

St. Alphonsus School News

Third Term - June 2024



From The Principal

Holidays and Holy Days

*If we took a holiday
Took some time to celebrate
Just one day out of life
It would be, it would be so nice
Holiday sung by Madonna*

Ahh...summertime! There is an air of excitement around the school in the weeks leading up to summer holidays; staff and students are in high spirits and ready to spend some time relaxing, myself included. The rhythm of summer holidays has been part of my groove for a very long time, first as a student, then as a teacher and parent, and now as an administrator. Anyone who works in schools is blessed to have this block of vacation, but we aren't the only ones who treasure this time.

A few years ago there was some buzz in the educational community regarding year round schooling. The proponents of this initiative believe that students attending classes through the summer would have greater retention of information, therefore learning would increase. The idea never really caught on in North America. Traditionally, children were needed to work on the farm during the summer months and, although we have moved away from our farm roots, the notion of summer holidays is still a very strong part of our culture. It could be those long winters' bundled under layers of clothing, but I think it has more to do with our sense of how special summer time was to us and the experiences we want for our kids.

Do you remember summertime when you were a kid? The weeks seemed to stretch on, with endless days of not much to do—certainly no set agenda. Sometimes we were bored, but active imaginations usually prevailed. We found all sorts of endeavours to occupy our time from fort building, to sprinkler escapades and lemonade stands. It was a carefree time, mostly just living in the moment. Occasionally there was an outing, but it didn't matter if you went on a trip across the country or around the block, summer reigned supreme. Most of us feel a sense of nostalgia for those days, when you could ride a bike all afternoon or just lie on your back and look at the clouds. We want that same experience for our children, which is why summer holidays are still considered unchangeable, almost sacred.

Sacred is a good word for these days, considering that the word holiday comes from holy day. Originally, the word referred to days of special religious significance – a Saint's feast day, Christmas or Easter and the like. In our modern lingo, holiday is interchangeable with vacation –time away from the usual work of the world. Still, there is something holy about those summer days of our youth and summer days now. As an adult, it is hard to be carefree. Sometimes though, just for a fleeting instant, we find ourselves truly present, paying attention to the moment we are in. It could be the slant of the sun through the trees, the smell of fresh cut grass or the sound of the birds in the morning that brings us out of ourselves and to an awareness of the world around us. The tug of a child's hand is a great invitation to forget about work for awhile. As much as we teach our children, they help us to remember what is important and to re-learn the value of sitting by the fire with friends, walking by the water and playing catch. Holy days, indeed! Summer may not have the monopoly on these moments, but it certainly has a distinct advantage.

I hope that this summer provides you with some sacred moments and holy days. Enjoy the time with your family and I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Peace,
Christine McInnis



St Alphonsus School

Annual Community Report 2023-2024

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 PALS meeting on Tuesday, September 10th or the School Board Meeting on Wednesday, 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 235, and the staff consisted of fourteen certified teachers, seven educational assistants, an office manager, a financial administrator, a building manager and a custodian. Additionally, we have a nursery program providing academic and social learning to 35 preschool aged children. As well as providing the provincial core curriculum, the school offers religious instruction, basic French instruction (grade 1-8) and resource support.

School Plan 2023-24

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 years of the school plan allows us to move more deeply into the goal. .

Goal 1 -Numeracy Education

Numeracy Education: To deepen students understanding of numerical concepts.

Our second priority was Numeracy Education. We began our work on this priority by identifying areas of strength as well as challenges in our students understanding of math concepts at all grade levels. Teachers met in Grade band groups to discuss strategies to address areas that needed strengthening. Although we made some progress in this priority area, we will refocus on Numeracy Education in the coming school year.

