



# DR. MARTIN LeBOLDUS HIGH

## AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER

### **WELCOME GOLDEN SUNS!**

Welcome to the 2008/2009 school year. On behalf of the entire staff of Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, I would like to emphasize how much we are looking forward to working with all parents, guardians, and students. As an educational community we are committed to helping all students strive for excellence in every aspect of their lives. Our hope is that 2008/2009 will be a very exciting and rewarding year for everyone. We would especially like to welcome all Grade 9 students (our new "Golden Suns") and their parents/guardians. Welcome back also to our Grades 10, 11, and 12 students and their families. Please read this newsletter thoroughly as it contains important information for the start of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call the school. Have a great year everyone and let's "reach for the sun" together!

- Mr. David

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## SCHOOL OPENING

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

8:30 AM - Grade 9 Students & Parents (Assembly in the Gym & T.A.G.)

12:00 PM - Grade 9 Welcome Barbecue & Activities

1:00 PM - Grades 10, 11, 12 (Assembly in the Gym & T.A.G.)

Thursday, August 28, 2008

8:30 AM - REGULAR CLASSES BEGIN for all students

NOTE: - Extra-curricular try-outs for sports such as Cross-Country, Soccer, and Volleyball typically begin on the first day of classes. LeBoldus Football Team Meeting - August 22 - 5:00 PM

### THE SRC WELCOMES GRADE 9'S & THEIR PARENTS

On Wednesday, August 27, all Grade 9's and their parents 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 Wednesday, August 27, all Grade 9's 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.

### ATTENTION GRADE 9 STUDENTS

Below is a suggested supply list for grade 9 students:

- two (2) sturdy 3-ring binders
- two (2) sets of dividers
- two 3-ring pencil cases
- loose leaf paper (400 sheets)
- two (2) colored pens (red & blue)
- pencils
- one (1) highlighter
- one (1) ruler
- one (1) scientific calculator

### WELCOME WEEK

In addition to welcome activities on August 27, the SRC will plan an entire week of welcome activities for our Grade 9 students. The activities are designed to make all new Grade 9's feel comfortable in the school and they will allow for both Grade 9's and Grade 12's (our leaders in the building) to get to know each other better. All of these sanctioned activities will be done appropriately and safely. Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School does not condone any bullying or hazing activities and the dignity/well-being of every individual is always emphasized.

### STUDENT TIMETABLES

Tentative student timetables for the 2008-2009 school year are enclosed. Your finalized timetable will be issued at TAG on Wednesday, August 27.

Students requiring timetable adjustments due to failures, Summer School upgrading, program conflicts, or incomplete schedules, are asked to see a Guidance Counsellor in Student Services on Wednesday, August 20, Thursday, August 21 or Friday, August 22 (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). Preference will be given to students who book an appointment by calling 791-7250 starting August 12th. Timetable changes after August 22 will be dependent on class availability.

### STUDENT FEES

Student fees are established by the Regina Catholic School Board and are payable by each student. Fee statements for the 2008-2009 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 791-7250. Fees are assessed to provide support materials, participation charges/fees at a variety of venues, and/or resources for the classrooms, labs, and/or Physical Education. Therefore, it is very important that these be looked after when the fee statements are sent out.

A \$25.00 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 co-operation in this matter.

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT FEES

As a result of lost or damaged textbooks during the 2007-2008 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 2007-2008 fee statement. Please pay these outstanding amounts by September 26. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

## TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are supplied to all students for their use in a variety of classes. A non-refundable Textbook User Fee of \$10.00 is charged annually to all students when they pay their registration fees. As the cost of these texts can easily be \$300.00 or more/student, it is imperative that the textbooks be returned to the appropriate teacher at the end of each semester in usable condition. Students/parents will be expected to pay for all lost textbooks and/or books that are damaged beyond repair. Payment must be made prior to the first CFD assessment at the end of the semester.

## LeBOLDUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Find enclosed the 2008-2009 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.

## INFORMATION AND AGENDAS PROVIDED ON OPENING DAY

Students will receive information regarding policies, school procedures, textbooks, lockers, etc. during their orientation sessions at TAG on Wednesday, August 27. Agendas will be given out as well. It is the belief of the school staff that an organized student will be a successful student and the use of an agenda can help students to maintain a sense of order in their academic lives.

The student agenda includes (in the front 32 pages) the school handbook of policies and procedures. It is important that parents and students take the time to familiarize themselves with these policies and practices.

Students are expected to have their agendas with them at all times during the school day. The agendas are utilized not only for organizational reasons, but also as a means to ensure safety within the school. The agenda must have the student's timetable within it and students must have their agenda signed by a staff member or office personnel in order for them to leave their respective classrooms for any required activity within or outside of the school.

