

Dr. Martin LeBoldus High

February 2008 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! We have gotten through the first semester and refocus on the courses and the day to day duties of the second semester.

Semester one of our current school year wrapped up at the end of January and for most the most part, the semester was tremendously successful. We have had a number of students obtain perfect attendance recognition. A good percentage of our students also have had success in their overall attendance and have achieved academic excellence. By attending regularly and punctually the majority of our students have achieved success in their academics, which demonstrates the important link between these two components. Academic averages in each of our grades are very good and we are pleased with the overall results. As well, the reported results from the CAT3's, a national set of exams in reading, writing, and mathematics that all students in Grade 10 write each October, are exceptional. Our students generally scored the same as or above the national average in each of the three exams, and showed the same or slightly higher results than last year. These results demonstrate the hard work and dedication of our students and staff in achieving academic success. Congratulations to our Grade 10's and the staff for this excellence!

We begin to shift some of the energies into the transitional activities, as we work with our associate elementary schools in encouraging our Grade 8's to register at LeBoldus. We begin to refocus on the creation of a budget for the next school year, considering program, staff and student needs. Lastly, we see our lives as one that is full of activity, rushing around to meet the demands and all that is part of our school and family life. Within the Church family, as rushed as we may feel, we are trying to slow down, as we begin the Lenten liturgical period, which is upon us early this year.

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 love for us? By unselfishly being born, in the full knowledge that the cross was ahead. Let us prepare for the 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 that true love that God has emphasized by demonstrating this love of one another. This can be done through an active participation in the school's involvement in "Project Love", a program to provide needed school supplies in Third World countries. We can demonstrate support of each other within the school and the community through acts of kindness. We can continue to do good work within the responsibilities we have in school and at home.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessing 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. We ask this through the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

GRAD PHOTO RETAKES

Grad Photo Retakes
will take place at the Lifetouch office located at:

#18 - 395 Park Street
Regina, Sask.
949-8448

Students who missed the original session at the school are asked to call Lifetouch for an appointment. Students having retakes done are asked to take their original set of proofs with them.

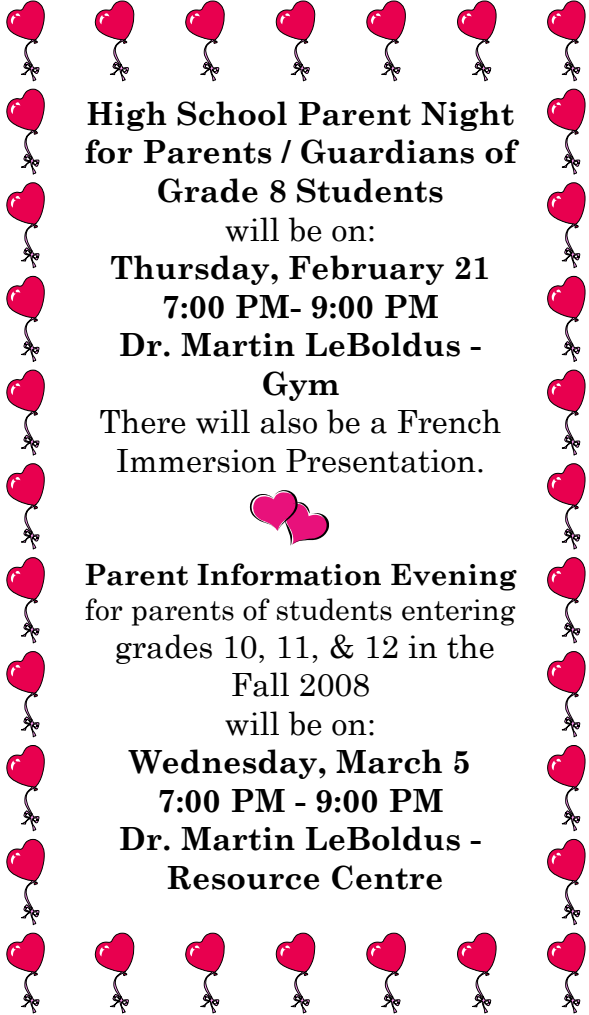
French Immersion Education Week -

The French Immersion schools of the Regina Catholic School Division celebrated French Second Language Education Week at our French Language Mass on

**Thursday, February 7,
2008
Holy Rosary Cathedral
10:00 AM**

PLEASE NOTE:

The Professional Development Day scheduled for Friday, April 25 has been **CANCELLED**. There **WILL BE SCHOOL ON APRIL 25**.



High School Parent Night for Parents / Guardians of Grade 8 Students

will be on:

**Thursday, February 21
7:00 PM- 9:00 PM
Dr. Martin LeBoldus -
Gym**

There will also be a French Immersion Presentation.



