



DR. MARTIN LeBOLDUS HIGH SCHOOL
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Season's Greetings



from
**Dr. Martin LeBoldus
High School**



A Message from the LeBoldus Administration

The 2005 - 2006 school year is well underway and routines have been established. Changes within school practices and policies have been in place for a few months now and for the most part are showing success. We are excited about this school year and the achievements of many of our students. We remain committed to the success of our students and will continue to promote best practices to support each student's academic progress.

Advent Celebration - The True Meaning of Christmas

The season of Advent is upon us! As we prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, our students will be reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. As the Christmas season quickly approaches, it is easy to forget that before this wonderful celebration, there is a time of preparation. During Advent, we are preparing to receive Christ more fully into our lives.

Advent Prayer

Come Lord Jesus!

Bless us as we prepare to welcome You more fully into our lives.

Be with us in the busyness and quiet of our preparation.

Reveal Yourself to us as we seek to be Your people.

"The people in darkness have seen a Great Light."

Illuminate us and draw us close, as we wait in joyful hope,

For You are our hope and our salvation!

Come Lord Jesus!

On behalf of the staff and students of Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our community families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God bless you and grant you peace, joy, and happiness this holiday season. Enjoy your time together!

INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS OF ELIGIBLE GRADE 12 GRADUATES -



Tuesday, January 17, 2006 - 7:00 PM, LeBoldus Resource Centre. We will look at the schedule of events, important dates, and fees. Of importance to parents will be the decision as to whether or not to host an after-grad party. If this is to occur, parents will be asked to form committees to accommodate the organization and actualization of such an event. A chair person and committee will need to be selected at this time.



ADVENT MASSES - On December 2, 9, and 16, Advent Mass will be celebrated in our school Chapel. Mass is open to parents, students and teachers. Please come and celebrate with us in preparation for the coming of the Lord. The Masses will begin at 7:40 AM. Thank you to Father K. Miller and Father N. Osiowy, our celebrants.

RETREATS - We have completed our grade level retreats for the grades 10 & 11 students. The grade 9 retreats will be in the second semester. The grade 12 student retreats are held at St. Michael's Retreat House.

THANK YOU - Thank you to Jim Kilkenny (manager of the Delta Hotel) for assisting with the jazz concert presented by Karin Plato (a Vancouver vocalist) for our choir students on November 7. Mr. Kilkenny is the father of two LeBoldus graduates. **THANK YOU**



CHORAL - Congratulations to all choral students and instrumentalists who performed at the Rotary Carol Festival on November 29 and who will perform at the System Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 7, at the Centre of the Arts.



IMPROV - The Canadian Improv Games semi-finals take place at the University of Regina, Shu-Box Theatre on December 6, 7, 8 & 9 and LeBoldus Abicus 8 performs on December 9. Come out and support your teams! The Improv finals take place on Saturday, December 17.

DRAMA & DANCE PROGRAMS - The drama program is preparing two collective creations for drama finals. These will be performed on Wednesday, January 18, 2006. Our dance program will perform their final on Friday, January 20.

CHESS - The LeBoldus Chess Club is up and running with Intercollegiate Chess matches underway and a school tourney planned for Spring. Our members are taking turns representing LeBoldus in games against other schools. We hope everyone has a chance to shine and we'll be geared up for the post-season play in March. Last year's school champion, Chris Custodio, is chomping at the bit to try to recapture his crown this school year, but it looks like he'll have quite a bit of competition. We're looking at an exciting and successful year!



ATHLETICS UPDATE - Volleyball - Senior Boys City Champions
- Senior Girls semi-finalists
- Junior Boys City finalists
- Junior Girls quarter-finalists
- **Football** - semi-finalists

Basketball, hockey, wrestling, and curling have just begun. Best of luck to all teams!