Goal 2 Strategic Priorities

Flowing out of last spring's strategic planning sessions, there were a number of initiatives that we undertook this year. A committee comprised of board staff and parents revisited the school's mission and vision statements. A second sub-committee took on the task of developing a graduate profile. The fruits of these labours are included in the following pages for you. Additionally, we conducted a n in depth assessment of the school building so that we can proactively plan for the long term having a sense of the lifespans of our systems. Our school staff have begun conversations around our school spaces and how best to use them., including the art room, thr science lab and the computer lab. We will continue with these conversations in the coming year.

Ongoing Priorities

The Staff continued to work on our most recent priority areas including **Sustainability and Indigenous Education**. Although these were not officially on our plan, we wanted to capitalize on the gains made in these areas and use this momentum to continue work in these areas. All teachers attending their second day of

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Treaty Education Training, which brings us into compliance with the provincial mandate for this training. We look forward to having the remaining members of our support staff complete this interesting and important training in the new school year.

In Summary

This has been a busy, successful 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

We held our annual Gala Sock Hop on the 19th. Lots of fun for all!



Our 34th **Gala Dinner** took place on Saturday, April 20th. By all accounts, it was 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 MPI Bike Safety Rodeo on May 22nd for students from Kindergarten to Grade 2. Students heard about bike safety and then had the opportunity to practice their new skills on the course outside.

On the 23rd our junior high friends had their annual **Spring Theatre**. This year's musical, *School Improvement* was a great success. Thanks go to Mr. Cox for the loan of his play and to Mrs. Rayner, Mr. Klassen and Ms. Millet for their fine work with the students.



Our grade seven and eight students, along with a hardy group of staff and parents, headed out to Winkler Bible Camp at the end of May. The trip was wonderful and everyone had a fabulous time.



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.



The Family Barbeque was held on June 18th. It was a chilly day, but the rain held off for us; so nice to gather as a community! 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 Jen Dorer and Barb Bursey, for all your fine work in organizing this event. What a great way for the community to celebrate our year together!



June 21st was our **Kildonan Park Fun Day**. It was a gorgeous day, the perfect way to kick off the official start of summer. So much fun!



We said farewell to our current grade eight crew on **June 25th**. After a formal photo, we celebrated with prayer, followed by an awards ceremony in the gym. We ended with a great reception for the students and their guests. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a special day.

June 19th was our **Nursery Picnic**. It's always fun to celebrate these milestones. Thank you to Ms. Carrie, Ms. Rose and Ms. Catherine for all your work in making this program a success!



June 26th 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 Ms. Millet for your fine work with the students. Parents, don't blink; it will be Grade 8 Farewell for these friends before we know it.



Looking Forward

August

The school office reopens on Monday, August 26th

September

Our **first day of school** for grade 1-8 students is Wednesday, September 4th Our new kindergarten friends will receive information during the summer that will tell parents what their schedule will be.



On **Thursday, September 12th** we will host 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 28th** in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall.



Logo Sign

Have you seen the new St. Alphonsus School sign facing the playground? My family donated it because we love St. Als. It took a while to get put up because it was too heavy. But Mr. Lambert and Mrs. McInnis helped out and it was able to be put up this spring.

Nathanael Pieczonka



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 five 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, every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Thank you to Mrs. Seaman, Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. McInnis who joined us in lacing up their running shoes.

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



Physical Education Comments-Third term 2022-23

Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3

In the third term, our younger students played a variety of low organized games that incorporated some of the fourteen basic movement skills. We continued to work on fair play. When given the opportunity, we went outside for phys. ed. classes where students were involved in a variety of structured and independent choice activities. The younger students enjoy playing chasing/fleeing games like ogre and amoeba. They enjoy cooperative activities, like parachute and various activity centers.

Grades 4 and 5

During the third term the grade four and five students have participated in a variety of different activities including: track and field, soccer, and assorted low organized games. The skills we have focused on developing this term include jumping skills used in field events and running both short and long distances. We have discussed how pace plays an integral role in longer runs.

