

St. Alphonsus School News

Third Term - June 2016



Happy Summer !

From The Principal

Running Lessons

I never liked running as a kid, as a rule I made a point of avoiding all occasions of sweat. My conversion to the active life came through the prompting of my then seven year old. He really wanted to be like his dad, who was running a half marathon. Being a nervous mom, I couldn't let him do the Super Run by himself, so the choice was made. Soon our younger son wanted to join in and on we ran. Over the years we went in many different fun runs including Santa Shuffles, Hallowe'en Howls and Marathon Relays. We even ventured into a PEI Potato Blossom Run. Although my children have grown and gone on to other pursuits, I have stuck with running. Strangely, despite my protestations as a youth, it suits me. I have logged a fair number of miles over the years and learned a lot about myself in the process. Much of what I believe to be true about running has parallels to others areas of my life.

You need to find your own pace; trying to run at the wrong speed will exhaust your energies and leave you discouraged. I long ago resigned myself to the fact that in a world of thoroughbreds, I am a bit of a Clydesdale. I am not the fastest runner, nor will I ever be. If I were to dwell on the Lycra clad speedsters who leave me in their dust, I might be inclined to give up running for good. Focusing on what I can do, both in running and in my work allows me the grace to do something, and to do it to the best of my abilities.

Rather than comparing and despairing, setting goals for yourself and extending those limits builds a positive self-image and is integral to self improvement. My first goal was that Super Run and as lame as it might seem, I felt proud that I actually did it. The next goal was a relay leg and then a 10 K, followed by a half-marathon. Moving towards goals in our family, work or spiritual life can have the same effect, giving us a sense of purpose and satisfaction.

Often when I head out to run, I am alone and this solitude can be a gift. All of us need time alone to collect our thoughts, reflect and pray, whether we do this while running, sitting under a tree or kneeling in a church. Conversely, it is equally true that I benefit from running with friends. Working towards a common goal and receiving support through difficult patches has allowed me to accomplish more than I could have done alone, both on the trail and in life. We live in a bit of a tension between solitude and companionship; I think that it is about balancing time for both.

Running involves work and there is likely to be pain involved. As in other areas of life- parenting, marriage, careers- the rewards of the work are worth the effort involved. Sometimes it is even fun, cue the endorphins! The real trick is persevering through difficult times and having faith that things will improve if you continue to try, even walking for a bit if necessary. Still, most runners I know have experienced some type of damage, from simple strains to side-lining injuries. The truth is that none of us are exempt from the difficulties and struggles life brings. Discerning when to push through the hurts and when to take time to heal is an important skill in running and in life.

Running isn't everyone's thing, God knows I never expected it to be mine, but if I have managed to jog some reflection on life, then I have made it to this finish line. I hope that the summer provides you time to live at a more relaxed pace, with time for solitude and companionship, work and play, recuperation and recreation. Before we know it, we'll be off and running with a new school year.

Peace,
Christine McInnis
Principal

P.S. We are aiming for the *Dunk River Run* this summer in PEI. Maritime hills for a prairie girl, should be interesting!



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

-2 Timothy 4:7

St Alphonsus School

Annual Community Report 2015-2016

Each school in the province must provide an annual school report for the community. The purpose of the report is to share some school profile information, report on various steps taken to meet school improvement goals and to outline other action plans underway in the school. Please take some time to review this report. Should you have any questions or comments regarding any information therein, or if you would like to have input regarding plans for the coming year, please contact the principal or one of the School Board members. You are also welcome to share your ideas at the school board meeting on Monday, September 12th or at the PALS meeting on Tuesday, September 13th. Your ideas are welcome and play an important role in shaping the school's direction and future.

School Profile

St. Alphonsus School is a K-8 Catholic School. This year, the student population was 220, and the staff consisted of fourteen certified teachers, five instructional aides, an office manager, a financial administrator, a building manager and a custodian. As well as providing the provincial core curriculum, the school offers religious instruction, basic French instruction (grade 1-8) and resource support.

