

St. Alphonsus School News

Third Term - June 2018



From The Principal

The Ride of Your Life

This spring has been peppered with trips to different amusement parks: Tinkertown with the cousins' kids, the Red River Exhibition, Grand Prix with the Grade Eight class and even a run through the Hi Neighbour Festival early one Sunday AM. Unusual, to say the least. I haven't ventured through the gates of Tinkertown, Hi Neighbour or Grand Prix since my own children were small enough to enjoy them. My trips to the Ex in recent years can easily be counted on one hand. There is something magical about amusement parks, though, and all these encounters reminded me of those days and the journey of parenting.

I know I am really dating myself, but the movie Parenthood with Steve Martin has always had a special place in my heart. It came out in 1989, and because I was living up north beyond the reach of VHS rentals (LOL), I saw it a few years later just around the time I began my own parenting journey. The families in the movie grapple with parenting at different ages, much as we all do. At one point, when the main couple is really challenged by their situation, their grandma talks about going on a roller coaster when she was young. She reflects on the experience, saying "You know, it was just so interesting to me that a ride could make me so frightened, so scared, so sick, so excited, and so thrilled all together! Some didn't like it. They went on the merry go round. That just goes around. Nothing. I like the roller coaster. You get more out of it." Steve Martin's character finds her story irritating. He longs for stability and does not want to deal with the uncertainty that is inherent in human relationships, especially raising children.



No doubt there is some Facebook survey that defines your personality based on your amusement park ride preference. Risk takers like the Drop of Doom, while more conflict oriented types enjoy the Bumper Cars or something along those lines. I am not sure what it would say about me, I am pretty particular about what rides I will go on. I like to think that my weak stomach is more of a physical trait as opposed to a personality flaw. If parenting is like a trip to the amusement park, I feel like I didn't shy away from the hard rides. Mind you, sometimes you don't have much option but to go along with your children and pray for safety.

Truly there is no adventure quite like parenting and frankly it isn't always amusing. Absolutely, there will be ups and downs. You can't always predict which rides are around the corner, and some are much scarier than you anticipated. Sometimes you will need to find some shade and regroup before continuing on. At times it will seem like all you are doing is waiting for the next ride. When all is said and done though, the time goes by very quickly, so make it count. Unlike the Ex, which returns each June, parenting is mostly one season. Enjoy the ride, it is over far too quickly!

Peace,
Christine McInnis

St Alphonsus School

Annual Community Report 2017-2018

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 10th or at the PALS meeting on Tuesday, September 11th. 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 232, and the staff consisted of fourteen certified teachers, six educational assistants, 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 2017-2018

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 the new English language Arts curriculum.

Goal 1- English Language Arts

ELA Curriculum Implementation: To engage teachers and support staff in dialogue regarding the new provincial ELA curriculum.

With the implementation of a new ELA curriculum across the province, our staff wanted to delve more deeply into the curriculum and its implications for instruction across all grade levels. Early in the fall, we held a local in-service to begin this process, where we discussed the structure of the curriculum and compared it to our current practice. In November we hosted a second professional development opportunity for Catholic Schools across the city which focused on rich learning experiences. The implementation of this new curriculum is definitely a process, one which we will continue working at over the coming school year.

Goal 2-Sustainability

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD): To assist students in becoming informed and responsible decision-makers, who actively contribute to the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of all people.

This was the second year of our work on sustainability. As is often the case with our goals, once we start down the road we see how much more there is to do. This year we did a garbage audit, participated in Earth Day celebrations as a school, investigated options for composting and secured an Education for Sustainable Development grant to assist us in setting up classroom composting. We will continue to work on fine tuning and implementing our ESD plan in the years to come.

Goal 3- Inclusion

Inclusion of All Learners: To ensure that students of all ability levels have learning experiences that are engaging, providing appropriate challenge to each individual.

Our school staff strives to meet the needs of all learners in our care. This year we refocused on this goal, looking at how we differentiate instruction across all subject areas. We used time at our priorities meetings to discuss our progress in this area.