Grades 6, 7 and 8

During the third term the grade six to eight students were involved in a variety of different activities to develop their skills including track and field events . We have focused on developing throwing skills, jumping skills and running both short and long distances. Remember to keep active through the summer



Music

Do Re Mi Fa So Happy to Share Music News!

Hello everybody, Miss Millet here! The year is almost over, and what a fun year we had! A big bravo to our Grade 8 and 7 students for working together to put on an “out of this world” performance for Spring Theatre! Thank you to Mrs. Rayner and Mr. Klassen, students, and staff members for lending your time, talents, and efforts towards this successful production. Here is a recap of some of the activities in the music room this last term:

April:

Coming back from Spring Break, we also celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord, and all students learned several Easter songs in preparation for our school mass. We also held Easter egg hunts where students had to exercise their knowledge of note values. Grade K-3 revisited musical terms like beat, tempo, and dynamics, with a spring theme. Grade 4 started their Recorder Karate unit, where they earn different belts to hang on their recorder after learning and performing increasingly difficult songs. Our Grade 5 and 6s had a brief guitar unit where they learned to fingerpick a few songs as well as several chords. During this month, our Grade 7 and 8 students worked tirelessly to memorize lines, sing solos, learn musical accompaniment, and create props for Spring Theatre.

May:

Manitoba declared May as Music month, so our grade 5 and 6 students shared their musical preferences with each other, which is a very brave thing to do at their age! May is also AAPI (Asian-American Pacific Islander) Month, and all grades were immersed in learning about traditional songs, dances, instruments and games from the Philippines, Japan, South Korea, Hawaii, New Zealand, and so much more! Thank you to everyone for your openness to learn about the world and community around you with respect and curiosity.

June:

June is a remarkably busy month, and music class is no exception! Our younger students learned about the names and sounds of the orchestral instrument families, and our Grade 3s continued expanding their knowledge about the notes on the musical staff. The Grade 4s wrapped up their Recorder Karate unit, with many students earning tier black belts, and worked hard to perform O Canada, which we recorded to use on our morning announcements. Our Kindergarten and Grade 8 students have been working and rehearsing nonstop to prepare for their upcoming graduation performances. To celebrate all they have accomplished, all grades had the opportunity to show off their talents with karaoke.

Liturgical Music:

Our Liturgical Choir continues to thrive, with a very steady community of dedicated students. Thank you for being an awesome group to work with every choir rehearsal, and for picking up many new songs I introduce so quickly! I encourage everyone that can to attend our final school mass for one last chance to sing along with our hard-working choir.

Looking forward to next year:

I am pleased to announce that I will be returning next school year! I am excited to continue working towards introducing and mastering more instruments, preparing different productions, and most of all, working with each student to explore the joy and wonder music brings to every person. Thank you again to the St. Als community for being so supportive during my first year here.

[♪ Enjoy your summer! Do re mi fa so long until next year! ♪](#)

Miss Millet

From the Art Room

The Grade 7 and 8s worked hard to create the props and rehearse everything needed to pull off “School Improvement”, and they succeeded tremendously. As seen during the production, their art was displayed in the gym which included canvas paintings, glass fusing, and several other projects from different subjects that needed their artistic talents. Thank you all for your cooperation to a successful art year, and our upcoming Grade 7 and 8 students can look forward to working with many different techniques and mediums!

Miss Millet

French

This term all classes took part in a variety of games, activities, and literary based exercises associated with the thematic units studied during class time. It is wonderful to see how students have grown throughout the course of the year both personally and academically. Each group has developed a level of self-esteem, self-confidence, and critical thinking. These positive attributes help to encourage goal setting and pave the way for positive future experiences.