School Plan 2015-2016

One of the tasks of the school administration is to develop a plan in consultation with the various members of the community, including staff, students and parents. Many of the initiatives pursued by schools require a long term approach for implementation. As a result, most school plans encompass more than one school year. This practice has been the case in our school. After priorities were identified, strategies were developed in alignment with our goals. The plan was formalized and put into effect. Our staff has found that choosing one of the goals as our primary focus for each of the three years of the school plan allows us to move more deeply into the goal. This year our focus was Art Education.

Art Education: To enhance the visual arts program.

Over the course of this year it has been interesting to see the wide variety of visual arts that the students have been involved with. Puppets, paintings, photography, collage, clay and dough sculpture, plasticine pictures, pastels, charcoal and papier maché are just a few of the different projects that have happened at different grade levels.

Art education was the main focus of our school plan for this school year. We allotted in-service time to provide professional development for the teachers. This time was well spent; teachers had hands-on instruction from local artist and teacher, Alice Kulyk. The result of this work was even greater diversity of art experiences for our students.

Numerical Comprehension: To develop students' ability to think creatively and persist when solving mathematical problems.

The area of numerical comprehension has been a focus at the school for a number of years, as members of the teaching staff are keenly aware of the importance of these foundational skills for students' future success. This year, teachers have spent time in direct teaching of problem solving including modeling the thought process needed to solve problems. Teachers have attended in-services and brought the information back to our staff meetings. As well, in the summer of 2016 many of our teachers are attending an intensive workshop on strategies for supporting and developing mathematical thinking. This professional development will allow teachers to gain additional understanding of how to differentiate programming for all students and address any deficit

Annual Community Report cont'd

areas in student learning. This area will be a priority focus for the upcoming school year.

Science/Inquiry : *To increase students' scientific literacy by fostering their understanding of and engagement in scientific inquiry, technological problem solving and decision making.*

This was our target priority over the 2014-15 school year. Over the course of this school year we have seen continued growth in the implementation of inquiry based learning throughout the school. We anticipate building on the momentum created in this area over the past two school years as we move forward.

Nursery School

This year was the inaugural year for our nursery program. The concept of a nursery program had been bandied about for a few years. We were lucky to secure an excellent, certified teacher to head up the program, as well as a dedicated assistant. The program blossomed under their care and attention. We are looking forward to a second successful year of nursery beginning in the fall.

Sustainability Education

Sustainability was an emerging topic of discussion this year. The staff talked about ways in which we can educate students to become better stewards of our planet, as well as ways in which the school community can model this stewardship through the decisions we make. In the upcoming year, the staff will develop a sustainable School plan with guidance from personnel at Manitoba Education.

In Summary

It has been a busy year at the school, with much growth and change. We are working towards our priorities while remaining responsive to the emerging needs of the students and the community. Thank you to all members of the community—students, staff and parents— for your ongoing support of the school. Together we make St. Alphonsus School a great place to be.



Looking Back

As is always the case, the spring term has sped by!

April

The Grade 5 , 6, 7 & 8 classes attended **Youth Rallies** on April 28 at the Immaculate Conception Parish. These events gathered students from all across Winnipeg to listen to a speaker and learn more about their faith.

Gala Dinner took place on Saturday, April 30th. Once again this year, we were at the Hotel Fort Garry and was by all accounts a fabulous evening and a tremendous success. The Gala committee has included a report, which can be found later in this newsletter.

May

We held our biennial talent show on May 6th. Students from across the grades danced, played instruments and told jokes. What a talented bunch of students we have here!



Our grade seven and eight students, along with a hardy group of staff and parents, headed out to **Camp Arnes** in mid May . Although we battled some rainy weather, the trip was wonderful and everyone had a fabulous time.



On the 26th, our junior high friends had their annual **Spring Theatre** . This year’s musical, *Stay Gold* was a great success. Thanks go to Mr. Cox for his fine work with the students.



On Saturday May, 28th more than 50 school members took part in Colour Me Rad. It was a great deal of fun, messy and smelly! Thanks you to Miss V for organizing and for everyone for being part of the St. Als team!



June

June has gone by in the blink of an eye. There are always a number of end of the year field trips and spontaneous activities that keep everyone's spirits high.

