



DR. MARTIN LEBOLDUS HIGH SCHOOL FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

Welcome to Semester III! It is hard to believe the school year is half over. February is a great month to refocus on the courses and day to day duties of the second semester. We will begin to shift some of the energies into transitional activities, as we work with our associate elementary schools in encouraging our Grade 8's to register at LeBoldus. We will begin to refocus on the creation of a budget for the next school year, considering program, staff and student needs. Lastly, we will begin preparation to enter into another liturgical period.

As the world around us prepares for Valentine's Day, we are also remembering the true meaning of love: to unselfishly choose the best interests of another. We know that sometimes love is not a feeling, but a choice. How did God demonstrate His love for us? By unselfishly being born, in the full knowledge that the cross was ahead. Let us prepare for the upcoming season of Lent by more fully celebrating the love of God. Let us celebrate the things that are truly important and valued, and let us share the true love that God has emphasized by demonstrating this love of one another.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings received this past year. Thank you for being with us through our difficulties. Guide us along the path of righteousness. Help us to be more faithful in loving You and others. Help us to prepare to walk to the cross with You.

The Attendance Practice & the Four Criteria of Success

It is our belief that the attendance practice implemented within the four Catholic high schools this year, has been quite effective. Within all high schools, and particularly here at LeBoldus, attendance and punctuality have improved. Fewer students have withdrawn from our school this year in comparison to last year at this time. This has also promoted increased success for our students, as overall averages have improved. This is associated with the belief that all of our students can experience success if they are committed to attending school regularly and punctually, and to completing assignments to the best of their ability while preparing thoroughly for exams. If students adhere to these expectations, then not only will they pass their classes, they will also earn the academic marks and success that they are capable of achieving. If one or more of the above criteria is not carried out by a student, that student will have difficulty reaching his/her potential.

We thank you for your work and understanding in supporting this attendance practice. We are continuing to work out the minor 'bugs' that have occurred, and recognize the need for some adjustments. Once again, we do understand that there will be extenuating circumstances that need to be considered in applying this attendance practice. Please continue to submit the **Prior Knowledge** forms or the **Emergent Issue** forms, available from the office or online, as they apply to your son's/daughter's attendance circumstances. Please note that the intent of these forms is two-fold: to communicate the times and dates of planned activities which will take the student out of the school, to provide students the opportunity to plan for assignments they will miss during their absence.

Please do not hesitate to call Mr. Hammond or Mr. Reed regarding any questions about the attendance practice.

SECRETS OF THE TEENAGE BRAIN -

Tuesday, February 28 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM,

LeBoldus Theatre

A special presentation by Bert Yakichuk, former Principal, sponsored by the LeBoldus Home & School Association.

CONTAINERS FOR THE ART ROOM - The Art Room is in need of plastic containers with lids (eg. margarine, sour cream). If you have any to donate, please send them to school with your son/daughter or drop them off in the Art Room or in the office.

LeBOLDUS ATHLETICS UPDATE -

Hockey - 1st in League; Basketball - Sr. Girls' - Tournaments - 2nd at Balfour; 2nd at Saskatoon Mount Royal; 3rd at C.I.T.; Sr. Boys' - Tournaments - 3rd at C.I.T.; 3rd at Balfour; Consolation Champs at Saskatoon; Jr. Girls' - Tournaments - 1st at R.I.T.; 2nd at Campbell Crush; Jr. Boys' - Tournaments - 3rd at Campbell Crush; 4th at R.I.T.; Wrestling - Individual winners at Thom and Balfour tournaments; Curling - League Standing are: Jr. Boys' & Girls' - 3rd; Boys - 3rd & 5th; Girls - 4th & 6th.



Baseball Regina offers recreational and competitive programs for youth ages 5 through 18. To learn more, or to register for the 2006 season, visit www.baseballregina.com or phone the Baseball Regina Hotline, 775-BALL (775-2255).