Field trips are a big part of the French programming, offering students a deeper cultural understanding, stimulating student engagement and interest, as well as, developing motivation and enthusiasm towards learning the French language. This term, the grade 4 class partook in activities at Oak Hammock Marsh with the focus on Les Voyageurs and Indigenous Peoples. Students actively participated in a Bannock bake, plant walk (importance and uses), and indigenous games. The grade 5 class enjoyed a day at the St. Boniface Museum followed by a scavenger hunt at the Forks. Students learned of the rich cultural history of Manitoba's Francophone/ Metis communities and the importance of the Forks and the Fur Trade.

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 and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Madame Curwain

Grade 8 Farewell Message

Graduation is not the end, but a new beginning. You are well equipped with all the tools and strategies you require to be successful. Remember to dream big, aim high, and never give up. I wish you all the best. Bonne chance l'annee prochaine!!!

One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages opens every door along the way.

- –Frank Smith

French Across the Grades

- Grade 1- The grade 1 class has remained an enthusiastic group who enjoy participating in all French language-based activities such as, chants, poems, lotto, and dance counting to 20. The beginning of the third term, students began studying "La chenille qui fait des trous," (The Hungry Caterpillar). Throughout the unit, the class studied vocabulary related to fruits, colours, days of the week, and numbers. Students were able to independently complete sequencing, sorting, and matching French activities related to our thematic unit. Great work everyone! Have a wonderful summer holiday!
- Grade 2- The grade 2 class continues to be a lively bunch who shows great interest in learning French. Students haven't been working towards recognizing common phrases in French "J'aime" and "Je n'aime pas", to help them describe their likes and dislikes of each month. The class really enjoyed taking part in our Farm Animal unit. Students were able to demonstrate their knowledge by independently naming and identifying different types of farm animals and their habitats in French. The grade 2 class did a fabulous job creating their *Les Animaux de la Ferme* flipbooks. Have a fabulous summer and see you in the fall!
- Grade 3- The grade 3 class continued to work on responding to questions orally and in written form relating to the classroom calendar: numbers, weather, seasons, months, and days of the week. Beginning this term, the class began their investigation of Feelings and Emotions, learning how to express themselves using proper phrasing of; *fâche, triste, heureux, peur, désolé, and fatigue*.

During our unit on “La Maison”, the class was able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of vocabulary associated with the different rooms in a house through the completion of their Oragami House. Such a fantastic group. Thank you for a great year! Have a safe and happy summer!

- Grade 4- This term, the grade 4 class continued to be an eager group who actively participated in all French activities. Students took part in a variety of language-based activities relating to our thematic unit “La Pizza.” These activities such as bingo, class surveys, and puzzles, provided students an opportunity to work on proper pronunciation and phrasing when speaking French. Great job creating your own pizza recipes! Currently, the class is exploring dictionary skills while immersed in our book study “Benjamin et la nuit”. Enjoy a safe and happy summer!
- Grade 5- This term, the grade 5 class enjoyed beginning each French period with an oral game “J’ai..., Qui a...?” A language-based activity to help them recall numbers to 100, improve pronunciation, and gain self-confidence when speaking French. Students took an interest in our thematic unit “Les Super-héros.” The class was able to demonstrate their use of dictionary skills, as well as their knowledge and understanding of select adjectives and verbs through their completion of their comic strips. Presently, students are finishing activities associated with our book study “Le Zlouchk”. Fabulous work grade 5’s. Can’t wait to see you back in the fall. Have a great summer break!
- Grade 6- Throughout this term, the grade 6 group continued to put forth their best efforts and showed a keen interest in all French activities. The class thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our Question & Answer period. This provided them opportunity to recognize commonly asked questions in French, practice responding to questions authentically, and use proper pronunciation. This activity lent itself well to the study of Avoir & Être, that students began to use in their written work “Étoile de la semaine.” Great work and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall!
- Grade 7- The grade 7 group began the third term reviewing the grammatical concepts associated with ER, RE, & IR verb conjugations through the implementation of their Gameboards. What a blast, it was so much fun! During our unit on French Possessive Adjectives students were able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding through the completion of their flipbooks, highlighting the differences between each adjective and when to properly use the masculine, feminine, or plural form. Presently, the grade 7 group is learning how to recognize and implement the proper form of “French Negation”. Lots of fantastic work, bien fait! Have a safe summer vacation!
- Grade 8- This term, the grade eight class continues to work at making a good effort applying themselves during French class. Beginning of term, students worked at understanding the difference between futur proche vs. futur simple. Focusing on future simple, the class was able to familiarize themselves with the proper conjugation forms and independently create sentences associated with their *Famous Photo Recreations*. During our unit on Reflexive verbs, the class learned how to determine the difference between reflexive vs. non reflexive verbs (me, te, se, nous, vous, se). Students demonstrated their knowledge and ability to properly conjugate reflexive verbs in their Prezi presentations “Ma Routine Quotidienne”. I wish you all the best in grade nine. May you all enjoy a safe and relaxing summer!