Our grade 4-8 friends had the opportunity to participate in the **Knights of Columbus Track Meets** held out at the University of Manitoba. The athletes had a great time and represented our school very well.

June 15th was our first nursery farewell. It's always fun to celebrate these milestones. The nursery program has been an awesome addition to our school family! Thank you to Miss Dona and Miss Catherine for all your work in making this program a success!



The **Family Barbeque** was held on June 23rd. It was a rocking event, as usual. As always the food was delicious, the games were great and oh, those bouncers! Thank you to our PALS crew, and especially to Lisa Rowbotham, for all your fine work in organizing this event. It is a great way for the community to celebrate our year together.

June 24th was our Kildonan Park Fun Day. What a cool way to celebrate our year together! Well, cool in the sense it was fun, because the day was a scorcher. It was a beautiful day, a great finish to a great year!

June 29th was our **Kindergarten Farewell**. This event makes me feel wistful about the passage of time. It goes by very quickly, whether it is a year of kindergarten or thirteen years of school. The Farewell was very touching; thank you to Mrs. Mattis and Mr. Cox for your fine work with the



students. Parents, don't blink; it will be grade 8 Farewell for these tykes before we know it.

Of course, we said farewell to our current grade eight crew on **June 29th**. After a formal photo, we celebrated liturgy, followed by an awards ceremony in the gym. Our parent crew prepared a great reception for the students and their guests. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a special day.

Looking Forward

August

The school office reopens on August 22nd.

September

Our **first day of school** for grade 1-8 students is Wednesday, September 7th. Our new kindergarten friends will receive information during the summer that will tell parents what their schedule will be.

On **Thursday, September 15th** we will be holding our annual combination **Meet the Teacher** evening and **Family Terry Fox Walk**. The Meet the Teacher portion of the evening will run from 5:00– 6:00, followed by a hot dog supper and finally a family walk through the community in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. More information about the evening, along with an order form for the aforementioned hotdogs, will come home at the beginning of the new school year. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, reconnect with friends in the community and support a worthwhile cause.

The PALS Wine Tasting Fundraiser will be held on **Friday, September 30th** at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre. A silent auction letter and information on tickets will be coming home with your child's report card. In the meantime if you have any prizes to donate, set them aside for September.

Battery Recycling

Help Recycle Batteries for a Cleaner, Healthier Planet by taking part in call2recycle.ca's Back to School Battery Recycling Contest!

Through the Summer, collect used household batteries under 5 kg from your family and friends. In September bring your used batteries to help reduce battery waste in landfills and help the school win up to \$3000 in cool prizes! A battery recycling box will be available in the office to deposit batteries for the contest. All batteries must be received by September 30th to be counted toward the contest. Safety note: used Lithium and Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA) batteries should be bagged or have the terminals covered with tape for safe disposal.



Social Justice– Generation Now

The Generation Now Social Justice Committee, would like to provide you with a recap of the campaigns and support you have generously provided to help make a difference in the lives of others. First of all, we have brought in food items before each and every school mass and have collected at various intervals to send to Winnipeg Harvest. We estimate that over the course of the year, you were able to raise over 800 lbs of food to those in need. Secondly, we drew in toys to wrap for the inner city mission called "Welcome Home". This event caused much jolly buzz and happiness over hot chocolate and hospitality! To imagine the bright faces on Christmas morning unwrapping the toys we offered!

Third of all, we ran a Development and Peace campaign. We tried to bring awareness to climate change issues and the students participated in a workshop offered to help us know how to reduce our impact on the globe. The students were engaged in hands on activities to strengthen our understanding of world situations related to climate change. When we put our minds and hearts together, we can promote positive change in our actions! We raised \$1400 to pass on to Development and Peace through hosting a colour day and in selling Rafikis, sharing back half the cost of the item to Free the Children, and the other half to Development and Peace. Thank you so much for your generosity and interest.

Lastly, we ran our second campaign for Habitat For Humanity. Representatives came out and spoke to the school community at an assembly where we unveiled how we were looking to raise funds for this great cause. Over the course of the spring, social justice members have been hard at work crafting necklaces to be sold, proceeds going straight to Habitat for Humanity. We have yet to tally up our total contribution.

