aware of. As well, we are preparing our computer system for automatic notification of unexcused student absences via e-mail. If your e-mail address is not supplied or if there is a problem with the delivery of the e-mail, messages will still be delivered by telephone. **Please be aware that you ARE NOT to reply to these e-mail announcements.** You are asked to continue to contact the school via telephone to report student absences.

This information will be used solely for school related business and will not be released to any other business or organization unless written permission is obtained.

Name of Student: Surname: _____ First: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Father/Guardian: _____

Father's/Guardian's Email Address: _____
(For confidential communication regarding student progress)

Name of Mother/Guardian: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Email Address: _____
(For confidential communication regarding student progress)