Umpiring is a great summer job. Baseball Regina sponsors umpire training and certification programs. Anyone age 12 or older, with or without baseball playing experience may participate in umpire clinics and will be assigned to umpire league and tournament games throughout the summer. Contact Chad at 522-8210 or Brian at 352-1796 for further information regarding umpiring opportunities.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DEBATE TOURNAMENT - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

LeBoldus will be hosting a debate tournament on Friday, February 24, from 4:00 to 9:00 PM. It will take many volunteers to make this event a success. Forty students will be required as moderators and time keepers for the competition. We would also like to encourage parents to become involved as judges for the matches. It does not require any previous debate training. Mr. Breit says he can teach you everything you need to know to become a proficient judge in just 20 minutes. Please consider giving your time to this very worthwhile activity. You can contact the school at 791-7250, or e-mail Mr. Breit at breitb72@rcs.sk.ca

MR. BREIT SELECTED TO COACH PROVINCIAL TEAM

Congratulations to Mr. Breit who was selected to coach the Saskatchewan High School Debate Team at the national debate seminar this spring. The team will be preparing over the Easter break and then heading to Halifax from April 21-26. Good luck to you and all of your members, Mr. Breit!

PARENTS, KIDS AND DRUGS, WHO'S WINNING?

Addiction Services of the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region is offering an informational series for parents on adolescent addiction and recovery. Topics covered will include: family dynamics, enabling, intervention and recovery. The sessions will be held each Wednesday night for the month of March from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, at 2110 Hamilton Street, 2nd Floor. Who should attend? Parents, teachers, social workers, and anyone else living or working with teenagers. For further information, contact Addiction Services, Don Fitzsimmons at 766-7925.

CHORAL - JAZZ FUSION

- Our choral department will be hosting the vocal jazz workshop, Jazz Fusion, on March 1, 2, & 3. This year, Ly Tartell, from Indiana, Indianapolis will be our facilitator. Workshops will be held in our facility throughout the day with choirs from Regina, Saskatoon, and Red Deer. On Friday, March 3, some of the choirs will present a concert in our theatre at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door.

PARENT CONVENTION 2006

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

5:00 PM - 8:45 PM

Miller High School - Gym A

1027 College Avenue

Free supper. Free child care for children ages 4-11. Park in student parking on the west side of the school. For further information, visit www.rcsd.ca

BAND - Good luck to the LeBoldus Bands at their upcoming performances:

Alberta International Band Festival in Calgary, February 25, 26, 27;

Optimist Festival, LeBoldus Junior Band, Wednesday, March 15 - 3:28 PM; LeBoldus Senior Band, Thursday, March 16, 4:18 PM;

Regina Catholic Schools 31st Annual Band Days, April 6, 7, 8; LeBoldus Area Spring Band Concert, Sunday, May 28, 7:30 PM

DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAM - REGINA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Each high school in Regina Catholic Schools currently offers a Drug and Alcohol Program. The purpose of the sessions are to give students the opportunity to understand how alcohol/drugs can begin to interfere in their lives, how dangerous these substances are, and how drug and alcohol use can effect their normal psychological development. Rand Teed facilitates the sessions at Miller, O'Neill, Riffel and St. Luke. Bob Polischuk facilitates the sessions at LeBoldus.

The drug sessions are offered in a group setting. Some individual meetings with the facilitator do take place. The facilitator may ask students if he can call his/her parents. Parental involvement is important for some students. The facilitator and the school administration and/or school counsellors develop a schedule to allow students to attend sessions and or meetings while minimizing the number of classes students miss. Both facilitators do visit classrooms as well. In a recent survey, many students cited bringing this service to them is the only way they would access a drug/alcohol program. Some schools do group the students according to grade level.

The facilitator directs a program and encourages students to identify additional issues or particular concerns. As a Catholic School our students do use prayer to help them as this is a fundamental principal of recovery.

For more information, please contact the administration at Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School at 791-7250.