This is such an accomplishment for our wonderful school community. We could not do this without the people who take time to read our informational pieces, help us to meet our goals and allow us to explore how we can have a voice to speak up for those in need.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,
Generation Now

P.S. We bid goodbye to our loyal grade eight social justice members, hoping that they carry on the torch with them into their new communities. It has been a treasure to work with you all.



Cooking Club

Many of us were fortunate to grow up with parents and grandparents, neighbors and friends who cooked and gardened, sharing with us the value and pleasure of food. Growing, cooking, and eating fresh foods became a cherished part of our lives. Cooking club has been a place where we gather as a school community and empower children to make healthy food choices through hands on learning.

Our approach with this club is to teach the students how fun and easy it is to cook healthy, nutritious meals and snacks at home. When children help prepare healthy foods, they are more likely to eat and enjoy them. When they have more knowledge about what kind of food they are eating, they begin to be more aware of the foods they eat and have a better appreciation for cooking. It was so nice to see the kids at recess come up to us and say "I made the kale chips we made in cooking club for lunch today!" When the kids are excited about cooking, we know we have made a connection with them, and it is so incredibly rewarding.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who volunteered and all of the students who were involved in cooking club this year. We had 71 children participate each month in cooking club and it would not have been possible without all of the volunteers who rolled up their sleeves and pitched in. Thank you for sharing your talents with us. You made cooking club such a fun place to be!

Have a wonderful summer everyone, happy cooking!
Mrs. Regula and Mrs. Whitney

Here are some delicious snacks for you and your family to enjoy this summer.

Cinnamon Pita Chips

Ingredients:

- 5 teaspoons butter, softened
- 5 teaspoons sugar
- 5 teaspoons cinnamon
- 5 whole wheat tortillas

Instructions:

Place tortilla on a flat surface. Using a plastic knife, spread 1 teaspoon of butter over the entire tortilla.

- Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon of cinnamon and 1 teaspoon of sugar.
- Cut tortilla into bite sized pieces.
- Carefully place pieces onto a parchment lined cookie sheet.
- Bake at 350° for 10 minutes or until golden.
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Fruit Salsa

Ingredients:

- 1 orange, peeled, chopped into tiny pieces
- 1 apple, chopped into tiny pieces
- 5 strawberries, chopped into tiny pieces
- 1 kiwi, peeled, chopped into tiny pieces
- ¾ cup grapes, chopped into tiny pieces
- ½ lime, squeezed

Instructions:

Chop all the fruit into tiny bite sized pieces the size of your fingernail.

Place all ingredients into a bowl and squeeze ½ a lime over the fruit.

Mix together and enjoy!

This can be refrigerated for up to 3 days.



From the Gym

It has been another fine year down in the gym. Through the course of the year, we have had a variety of programs both in the school and inter-school that have provided students with opportunities to be active and enjoy a healthy level of competition. Students have developed a strong sense of fair play and sportspersonship, while improving their fitness and skill levels.

Our inter-school sports program continues to thrive. In the fall, the gym was hopping with four volleyball teams on the go. After Christmas, basketball took over. Our teams dribbled, passed and shot their way through the season and had a lot of fun on the way. Badminton club was well attended and the students' skills improved greatly over the course of the season. A large number of students participated in the after school club. The top finishers had the opportunity to participate in the MCSAA tournament at the end of April. Students in grades 4-8 had the opportunity to participate in the Knights of Columbus Track and Field Meets held in June at the University of Manitoba. Our athletes represented our school well and many earned personal bests.

Our final sports club of the year was Running Club. More than 40 students registered and attended the club over the spring. It was great to see their dedication through the snow, rain and wind. Great job, everyone! This year we had the opportunity to take part in Colour Me rad as part of the school team. The event was a lot of fun, great motivation to stay active. Thank you Miss V for organizing the team, I am sure we will have even more participants next year.

It takes a team of dedicated staff and parents to provide these experiences for our children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out this year through coaching, supervising and supporting our students. Looking forward to the fall, we will be starting volleyball for the upper grades early in September. If you are interested in helping with our teams, if you have an idea for a great extracurricular club or if you have any questions about our programs, please do not hesitate to stop by the gym. I'd be happy to speak with you. Stay fit this summer!