Moving Forward

Over the course of the year, the teachers reflected on our reporting process and determined that we wanted to revamp our school report card to better reflect our practice and important trends in provincial education. A staff sub-committee developed a draft report, which we are fine tuning with the intent to share with the parent community early in the fall.

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

Our school community celebrated **Earth Day** on Monday April 23rd. There were all sorts of activities related to sustainability, including an outdoor prayer service and planting seedlings. Many thanks to the Norbury family for supplying us with soil and to Chris Bilenky for the baby plants!



The Grade 5 , 6, 7 & 8 classes attended **Youth Rallies** on April 26th 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 29th. 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

Our grade seven and eight students, along with a hardy group of staff and parents, headed out to Camp Arnes in mid May . The trip was wonderful and everyone had a fabulous time.



On Saturday, May, 19th more than 40 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!



On the 24th, our junior high friends had their annual **Spring Theatre**. This year's musical, The Phantom of Fame was a great success. Thanks go to Mr. Cox for his fine work with the students.

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 13th was our **Nursery Farewell**. It's always fun to celebrate these milestones. Thank you to Ms Dona and Ms Catherine for all your work in making this program a success!

Every second year we hold a **Spring Talent Show**, and what a great show it was on Friday June 15th! We had dancers, singers, gymnasts, musicians, comedians and all sorts of other wonderful acts. It was also our opportunity as a school community to honour Father Janusz for his nine years of service to the school and parish community.



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.

June cont'd

The Family Barbeque was held on June 20th . It was a smoking hot day and it was a rocking event, as usual. As always the food was delicious, the candy scramble was a riot and the bouncers were super fun! Thank you to our PALS crew, especially to Liz Azinha, Nicole Henderson and Jennell Burbank, for all your fine work in organizing this event. It is a great way for the community to celebrate our year together.



June 22nd was our **Kildonan Park Fun Day**. Mother nature gave us a brilliant day: hot but not unbearable...the perfect pool day. So much fun!



June 27th 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 Madame Medeiros 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 27th**. 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 5th. Our new kindergarten friends will receive information during the summer that will tell parents what their schedule will be.

On **Thursday, September 13th** 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 pizza 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 pizza, 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 **Saturday, September 29th** 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Social Justice– Generation Now

The Generation Now Social Justice Committee has done a lot of learning and fundraising this past school year. We thank you, the school community, for the support you have provided to help make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for...

the non-perishable food items collected at each school mass for Winnipeg Harvest,
the juice collect at Halloween for the Gifts of Grace program,
the ongoing recycling efforts,
the pledges for the Water Walk for Water for South Sudan,
the donations for the Lake Winnipeg Foundation on our blue colour day.

The students of Generation Now had a great year learning about water, near and far. We began early with We Day and our Water Walk along Munroe and Henderson Highway in the fall. Over the winter and spring, we investigated different water related topics. We researched and shared our learning at our Water Fair held at the beginning of June. We learned about Lake Winnipeg, and how to help our beautiful fresh water lakes in Manitoba, as well as many other interesting and important topics like where Winnipeg gets its water from, Day Zero, water-related illnesses and many, many, more!

Finally, thank you to the students who make up Generation Now! You are such a passionate and motivated group. For those of you moving onto other educational endeavours, best of luck, and keep speaking up and learning about social justice issues! For those students remaining at St. Als, we look forward to working with you in the next school year to learn about more social justice issues, to educate our school community on those issues and to help those in need!

Generation Now!



Student Government

First off, we'd like to thank this year's student government for all the work they put into planning fun activities like the sock hops, evening dance, freezie sale and leprechaun guessing activities! The students and staff alike all enjoyed them!

Now, onto the exciting news! We are excited to announce a new approach to student leadership in the school for the 2018-2019 school year. Because there is always such tremendous interest in participating in student government, we have thought long and hard how to involve more students. As they say, two heads are better than one... so what if we could get all the students interested in leadership planning involved? So, we have decided to introduce Student Leadership Committees.

In previous years, the elected student government has done the planning for various activities in the school. Next year, we are inviting interested grades 5-8 students to learn about the roles of the various committees that will replace Student Government and join the committee in planning. We still have a few details to iron out, but we are looking forward to the opportunity to work with all students who are interested in Student Leadership.