CAT3 RESULTS - GRADE 10 - Parents of grade ten students should have received the results of the CAT3 Tests that were administered recently. We are extremely pleased with the results as our students did an outstanding job in the tests. We believe this is truly indicative of the quality of curricular delivery by our staff in the areas of English and Mathematics and of the students in their approach to recognizing the importance of the CAT3's. We would like to thank you, the parents, for providing the support that was necessary to achieve these results. Should you have any questions regarding test results, please contact the school at 791-7250.

READING ASSESSMENT DATE:

I would like to bring to your attention that the assessment team would like to administer the Grade 10 reading assessment on April 10 & 11. This is right before the Easter holiday. We would like to administer it before the holiday so that all of the work leading up to it is not forgotten over the holidays and we still have May to review results and plan PLC goals for the next school year. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. It is greatly appreciated!

NO PARKING - Please refrain from parking in the bus lane during school hours. When vehicles are parked there, it interferes with bus pickup, delivery and scheduling.

BARBARA COLOROSO, well-known author and speaker, will be speaking at the Western Christian College and High School, 4400 - 4 Avenue on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 7:00 PM. Audience members can expect two hours packed with solid practical advice for parents and educators on how to teach kids to care deeply, share generously, help willingly, as well as to act with integrity and civility. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Chapters, near the Southland Mall (cash only) or The Learning Disabilities Association of Saskatchewan, 805 Victoria Avenue, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, weekdays (cash only).

MY SASKATCHEWAN - 100 YEARS OF HEART

is our school division's prose, poetry and essay commemorative book sponsored by Regina Catholic Schools Teachers' Association and Regina Catholic Schools. The book contains around 85 written works by our students in kindergarten to grade 12. Through the sale of these books at \$5.00 each plus GST, we are pleased to support two non-profit literacy groups in Regina; Circle Project of Regina (Literacy) and the Regina Family Literacy Project. The third organization to receive financial support through the sale of *My Saskatchewan. 100 Years of Heart* is the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching. *My Saskatchewan. 100 Years of Heart* is on sale exclusively at Book & Brier Patch, 4065 Albert Street. Please consider purchasing this book for your gift-giving this year or to keep as a commemorative piece in recognition of our province's centennial. Thank you for your support!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 16 - Teachers' Institute**
- 17 - Teachers' Convention**
- 21 - Staff Meeting - Students Dismissed at 1:00 PM**
- 22 - Grade 8 Parent Orientation Transition Night - 7:00 PM**

March

- 1 - 3 - Jazz Fusion**
- 8 - Parent Evening for Students Entering Grades 10, 11, 12 - 7:00 PM**
- 9 - 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 11:50AM**
(NOTE: THIS DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM MARCH 30).
- 29-31 - Drama Production**

April

- 6 - Band Days**
- 7 - Band Days**
- 8 - Band Days**
- 13 - Progress Report 6**
- 14 - Good Friday**
- 16 - Easter Sunday**
- 17-21 - Easter Vacation**
- 25 - Staff Meeting - Students Dismissed at 1:00 PM**

May

- 1 - AP French Exam - PM**
- 2 - AP Computer Science A and AB exam - AM**
AP Spanish exam - AM
- 3 - AP Calculus AB exam - AM**
- 4 - AP English exam - AM**
- 5 - AP Art exam - all day**
- 10 - AP Psychology exam - PM**
- 16 - Staff Meeting - Students Dismissed at 1:00 PM**
- 17 - Final Choral Concert**
- 18 - Progress Report 7**
- 19 - Spring Holiday**
- 22 - Victoria Day Holiday**

June

- 15 - Extracurricular Spring Awards**
- 19-23 - Course Finalization Days**
- 23 - Graduation Mass - 7:00 PM - Holy Rosary Cathedral**
- 24 - Graduation Exercises - 11:00 AM - Conexus Arts Centre**
- 24 - Graduation Banquet - 6:30 PM - Conexus Arts Centre**
- 26 - Professional Development Day - No School for Students**
- 27-28 - Semester-End Administration - No School for Students**
- 29 - Teachers' Institute**
- 30 - Last Day for Students - Report Card Distribution**
- Teachers' Institute