Blake McInnis
PE Teacher



Yearbook Committee

Once again, the yearbook committee worked hard to compile all the memories of the school year. A big thanks goes out to the students and staff who spearheaded this undertaking. It can be seem like a thankless job, but for the persons involved, we had a lot of fun and in the end it was our pleasure to take on such a great task.

I would like to recognize a job well done. The committee had many opportunities to get to know each other and help one another through challenges. I would especially like to thank two members of our team who are moving on to new and exciting schools. Alex and Mary, thank you for your dedication and hard work. We will miss you!

Yearbook Committee

Alexis, Alicia, Zenya, Jerswhin, Mr. Veryha and Mrs. Ireland

Ukrainian Club

The purpose of Ukrainian Club was to learn about and enjoy the culture of the area historically associated with Eastern Europe. The Ukrainian Club provides a fun atmosphere for students in the program, regardless of cultural backgrounds, to get together and celebrate culture while forming new friendships.

We wrote pysanky for the Easter celebration. We completed our final celebration with a feast of varynyky, holubsti, Kobassa and bread holubsti. Delving into the culinary arts is everyone's favourite part of Ukrainian Club!

Студенти зазнали українських яйце письмовій формі (писанки). У листі слово вивчені і був запам'ятали через ритмічних малюнків і повторення. Ми мали наш остаточний святкування з Східної європейської кухні як вареників, капуста, ковбаса і хліб рулонах, існує нічого подібного заглиблюючись у кулінарному мистецтві, всякі улюблені

Mr. T. Veryha!

How Do You Say Goodbye to Family?

Sixteen years ago when I walked through the doors of St. Alphonsus School, I hoped that my year would be amazing. It was that and so much more. It began a chapter in my life that encompassed Grade 6, Grade 4, Grade 1 and then Grade 2. I found my niche in Grade 2 and have been there ever since. I have loved every moment of my time here. Thank you for being part of my community, my "family". I will carry all of you in my heart as I begin the next chapter in my story.

" My school family is like a quilt, our lives pieced together, stitched with smiles and tears, colored with memories, and bound with LOVE!"

Laurie-Anne Regula



Student Government

What a year it has been! Two successful junior high dances, a May sock hop for the entire school to celebrate Gala and monthly canteens! The Student Government has worked hard over the 2015-2016 school year! With the profits from all our activities, the Student Government will be purchasing a set of outdoor sports equipment for every classroom in the school and is looking into getting the slushie machine up and running again! Thank you for coming out to our events and thank you to the Student Government members for your hard work.

Jennifer Pieczonka
Student Government Supervisor



Munroe School Zone Petition

One of the school's neighbours, Nelson Sanderson has started a petition to get a Reduced Speed School Zone on Munroe Avenue. He is concerned about the safety of the children attending our school and Polson School, just down the road. He is collecting signatures from similarly minded folks. Of course, this is of concern for school staff and parents as well. If you are interested in signing the petition, please stop by the school office.



Uniform Policy Reminders

A letter went home earlier in June advising parents about some uniform policy issues. Here are a few reminders of particular concerns that we ask you to be mindful of:

- Non-school hoodies are not allowed.
- Footless tights or leggings may not be worn underneath skorts, shorts or tunics.
- All items must be in good repair, without rips, tears or stains
- Students may wear an undershirt under their uniform shirt, but it must be white with no printing on it.
- Shorts, skorts and tunics must be knee length. Girls wearing tunics should wear a modesty short underneath for their comfort when playing outdoors and in the gym.
- Pants must be standard dress pants styling, with no additional pockets. Denim, jersey knit and joggng type pants that are tight fitting are not acceptable.
- Tights and socks can be any colour.

Please review your child(ren)'s uniforms over the summer and ensure they meet the criteria outlined. The uniform policy can be found on the school's website. If you have any questions about the uniform policy, please feel free to contact the school.

French

Un grand merci à tous les étudiants pour faire de cette année extrêmement agréable. Le cours de français ne serait certainement pas là même sans tous vos attitudes positives, désir d'apprendre et la soif de connaissances. Passez un bel été!