Cooking Club

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Cooking Club this year! We were incredibly impressed with your enthusiasm and willingness to try new things. We hope you will continue to make healthy choices, use some of the skills you have learned in Cooking and Gourmet Club, and continue to have fun in the kitchen over the summer.

A special thank you to our parent and staff volunteers for all your hard work and commitment. These Clubs could not run without your generous help. We look forward to another year of cooking and fun next year.

Happy cooking,
Mrs. Whitney

Here is a delicious recipe that you can make all summer long!

5-INGREDIENT STRAWBERRY SALSA

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME: 10 MINUTES

YIELD: 4 -6 SERVINGS

DESCRIPTION

This 5-Ingredient Strawberry Salsa is sweet, simple to make, and so delicious!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and finely diced
- 1 jalapeno, stem and seeds removed, finely diced (when you remove the seeds...it is not very spicy at all! The seeds hold the spice, so if you want it spicy, leave the seeds in!)
- half of a small red onion, peeled and finely diced (about 1/2 cup)
- 2/3 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro, loosely-packed (if you are not a cilantro fan, substitute with flat leaf parsley)
- juice of 1 lime, about 2 tablespoons
- (pinch of salt and black pepper)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Toss all ingredients together until combined. Season with extra salt and pepper, if needed.
- *If you would like a sweeter salsa, feel free to stir in a few teaspoons of honey, maple syrup, agave nectar or sugar.





Nursery News

Sticky fingers, freckled noses,
Head, shoulders, knees and toes.
Shapes and colours, ABC'S,
Taking turns and 123's.

Great big smiles, hugs and giggles,
Circle time and lots of wiggles.
Wooden blocks and dress up clothes,
Learning how a flower grows.

Outside and gym play, first time friends,
Thinking days like these won't end.
Nursery's done before you know it,
No one sadder than this poet.

Like a butterfly, time has flown,
You have learned and you have grown.
Soar to new heights, learn new things.
Just remember as you do,
Someone is very proud of you!
-Author unknown

Have a great summer!
Ms. Carrie

Yearbook Committee

Photography, Photoshopping, page layouts, yearbook themes, design ideas – putting together a yearbook from start to finish is full of tasks that get the creative juices flowing. It's very rewarding for students to have the physical proof to show for all that hard work they put in over the course of the year. When anyone first starts a project, it's easy to get lost in all the details. But being able to look back at the end and see your creation is a great feeling that gives students a strong sense of pride. The yearbook committee consists of students and staff advisor. This project takes an immense amount of work and dedication. Here are some common school yearbook staff or committee roles:

- Yearbook Adviser: Manages the overall school yearbook project, including deadlines, budgets and yearbook staff management.
- Editor: Helps establish the style of the yearbook and approves and finalizes yearbook content, including headlines, captions, stories, and selected photos.
- Photographers: Photograph assigned events and record names of those photographed, along with what is occurring in the photograph.

Writers: Gather facts and quotes at various school activities, select photos and write copy for pages.