The Student Leadership Committees are also excited at the prospect of funding the school's new compost pick-up, hopefully commencing in September!

Stay tuned in September for more details!
Mrs. Pieczonka

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.

My 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 me and say "I made the spring roll wraps 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.

I 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. Cooking club 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. Whitney

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

Greek salad in a Pita pocket

Ingredients:

- 1 head of romaine lettuce, cut into pieces
- 1 English cucumber, diced
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1 yellow or orange pepper, diced
- 1 purple onion, thinly sliced
- 1 Roma tomato, cubed
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 6-8 whole wheat pita pockets, cut in half

For the dressing:

In a small bowl combine:

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 2 tsp. Greek seasoning
- pinch of salt and pepper



In a large bowl, add all chopped salad ingredients along with feta cheese. Whisk the dressing in the small bowl and pour over the salad. Toss using two spoons. Stuff half a pita pocket with some salad using a spoon. Enjoy!

Frozen Greek Yogurt Covered Blueberries

Kebab Sticks
Blueberries
Greek yogurt – any flavour
parchment paper
cookie sheet
Large container
Large plate

Make a big batch of these treats and store them in the freezer for a healthy, cool snack!

1. Thread blueberries on to the kebab stick.
2. Place on a plate and lather with yoghurt. Rolling the blueberries into the yoghurt works well.
3. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Lay each kebab down, allowing enough space in-between so they don't get stuck.
4. Freeze for at least a couple of hours.
5. Transfer into a freezer safe container, these will keep for a couple of weeks in the freezer. Eat immediately once removed from the freezer.



Green Evolution Plant Club

We are flourishing!

At 29 members strong the plant club enjoyed one of its highest memberships to date.

This year we decided to take on a challenge. Our focus was to learn more about the prairies. The newly dubbed "Prairie Protectors" discovered an interesting fact. If you take a 1,000-piece puzzle, select one piece and tear that piece in half, you are left with a representation of what remains of the original prairie landscape. We have decided to try to make a difference. Starting with a study of bluestem grass and moving to research the benefits of prairie plants in our environment we endeavored to gain knowledge while having a great time doing it. The prairie protectors read various forms of literature, made puppets, listened to guest speakers and created t-shirts to make our learning a hands on experience.

The "Prairie Protectors" would like to express their sincere thanks to the following individuals:

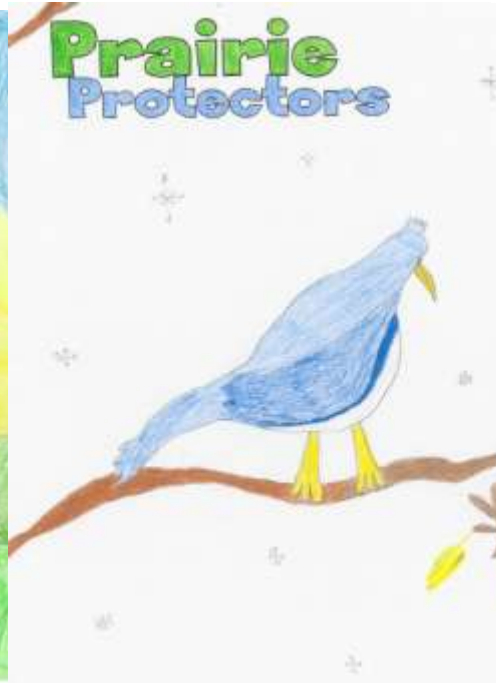
Mr. and Mrs. Kulyk who designed the lettering for our t-shirts

Mr. Beilman who printed the images we created onto transfer paper

Kelly Leask from Prairie Originals who came in to speak to us about prairie plants

We will continue our adventures in the new school year. Watch for our bulletin board and registration sheet.