A big thank you to all students for making this year extremely enjoyable. French class would certainly not be the same without all your positive attitudes, eagerness to learn, and thirst for knowledge. Have a wonderful summer!

Madame ☺

Grade 6 Field trip

Our morning began at the St. Boniface museum where students learned of the rich cultural history that reveals Manitoba's Francophone and Metis communities. During the afternoon, students took part in a "scavenger hunt" throughout the St. Boniface area. Students thoroughly enjoyed actively participating; testing their knowledge of basic French vocabulary and exploring the all the historic sites that St. Boniface has to offer . Thank you to the grade 6 class for taking part and showing great enthusiasm!

Grade 7/8 Field trip

Our trip to the "Oak Hammock Marsh" was filled with vast information outlining the history/ heritage of Manitoba, as well as, the relationship between people and the environment.

Both groups thoughourly enjoyed exploring the marsh land by canoe, testing their physical skills/strength through Aboriginal games, and mentally challenging themselves using GPS technologies.

It was a great pleasure to share a taste of French culture/ history with the grade 7 & 8 groups!

Grade 8 farewell message

Graduation is not the end but a new beginning! Remembering..." **One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.**" –Frank Smith

It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to watch each one of you develop as French learners throughout the years, as well as become the unique individuals you are today. Good luck and best wishes during the rest of your educational journey!



PALS

It's been a great year! On behalf of PALS we would like to thank all of our families who have contributed in ways small, large and everything in-between. Your continued support of events, time and those who attend monthly PALS meetings are very much appreciated. Thank you to Mr. Cox for his continued support and time with PALS . Thank you to Mr, Lambert and Mr. Kudajczyk for their support and assistance with PALS events . As well thank you to Mrs. Resendes for getting the order forms together, collecting orders, getting the minutes out and all kinds of other odds and ends she does for PALS . Much appreciated !

Special thanks to Michelle Davison who coordinated our Glenlea Fundraiser, the Halloween Social committee , Lisa Rowbotham for organizing the school end BBQ, and all that have helped with lunches and other PALS events. These are great events and all take time and with your leadership and hard work we all benefit from the fun and fundraising.

If you missed last years exciting wine tasting fundraiser, mark your calendars and spread the word ! This years wine tasting will be Friday, September 30, 2016 at 7 PM at Holy Eucharist Hall . Details and tickets will be available in the Fall. Please keep in mind donations for silent auction prizes for this event .

Wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled summer with your families.

Many Thanks,
Sheri Russell
Chair

Hot Lunch

The hot lunch program this year turned out to be a resounding success enjoyed by students, staff and I even think parents (one less day to make lunch!). Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered their time to this program. If you have any suggestions for a hot lunch or would like to earn volunteer incentive hours please contact me at baziukc@mymts.net. I wish you all a restful, safe and joy filled summer holiday!
Christine Polet



Family BBQ Fun!



Save the Date!



PALS is planning a Wine Tasting Fundraiser!

Date: Friday, September 30th

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Holy Eucharist Parish Center

Delicious Snacks!

Great Evening Out!

Support your

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL!

Connect with other parents!
Silent Auction!

*Learn about and sample
different wines!*

Gala

What??...It's the end of June...where has the time gone?? On behalf of the Gala Committee, Melanie and I would like to thank everyone once again for the outstanding support that made this year's Gala such a memorable and successful night!! The Vintage Circus theme, with all its fun and festive décor and performances, was outstanding. It truly felt like "the greatest show on earth" that night. From cotton candy martini's, popcorn galore, mini corn dogs, jugglers and acrobatics, it really was an evening we won't soon forget!!

This unforgettable evening would not have been possible without the support of our St. Alphonsus families, our very generous sponsors and silent auction donors. And for the first time this year ...our HOST Sponsor, Advance Services Group!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! The event would not have been so elegantly executed and fun filled without the countless hours and energy given by the Gala XXVII Planning Committee! This talented and creative team had been planning for eight months, ensuring that all the details were in place, to create a successful fundraising event for our school.