To date we have published and distributed the yearbook. The committee is made up of students from grade 6, 7 and 8 and they are diligent workers that contribute and take part in different roles.

A shout out to Linh, Gabriella and Anthony, students who have committed their time and talents. We could not do it without you. Thank you also to the rest of the crew who show amazing strengths.

Thank You!
Until next school year!

Mr. Veryha



PALS

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers of PALS at St. Alphonsus School for their remarkable dedication and hard work throughout this past school year. Your invaluable contributions have enriched our school community, making a positive impact on students, parents and staff. Thank you for your support and commitment to fostering a vibrant and nurturing school community.

Are you interested in learning more about PALS? Without volunteers, PALS would not be able to host our events. Volunteers are essential! Meetings are only one hour long, held every second Tuesday of the month throughout the school year at the school. If you're unable to attend in person, we offer a virtual meeting link as well. Can't commit to the meetings but still want to help out? Let us know, and we will connect you with the coordinator of the event you are interested in. Please consider helping out; all efforts go towards supporting the students and our school community. For more information, please contact Jennifer Pieczonka at jpieczonka@stals.ca. Or simply join us at our first meeting of the upcoming school year on September 10th in the staff room.

Upcoming PALS events:

The Wine Tasting Event	(Sept 28)
The Halloween Social	(October 26)
Gift Wrap	(held in December)
Open Gym nights	(held in January/February)
School Open house	(held in January)
Movie Night	(held in February/March)
Year end School BBQ	(held in June)
Hot Lunches – regularly throughout the school year	

P.S. A very special BBQ thank you to Dmytro Knyrsha and George Wakefield Foods for the ice cream treats at the event! As well, we want to thank the Doer Family and Red Sun Smoke Shop and Gas Bar for sponsoring the candy scramble! Finally, we want to thank Ashley Curry for arranging for Spiderman to visit! So much fun!



Save the Date!



PALS is planning a Wine Tasting Fundraiser!

Date: Saturday, September 28th

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

Delicious Snacks!

Great Evening Out!

Support your

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL!

Connect with other parents!
Silent Auction!

*Learn about and sample
different wines!*

Gala

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!! This year all in attendance were part of the Mama Mia experience. Transported to a Greek Island disco celebration dancing the night away to the Abba tribute band Super Troopers, with Refreshing Ouzo cocktails flowing, Disco Plinko, delicious food, and amazing prizes. The ballroom was shimmering with many Dancing Queens and Kings bringing the theme to life. 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 the support this year and for all supporters over the last 34 years!!! The event would not have been so elegantly executed and fun filled without the countless hours and energy given by the Gala Planning Committee! This talented and creative team had been planning for seven 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 while making lasting memories. We also honored three of our Gr. 8 students who were presented the Gala Award, which recognized their academic excellence along with their volunteerism. Congratulations to Abigail, Anthony and Noah! Finally, we are thrilled to announce that this year's Gala event raised just under **\$30,000** for our school!

In closing we are very thankful to have been a part of the Gala journey and look forward to seeing you all at Gala 35!!!

Have a wonderful summer,

Melanie Bilenky &
Melanie Norbury
Gala 34 Co-Chairs



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Staff Roster 2024-2025

Kindergarten

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Grade 1

Kelly Ireland

Grade 2

Lucia Whitney

Grade 3

Helen Dembicki

Grade 4

Taras Veryha

Grade 5

Jennifer Pieczonka

Grade 6

Marlene Seaman

Grade 7

Kendra Toews

Grade 8

Bonnie Rayner

French

Kristen Curwain

Physical Education

Blake McInnis

Music

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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 the coaches for your leadership and helping students develop their athletic abilities and sportspersonship. It was so nice to have extracurricular sports back!

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 to Mr. Klassen who will be leaving our school community. We wish you success in your future endeavours.



The Graduating Class of 2024



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

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Lucas Marana

Julius Marques

Jaiden Mina

Gabriella Nelson

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