Hope to see you soon,
Helen Dembicki
and the
Prairie Protectors



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 our second annual Colour Me Rad run. The event was a lot of fun, great motivation to stay active. Thank you, Miss V, for organizing the team, I am sure our group will continue to grow 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



Ukrainian Club

Ukrainian club is a hugely rewarding experience and provides a great opportunity to develop an understanding of a culture different from your own. Being part of the club, provided an opportunity for its members to have an excellent experience, and to be a part of an all inclusive for all students at St. Alphonsus School.

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, kolbassa and paska courtesy of Mrs. Gudmundson. Delving into the culinary arts is everyone's favourite part of Ukrainian Club!

The experience of learning a language is an accelerating opportunity for all. Not only did the club members learn the Ukrainian language, but shared and compared similarities from other languages from different cultures.

Метою українського клубу було дізнатися і насолодитися культурою району, історично пов'язаного зі Східною Європою. Український клуб пропонує веселу атмосферу для студентів в програмі, незалежно від культурних традицій, зібратися разом і відсвяткувати культуру, формуючи нові знайомства.

Досвід вивчення мови є прискорює можливістю для всіх. Мало того, що члени клубу вивчає українську мову, але загальне і порівняв схожість з інших мов з різних культур.



Mr. Veryha

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 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 Presentation

The grades 7 & 8 class had the pleasure of experiencing "Cercle Moliere," a travelling show consisting of two actors performing relevant issues affecting our teens through French theater. Both groups showed great attentiveness and were enthusiastic audience participants. It was a great pleasure to share the fabulous culture French has to offer. Thank you to both my groups for your participation!

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!



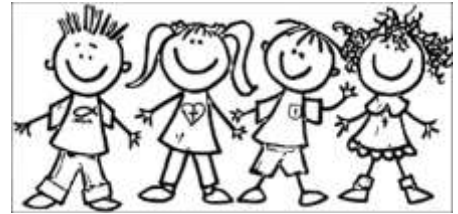
Nursery News

The year has ended and what a year it was. It is bittersweet to see the Little Ones move on into Kindergarten. I'll miss them but I am so proud of them for what they have accomplished this year. Some of them will be returning to Year 2 Nursery and we are very happy about that.

Our graduation took place on Wednesday, June 13 and they all came into the classroom that morning very excited about the whole affair. They had practiced the 2 songs they were singing everyday for a while and they did a tremendous job. They were all dressed up and pretty excited to show us their hair, dresses, shoes and their bowties.

We had a fantastic year of learning, playing, dancing, singing making friends and having lots of fun. Ms Catherine and I can't wait to start it all over again in the fall.

Have a wonderful summer break enjoying the time with your family and always keep learning.



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 may 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. It required much time, but if you already like attending school events, it is a fun way to get involved with the school activities!

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 a member of our team who is moving on to a new and exciting school. **Zenya**, thank you for your dedication and hard work these past three years on the yearbook committee. We will miss you! We wish all the best in your future endeavours.

PALS

This has been a terrific 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 for his 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 once again coordinated our Glenlea Fundraiser, the Halloween Social committee and BBQ Social committee 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. I would also like to put a special thank you and farewell to Anita Pilat for all her support over the years on the PALS committee. You will be missed!

If you missed last years exciting wine tasting fundraiser, mark your calendars and spread the word ! This years wine tasting will be SATURDAY, September 29, 2018 at 7 PM at Holy Eucharist Hall . Details and tickets will be available in the Fall. If you wish to contribute to this fun event please contact the office and Patti will be happy to forward your contact information to the committee.

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

Our September meeting will be Tuesday September 11, 2018 at 7 pm in the Staff Room. Hope to see some new faces around the table!

Many Thanks,
Sherri Poklar
Chair

Hot Lunch

Thank you for another successful, tasty year of monthly hot lunches! We are now looking for someone to take over this fun volunteer opportunity. If you feel like this is something you may be interested in, please contact the office and let them know. It has been my pleasure to run the hot lunch program for the past three years.

Thank you to everyone who has helped!

Have a safe and joy filled summer holiday.

Christine Polet

*Family
BBQ Fun!*



Save the Date!



PALS is planning a Wine Tasting Fundraiser!