Students who lose their agenda will have to purchase a new one for \$7.00.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS – September 4th Lifetouch Canada will be taking school photos on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER

4. All students must have a photo taken for their Library/ I.D. card. Please adhere to the dress code guidelines outlined in the Student Agenda. 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. **SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES** will be on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th**.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF ACADEMICS AT ALL GRADE LEVELS

The majority of Canadian universities, including the U of R and U of S, have now made it common practice to utilize Grade 11 credits in their entrance application procedure. In fact, early conditional acceptance at many universities is now based on academic grades at the end of a student's Grade 11 year. For complete post-secondary information please see a counsellor in Student Services.

## THE FOUR CRITERIA FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

It is our belief that all of our students can experience success if they are committed to:

1. attending school regularly and punctuality
2. coming each day with a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard in each of their classes
3. completing all assignments to the best of their ability and submit each assignment by due dates
4. studying for all exams and organizing for all assessments

If these four points are adhered to, then we emphasize that not only will our students pass their classes, they will also earn the academic marks that they are capable of achieving. If, for some reason, a student is struggling with any of the four key points listed above, then it will be difficult for him/her to reach his/her full potential.

Attendance is most crucial with the above four criteria as absences and lates, whether excused or unexcused, may be detrimental to a student's success. In fact, research has shown that after five absences in a semester, a student's learning can be significantly affected. Monitoring of absences and lates then, by both the home and the school, will help students as they strive to develop habits that will lead to their success in all aspects of their present and future lives. In this regard, we encourage all parents and guardians to impress upon their children the importance of regular and punctual attendance. We also request that appointments or vacations be made outside of school time as much as possible. All Regina Catholic High Schools have incorporated an attendance practice (please see the attached document for specifics) that we feel emphasizes the importance of attendance in the overall academic success of all students.

### LOCKS AND LOCKERS

Each student will be assigned a locker on opening day. Grades 9 and 10 students will be issued an individual locker, while the grade 11's and 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. **Only LeBoldus locks will be allowed on any school locker (all other locks will be removed).** Students who attended LeBoldus last year are reminded to bring their LeBoldus lock on August 27. 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

Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School will be selling parking passes this year, and there will be assigned parking in designated (numbered) parking spots. Anyone who parks in 'No Parking' zones, including in front of the gate to the John Paul II Centre, 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.

### DAILY BELL SCHEDULE AND FALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please see the bell schedule below that outlines the regular and staff meeting bell schedules for the school year.

#### **DR. MARTIN LEBOLDUS HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE**

##### **MONDAY – FRIDAY: REGULAR SCHEDULE**

7:30 AM – 8:25 AM	Early Bird Class
8:25 AM	Warning Bell
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Period 1
9:35 AM – 10:35 AM	Period 2
10:35 AM – 10:45 AM	Break/TAG
10:50 AM – 11:50 AM	Period 3
11:50 AM – 12:55 PM (Lunch)	Noon Hour Class
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Period 4
2:05 PM – 3:05 PM	Period 5
3:05 PM – 4:15 PM	After School Class

##### **MONTHLY STAFF MEETING: EARLY DISMISSAL**

8:25 AM	Warning Bell
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Period 1
9:25 AM – 10:15 AM	Period 2
10:20 AM – 11:05 AM	Period 3
11:05 AM – 11:25 AM	Break/TAG
11:25 AM – 12:10 PM	Period 4
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Period 5

**(BREAK – except TAG as required)**



# LeBoldus Golden Suns

**STUDENT FORMS—ALL FORMS DUE**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 at TAG**

**A) STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC FORM (WHITE)**

The enclosed information is currently what we have on file. Please check the form for accuracy, make any necessary changes & 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. Ripplinger 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) HEALTH INFORMATION PERMISSION FORM (BLUE)**

This form will be utilized to provide important health information on each LeBoldus student and it is important that it be completed as thoroughly as possible. Further, 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 complete & return this form to your teacher advisor.

**C) MEDIA CONSENT FORM (GREEN)**

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

**D) RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM (PURPLE)**

Please complete & return to the school to your teacher advisor.

**E) COMPUTER ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FORM (ORANGE)**

Please complete & return to the school to your teacher advisor.



**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:

- reduced admission to SRC-sponsored events
- free admission to all LeBoldus home basketball and volleyball games;
- discounts on a variety of "Food Days" held throughout the year
- a 10% discount at the LeBoldus SunStore
- special offer at Vern's Pizza on Albert Street South
- a variety of other special offers throughout the year

**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 2008-2009 school year. The subscription service 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 \$480.00, payable in 10 monthly installments of \$48.00. 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.

**BEST BUDDIES**

Best Buddies is a student-based volunteer program designed to foster friendships between high school students with and without intellectual disabilities. Three years ago, 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.