Parent Information Evening
for parents of students entering
grades 10, 11, & 12 in the
Fall 2008

will be on:

**Wednesday, March 5
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Dr. Martin LeBoldus -
Resource Centre**

Parent Education Night

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

LeBoldus Theatre

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM

Speaker: Dave Gorrie

Topics: Communicating with our Teens,
Setting Limits and Avoiding Power Struggles

Sponsored by LeBoldus Catholic School

Community Council

Everyone Welcome

Improv Performance Night

The 'Discontinued Heroes', one of LeBoldus' Improv teams, is holding a fundraiser performance event on **Saturday, March 8, 2008**, to help the team make their way to Ottawa for Nationals. The evening will consist of dancing, music, drama, dessert theatre, a silent auction, and, of course, IMPROV! We hope to see everyone there to support the team and enjoy a great evening of entertainment!

Calendar of Events

February:

- 13 -Parent Night School- Cancelled
- 18 -Family Day Holiday
- 19 -Staff Meeting - Students Dismissed at 1:00 PM
- 19 -Grade 8's - Spend the day at LeBoldus
- 21 -Parent Night Transisiton - Gr. 8 students - 7:00 PM in the Gym
- 27 -CSCC Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 28-29 - Teacher's Institute/ Convention - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

March:

- 5 - Parent Information Evening for students entering Grades 10, 11, 12 in Fall of 2008 - 7:00 PM - Library
- 5-7 - Jazz Fusion
- 13 - Progress Report #5
- 18 - Staff Meeting - Students Dismissed at 1:00 PM
- 19 - CSCC Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 19 - School Ring Day
- 21 - Good Friday
- 23 - Easter Sunday
- 24-28 - Easter Vacation
- 31 - Classes Resume

Lenten Resolve

In our relationships with family, friends, coworkers, and God, we are happier when we are able to communicate freely. Good communication involves being able to express our thoughts and feelings safely as well as being able to stand in another's shoes ... to be able to empathize with each other. This is difficult, especially when actions or words have been hurtful.

As we continue to move toward Good Friday and the cross, we recognize that when we sin we 'miss the mark' and fail to respect and love others around us and God. We hurt creation, each other, and God. During Lent, we continue to bring to God areas of brokenness, within our friends, within our families, and within our lives. Now is the time to build bridges, mend relationships, and seek forgiveness. Therefore, let us try to forgive the past hurts, and try to commit to seeing other's points of view. Remember, Jesus died for our salvation, for the forgiveness of our sins, and now we have the opportunity to go to God and ask for the grace to accept that forgiveness for ourselves and share it with others.

Winter Driving – A Need to Leave Home Earlier to Arrive on Time!

The winter season creates changes in driving style and time required, due to the changes in temperature, increased snow accumulations, and the icy road conditions that may result from these fluctuations. More care and attention is a prerequisite in driving to and from school as student safety is an important consideration. To ensure this, **additional time for travel is essential in order to get to school on time.** As road conditions change regularly, parents and students must take more care in their driving. In order to avoid the large number of late arrivals occurring, an earlier departure is imperative. Due to the congestion of and the amount of traffic coming into the area along Wascana Parkway, travel typically is much slower in these types of winter conditions. Once again, we ask that the driver responsible for getting the students to school on time try to leave an extra ten to fifteen minutes earlier to ensure that the arrival at school is timely and punctual. **Road conditions and traffic are not acceptable excuses for continuous lates at the school.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Zones – No Parking Zones

Be aware that students are typically in a hurry in the morning, during the noon hour, and after school. Unfortunately, these same students may not necessarily be paying close attention to traffic in front of the school or in the parking lot. Please slow down in the school zone and pay particular attention to crosswalk areas.

Please try to avoid parking in front of the school as these are bus zones and no parking zones for other vehicles. The “No Parking” zone has been expanded to ensure the visibility for drivers so that our students may cross safely. Having the zones in front of the school clear of vehicles ensures the safety of our students. Please respect these “No Parking” zone when dropping off your children. The police service has advised us that tickets will be issued to anyone caught offending the no parking zones. We hope to keep these areas as clear as possible to help ensure student safety. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parking at LeBoldus & Vicinity

Parking is at a premium at the school. Parking is based on a first come basis so that students who are earlier may be able to access a parking spot. These are limited in numbers, as the parking lot is only able to handle a certain number of vehicles. We unfortunately are not able to accommodate all students requiring a parking spot. Many students must park on the streets around LeBoldus. We ask that these students respect the community around the school by ensuring that they are properly parked. This means that parking should not block driveways and that there be adherence to the curb side rules, such as staying away from the “No Parking” zones. Students must respect the parking signs and restrictions within the LeBoldus lot. **Any vehicle parked in a no parking area or lane, or parking in a staff allocated spot will be ticketed or towed at the owner’s expense.** Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to this practice.