LeBOLDUS BAND - Everyone is welcome to attend the LeBoldus Area Band Concert on Sunday, December 4, at 7:30 PM in the LeBoldus Gymnasium. This concert will feature the LeBoldus Area Grade 6 Band, the LeBoldus Area Grade 7/8 Band, the Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School Junior Concert Band, the Dr. Martin LeBoldus Senior Concert Band, and the "Suns of the Drum" Percussion Ensemble. Band students should arrive at LeBoldus, in uniform, by 6:45 PM. There is no admission but a donation to the silver collection would be greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to the LeBoldus music students who participated in the Saskatchewan Honour Band, Honour Choir, and Honour Orchestra at the beginning of November. We are proud of these students who represented LeBoldus so well. Our apologies to Andrew Polasek, member of the Saskatchewan Honour Band, whose name was missed in last month's newsletter.

The band is preparing for their performance at the Alberta International Band Festival in Calgary at the end of February. As well, the band students will be performing at the Regina Optimist Festival on March 15, 16, 17, 2006. The Regina Catholic 31st Annual Band Days will be held on April 6, 7, 8, 2006 at LeBoldus High School.

CAT/3 Testing

On Thursday, November 17, we administered the CAT/3 (Canadian Achievement Tests, Third Edition) to all of our Grade 10 students. The CAT/3 is a national standardized achievement test designed to measure achievement in the basic skills commonly taught in schools across Canada. The results will be used to provide direction for curriculum and program delivery at the system, school and individual student levels. The school expects to receive the CAT/3 results by the end of January and a report and explanation of each child's individual scores will be sent home. At that time, you are welcome to call the school if you wish to set up a meeting to discuss your child's CAT/3 results.

SUTIL Conference

On Thursday, December 1, we held our annual SUTIL (Saskatchewan Universities and Technical Institute Liaison) Conference at LeBoldus. Representatives from the U of R, the U of S, and SIAST provided current information on post-secondary education opportunities in Saskatchewan. As well, students were able to attend career-related workshops put on by AccessCommunications, Katimavik, New Media, the Armed

Forces, or the Saskatchewan Government. The purpose of the conference was to assist students in making informed decisions about their future post-secondary educational and career goals.

Peer Tutoring Program

We are very pleased to announce that we have recently launched a peer tutoring program at LeBoldus where students who are experiencing academic difficulties are being tutored by students who excel in certain subject areas. The success of this program is a direct reflection on all of our students who are willing to spend the extra time to improve student learning. Please see one of the guidance counsellors if you require extra help or are willing to tutor other students. As an added incentive, our peer tutors will receive Christian service hours for the time they spend tutoring outside of school hours.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our school is, once again, preparing thirty Christmas hampers for families in the area. Thank you to our students, teachers, and parents for your generosity!



GRAD PHOTOS

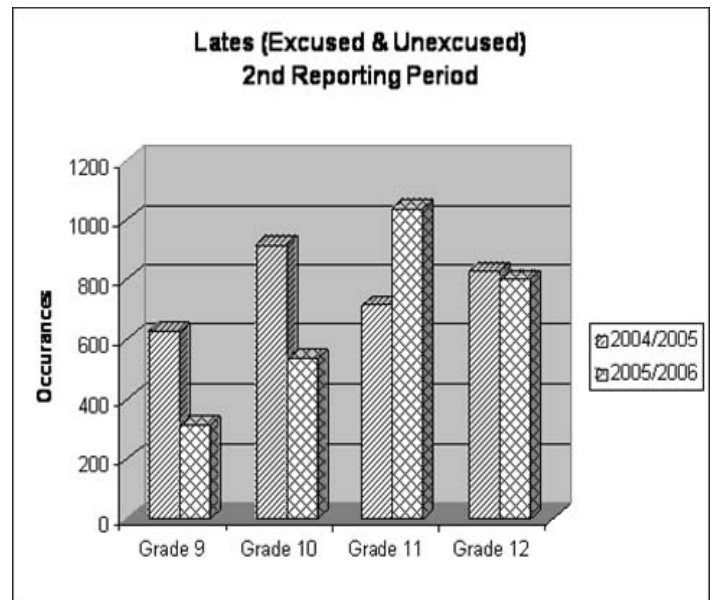
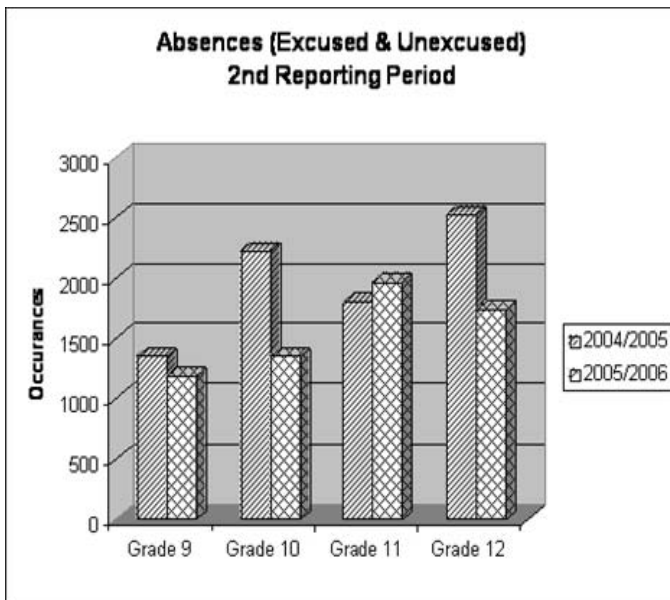
January 23, 24, 25, 2006
LeBoldus Theatre - 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School School Dances