WELCOME TO THE LeBOLDUS C.S.C.C. OPEN HOUSE BARBECUE/MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT :

Thursday, September 18, 2008

5:30 PM - Barbecue begins

6:30 PM - Assembly in the Gym - CSCC AGM & Beginning

The Catholic School Community Council, the staff and Student Representative Council would like to welcome you to the new school year! We invite you to come out and meet the teachers and other parents at this free barbecue. Please let the school office (791-7250) know how many adults will attend or e-mail the school at p.stoffel@rcs.sk.ca no later than Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CSCC)- (Home & School Association)

The LeBoldus Catholic School Community Council will continue to work for the benefit of the Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School students. The aim of the council 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 council is not involved in fundraising. **The CSCC will host a barbecue on Thursday, September 18 at 5:30 PM. The Annual General Meeting will be held September 18 at 6:30 P.M.** Elections for the 2009-2009 executive will take place on this evening. The dates of the LeBoldus Catholic School Community Council meetings, although typically once a month, are in the school calendar. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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E-MAIL ADDRESSES – RETURN TO TAG ADVISOR ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

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 of which you, as parents and students, must be aware. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

ELECTRONIC MESSAGING – (Email/Webpage) - Again this upcoming academic school year Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School will be utilizing our network to forward all mailings to parents via email and we will be posting all mailings on our school website [www.rcsd.ca/leboldus](http://www.rcsd.ca/leboldus). All of our newsletters, notes to parent, etc. will be delivered using our current technology. If you do not have an email address, copies of all communications will be available to students at the office.

August, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians:

*"The mission of the Regina Catholic School Division is to work with the community and the local church to provide a quality Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and (the) development of informed, responsible citizens."*

We strongly believe that the four criteria most critical for student success are: (1) attending classes regularly and punctually, (2) coming to school each day with a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard, (3) completing every assignment to the best of a student's ability and submitting all work by due dates, and (4) studying and preparing for all exams.

Positive attendance may be the most critical of the above four criteria, as it allows our teachers to work positively with students each and every day, focusing on those things that will lead to success. With this in mind, our system is continuing with the attendance practice in all of our high schools. This aim of the attendance practice is to protect the integrity of the Saskatchewan Learning courses that we offer and will reinforce all of the positive habits that the majority of our students demonstrate each and every day.

The attendance practice in all of our high schools is as follows:

### 1. Attendance and Punctuality

All students attending a Regina Roman Catholic High School must **attend all classes regularly** and be **punctual at all times**. Students must attend all classes regularly and punctually a minimum of 85% (this includes excused or unexcused absences and/or lates) of the time in a given semester in order to be eligible to receive credit for that class. (This is based on 100 hours of instruction which means that a student **may not exceed 15 excused or unexcused absences or lates in a semester to be eligible to receive credit for that class**. Suspensions will be counted as part of the absences.) Failure to comply with these attendance standards will result in a student's removal from the class and will no longer be eligible to receive a final grade for that particular class. Students under the age of 16 must be in attendance at a school so alternate learning arrangements will be made to accommodate these students who are dismissed from a class.

### 2. Extenuating Circumstances

There may be extenuating circumstances that require a student to be away for a period of time either with prior knowledge or as a result of something unforeseen. If this is the case there will be an appeal process that will allow an **Attendance Appeal Committee** at each high school to review the situation. The appeal could be of two types:

a. **Extenuating Circumstances - Prior Knowledge Form:** If a student will be away and has knowledge of this ahead of time the student must submit this application form at least two weeks prior to the time the student will be away. The form will then be reviewed by the Attendance Appeal Committee at his or her high school. Applicable circumstances would be such things as a foreseen surgery, travel that is educational, or athletic competition (other situations may also apply). The Attendance Committee will meet within three school days of the submission of the application and will inform the student no later than 24 hours after the decision has been made.

b. **Application of Appeal—Extenuating Circumstances Form—**If a student has accumulated a number of absences and an unforeseen situation creates more than 15 absences (excused or unexcused) the student has an opportunity to submit to the Attendance Appeal Committee an application form seeking permission to continue in a particular class. Unforeseen situations would be such things as a funeral, a sudden lengthy illness (complete with medical certificate), and or other possible situations. The committee will meet as soon as possible and no later than three school days of the submission of the application and will inform the student no later than 24 hours after the decision has been made. \* **Application forms will be available at each of the high schools.**

### 3. Transferring Schools

If a student transfers schools within our system the absences and tardiness in a particular class will accompany that student to his or her new school if the student registers in the same class.

We believe that increased attendance and punctuality will help all of our students be more successful not only in school but in all facets of their lives and this is always our ultimate goal – to ensure the success and development of all students.

If you have any questions please call us at the school.

We look forward to working with you. Thank you.

Yours In Education,

Dave Ripplinger

Janet Chabot

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