Date: Saturday, September 29th

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Holy Eucharist Parish Center

Delicious Snacks!
Great Evening Out!
Learn about and sample different wines!
Connect with other parents!
Silent Auction!
Support your
CHILDREN'S SCHOOL!

Gala

It's the end of June...where has the time gone?? On behalf of the Gala Committee, we would like to thank everyone once again for the outstanding support that made this year's Gala such a memorable and successful night!! The Willy Wonka theme offered a magical, fun atmosphere with its talented entertainers, delicious food, amazing prizes and the exciting "Golden Ticket" pursuit through the year. It was an incredible 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. Thank you, thank you, thank you for putting the odds in our favor!!! The event would not have been so elegantly executed and fun filled without the countless hours and energy given by the Gala XXIX 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 presented the Gala Award, which recognized their academic excellence along with their volunteerism. Congratulations to Alexis Lloyd and Maddy Governo! Finally, we are thrilled to announce that this year's Gala event raised just over **\$35,000!**

In closing we are very thankful to have been a part of the Gala journey and look forward to planning Gala XXX!!!

Have a wonderful summer,

Melanie Bilenky and Starlene Mosienko
Gala 29 Co-Chairs



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Food and Wine Shoppe
Fort Garry Hotel
Fort Whyte Alive
Giasson Family
GJ Andrews
Glenlea GreenHouse
Golf Dome
Gondola Pizza Henderson
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Melanie Bilenky
Michael Stoller
Minuk Denture Clinic
Moksha Yoga Kildonan
Mosienko Family
Mr.Sub
Nest Family Center
Noble Locksmith
PALS
Parkway Nursing Management
Parrish Heimbecker
Pasquale's Restaurant
Perfect Landscaping
Pieczonka Family
Prairie Theatre Exchange
Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown
Rae & Jerry's
Robin Eletric
Robinson Electric
Rossmere Country Club
Shapes
Shooters Family Golf Centre and Restaurant
Shoppers Drugmart Pembina
Shoppers Drugmart Southdale Beauty Boutique
Sobeys Birds Hill
Sobeys Henderson
St. Alphonsus Parent Association
St.Alphonsus Parish
Starbucks Henderson
StollerWealth
Style Bar
Tatra Ornamental Iron Works
Tech Voc Highschool Shops Department
Thermea Winnipeg
Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP
Tinkertown
Tony Roma's
TOP Marks
Transcona Crossfit
Tre Visi
Vanessa Van Caeseele
Williams Family
Wink
Winnipeg Art Gallery
Winnipeg Canoe Rentals
Winnipeg Heartland Archery
Winnipeg Jets
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
Wirth Family
Yee Family

Staff Roster 2017-2018

Kindergarten	Tracy Medeiros/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	Kristen Curwain
Physical Education	Blake McInnis
Music	John Cox
Resource	Michelle Laird
Educational Assistants	Cynthia Wandowich
	Kerry Babiuk
	Gail Bommersbach
	Teresa Swingle
	Danielle Patrick
	Gyan de los Reyes
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
Office Manager	Patti Resendes
Financial Administrator	Kim LeHeiget
Principal	Christine McInnis
Vice Principal	John Cox
Building Manager	Richard Lambert
Evening Custodian	Sergio Talaroc

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.

Goodbye, Mrs. Wolf! Thank you for your work with our resource program. We wish you all the best as you take on your new position in Seine River School Division.

Ciao, Father Janusz! Thank you for teaching us about our faith over the years. We hope that you enjoy your new assignment at St. Gerard Parish!



The Graduating Class of 2018



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 under-
standing.*

Phillipians 1:9

***Marvelous Adenika
Augustine Allieu
Gabriele Appice
James Baines
Ashley Bend
Matthew Currie
Peter Daza
Diego De Andrade
Ana De Sa Ferreira Lemos
Cole Giasson
Madalena Governo
Grace Hedman
Alicia Holodniak
Dominique Iezzi
Alexis Lloyd
Hannah Lohaza
Matthew Oprea
Alexander Oprea
Evan Patrick
Benjamin Philpot
Ryan Schimnowski
Alexandra Seidel
Harlan Sellner
Mitchell Vanstone
Rosie Wilson***