We accomplished so many things at this Gala; we brought together our St. Alphonsus families and created and celebrated a sense of community between us and making lasting memories. We also honoured two of our Gr. 8 students who were given the Gala Award, which recognized their academic excellence along with their volunteerism. Congratulations to Alex Reyes and Cole Lysak! Finally, we are thrilled to announce that this year's Gala event raised just over **\$47,000** under the Big Top!

In closing we are very thankful to have been apart of the Gala journey and look forward to planning Gala XXVIII!!! Have a wonderful summer,

Melanie Bilenky and Starlene Mosienko
Gala 27 Co-Chairs



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Society Hair
Softy's Speed Shop
St Alphonsus Parish Office
St Alphonsus School Board
St Alphonsus School Staff
St Boniface Diocesan High School
Subterranean
Tatra Ornamental Iron Works Ltd.
Thompson, Dorfman, Sweatman
Top Marks
Tre Visi – Appice Family
U Puttz
Unstoppable Fitness
Urban Effects
Viva Brazil
Wandowich Family
WestJet
Wicker World
Wink
Winnipeg Canoe Rentals
Winnipeg Folk Festival
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra

Staff Roster 2016-2017

Kindergarten

Elissa Mattis

Grade 1

Kelly Ireland

Grade 2

Allan Sharman

Grade 3

Helen Dembicki

Grade 4

Taras Veryha

Grade 5

Jennifer Pieczonka

Grade 6

Lucia Whitney

Grade 7

Marlene van der Zweep

Grade 8

Bonnie Slobodian

French

Tracy Medeiros

Physical Education

Blake McInnis

Music

John Cox

Resource

Michelle Wolf

Educational Assistants

Cynthia Wandowich

Kerry Babiuk

Gail Bommersbach

Teresa Swingle

Danielle Patrick

Librarian

Kerry Babiuk

Nursery Teacher

Dona Ludwick

Nursery Assistant

Catherine Zechel

Technology Support

Alan Beilman

Circle of Friends Program

Rose Sinclair

Gail Bommersbach

Danielle Patrick

Gina Borges

Office Manager

Patti Resendes

Financial Administrator

Alvina Hoard

Principal

Christine McInnis

Vice Principal

John Cox

Building Manager

Richard Lambert

Evening Custodian

Robert Kudajczyk

Congratulations,

Farewell & Thank You

Congratulations to all of our students for working hard and successfully completing the school year!

Thank you to the staff for your dedicated service to the school community. You have worked hard over the past ten months to ensure that our students have had quality learning experiences.

Thank you to the School Board for your guidance and leadership over the course of the year.

Thank you to the PALS committee for your dedication to the students and the school. You have provided us with the materials we need and the great events that make us a stronger community.

Thank you to the Gala committee who ran such a spectacular event. Your energy and drive are amazing and produce incredible results.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have helped with special events, field trips and learning activities.

Thank you to the coaches (staff and parents) for your leadership and helping students develop their athletic abilities and sportspersonship.

Congratulations to the Student Council for a successful year of leadership and thank you for your generous purchase of recess sports equipment for the upcoming school year.

Farewell to the students who will be moving on to other schools. We wish you all the best. Work hard in your new schools.

Au revoir to Madame Curwain, who is expecting her third baby in July. We are glad that au revoir translates to see you again... we plan on holding you to that!

Goodbye to Mrs. Regula who is heading to a new position at Gonzaga Middle School. You have been a real source of strength for our school, Laurie-Anne! We wish you great success in your new endeavours!



The Graduating Class of 2016



Grade Eight Friends, you have been a real pleasure to work with over the years. We wish you happiness, health and continued success as you venture out into the big wide world.

I pray that your love will overflow more and more and you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.

-Phillipians 1:9

Brielle Barracano

Ethan Brown

Cecilia Buchan

Mary Buchan

Kyle Cherniak

Kadyn Gacek

Kashdeep Gill

Ethan Kuklica

Christopher Lorenzana

Cole Lysak

Tyler Martens

Liam Mitchell

Graeme Patrick

Alex Reyes

Isabella Silva

Eric Strick

Aron Villanueva

Patrick Wertepny