We are sensitive to the fact that many students and parents/guardians are wondering, will Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School host future dances? In light of the recent situation at our last dance and the eventual outcome, the administration of Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School is faced with making a decision which will protect the integrity of our school's reputation. The safety and well-being of all students and staff, at all school-sanctioned events, is ultimately the responsibility of the administration, therefore, making the right decision may not be the most popular. We are a Catholic school and believe we have a moral responsibility to honour the teachings of the Catholic faith. Frankly, the appropriateness of many students' dress, style of dancing, and respectful behaviour at the dance had deteriorated to a point where it was no longer acceptable. It is unfortunate that the actions and behaviour of these students has negatively affected so many. At this time, Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School has no dances scheduled for the remainder of the academic year of 2005-2006. If you have any concerns, please feel free to phone Mr. Dale Reed at 791-7250.

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Re: Progress Report 2 (Sep 12 to Nov 10)

We are extremely encouraged by the decrease in the number of absences and lates. We are confident that we will see substantial gains academically.



December

- 5-9 - Improv Tournament
- 7 - High School Choral Concert - 7:30 PM
Centre of the Arts
- 15 - Progress Report 3
- 22 - Last Day of Classes
- Staff Meeting - Students Dismissed at 1:00 PM
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Boxing Day

January

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 9 - Classes Resume
- 17 - Grad Parent Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 23 - Course Finalization Day - Period 1
- 24 - Course Finalization Day - Period 2
- 25 - Course Finalization Day - Period 3
- 26 - Course Finalization Day - Period 4
- 27 - Course Finalization Day - Period 5
- 27 - 28 - L.A.S.I. Basketball
- 30 - 31 - Semester-End - Administration

February

- 1 - Semester 2 Begins - Report Card Distribution
- 16 - Teachers' Institute

17 - Teachers' Convention

- 21 - Staff Meeting - Students Dismissed at 1:00 PM
- 22 - Parent Evening for Students Entering Grades 10, 11, 12 - 7:00 PM
- 23 - Grade 9 Retreat - AM only
- 28 - Grade 12 Retreat

March

- 1 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy - 1:00 PM
- 1 - 3 - Jazz Fusion
- 2 - Grade 12 Retreat
- 8 - Liturgy of Reconciliation for Grades 9/10 - 1:00 PM
- 9 - Individual Reconciliation for Grades 9 & 10 - 9:30 - 11:50 AM
- Progress Report 5
- 15-17 - Optimist Band Festival
- 20 - Winter Holiday
- 21 - Staff Meeting - Students Dismissed at 1:00 PM
- 22-23 - School Ring Day
- 23 - Parent Teacher Conferences - Students Dismissed at 11:50 AM (NOTE: THIS DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM MARCH 30).
- 28 - Grade 12 Retreat
- 29-31 - Drama Production
- Grade 12 Retreat