



"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March."
- Dr. J. R. Stockton

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Principal's Message

Greetings from the Administration,

With this newsletter you will receive the close of Semester 1 report cards. We congratulate our students on a successful first semester and wish them continued success in the second semester of this school year.

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Jane Hunter who completed a term here at Miles Macdonell Collegiate for Mr. Sandy Dryburgh while he was away on medical leave. We thank her for her hard work and diligence in the instruction of our students. We are pleased however, to welcome back Mr. Dryburgh and look forward to watching him walk the hallways with two "new" knees.

We say goodbye, as well, to Ms. Kelly Brewer, teacher of nail technology and

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wish her well. We welcome to our teaching team Ms. Sherry Proulx in the discipline of nail technology.

We are approaching that time of year when students are asked to make informed decisions about their academic programming for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

During the Teacher Advisor meetings in February and March, our present grade 10 and 11 students will be selecting their program of studies. We invite all parents to actively participate in this process. All "in school" applications will be finalized by the beginning of April and we will then begin the scheduling for the new academic year.

We also welcome to our school, the grade 9 students who will continue their academic studies with us next year. Grade 9 student tours are planned for the first two weeks of February and parent meetings for the following dates (all parent meetings are in the Library):

- International Baccalaureate
Wednesday, Feb. 13/08 – 7:00 p.m.
- French Immersion
Tuesday, Feb. 19/08 – 7:00 p.m.

- General Academic
Wednesday, Feb. 20/08 – 7:00 p.m.

Our grade 12 students are provided the opportunity to tour a variety of post secondary institutions to better prepare them for their decision making challenges on what they will do following graduation, June 2008. (Tuesday, February 19 – Open House at the University of Manitoba; Wednesday, February 20th – Open House at the University of Winnipeg and at Red River College.)

If at any time you have questions or concerns, I would invite you to contact your son/daughter's Teacher Advisor, the vice principals or myself.

V. Laurie
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MMC Parent Council

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:00pm in the library.

All parents are welcome to attend.

L.O.T.E. News

The LOTE Department finished the year on a high note with Culturama, a multicultural festival held on December 19, 2007 for the entire student body. Students and staff were treated to ten wonderful acts presented by professional musicians and dancers at various times throughout the day. Morning presentations featured L'ensemble folklorique de la Rivière Rouge, Rodrigo Muñoz of Papa Mambo, Claire Marchand of Theatre Flamenco, Ms Okano's renowned Japanese drumming group Hinode Taiko, and Mr. Lachance's band Valjean. Afternoon performances were provided by Viva Capoeira, Salsa Sensation, aboriginal hoop dancer Buffy Handel, and Tom Yamashita's Kendo group. To crown the day, Mr. Lachance and Mme Thibert performed with a group of students in the school's first Boîte à chansons.



Miles Mac Play School!

...will begin February 14th and will be open Thursdays & Fridays from 1pm-3pm. Children between the ages of 2 & 5 are welcome. The cost is \$3.00 per afternoon (snack is included). Call Carol at 667-1103 for more details. Applications are available in the office.

The Department would like to thank all the artists, students and staff who participated in what turned out to be a terrific holiday treat.

The new semester will open with a flurry of extra-curricular activities, including volunteering at the Festival du Voyageur, a visit to the Cercle Molière's production of 12 hommes en colère and the school's annual speech competition, the Concours d'art oratoire. We are also looking forward to hosting a second French improv tournament, and are inviting applicants for the Collège Universitaire de Saint-Boniface's Semaine par excellence. Language, culture and communication go hand in hand; the activities of the LOTE Department reflect a holistic approach to language learning. Your support is much appreciated.



STUDENT SERVICES

Post-Secondary Tours

All Grade 12 students should note that if you are considering attending a Post-Secondary Institution next year, tours are being organized by the Student Services' Department. The schedule is: Tuesday, February 19th – University of Manitoba, Wednesday, February 20th – Red River College and University of Winnipeg. Students must pay \$2.00 and sign up in the Student Services' Department by Thursday, February 14, 2008. School buses will provide the transportation there and back.

Post-Secondary Admission Deadlines

To ensure a smooth transition into college or university, students are encouraged to apply by the early admission deadline dates. They are: University of Winnipeg: March 1, University of Manitoba: February 22 and Red River College: apply as early as possible. Please note that you are encouraged to apply on-line by going to the following sites: umanitoba.ca, uwinnipeg.ca and rrc.ca

Career Decisions

All Grade 10 students will be given the opportunity to explore careers and career choices during their English classes this semester. Mr. Stelmach will be offering sessions in one of our computer labs.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Students planning to go to college or university in the fall are encouraged to stop by the Student Services' Department to learn about the many ways they can access financial assistance for post-secondary education. There are still many application deadlines coming up in the months leading up to the fall sessions.

Changes to MMC 'Late' Procedure

The staff at MMC strives to assist students as they work toward academic success. In doing so, we wish to make the students aware of the new procedure that is to be followed should a student arrive late. Whereas it is the responsibility of each and every student to arrive on time and prepared to work, we recognize that occasionally being late for a class is unavoidable. The following process is to be followed by students who arrive late:

- Students arriving up to 15 minutes late are to report directly to the classroom (after coats are put away in the locker).
- Students are to follow the 'entry procedure' established by the classroom teacher.
- It is the responsibility of the student to enter quietly and not to disturb the learning of the other students.
- Students must remind the teacher at the end of the class that they were late so that an 'absence' can be changed to a 'late' on the on-line attendance.
- Students arriving more than 15 minutes late are to report to the office to meet with an administrator. The administrator will either refuse entry for that period and house accordingly or grant a 'Late Pass', which will allow that student to enter the class. Again, an established 'entry procedure' must be followed.
- Students who arrive more than 15 minutes late who possess a valid note may report directly to the class for which they are late.
- Teachers may establish appropriate consequences for students who are late.
- Repeated lates will be considered a behavioral concern and will be consequence accordingly in conjunction with teachers and administration.

Miles Mac Christmas Dinner

Thanks goes out to the KEY Club and volunteers for another excellent Christmas Dinner held at Crossways in Common.

According to Rev. Bob Gilbert, community Minister with West Broadway Community Ministry, "the food was superb, the hospitality was great, and the work that went into planning, setup and clean up was incredible! Everyone who benefitted from the evening (about 300 guests) was greatly appreciative of all that you did to make the evening a success."

All those who were involved look forward to continuing the tradition of the "Miles Mac Christmas Dinner" next season.

Seniors' Fashion Show

On behalf of the Good Neighbours Senior Centre and the Fashion Show Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and staff that contributed so much to our fashion show last October. It was very rewarding to be involved once again in an inter generational project that has such a positive effect in our community. We really appreciated all the hard work, the ideas and the commitment that was so evident throughout the planning stage and on the day of the event. The leadership provided by Carina Romagnoli, Kris Kuciel, Taylor Marks and Diane Ostry was outstanding. We thoroughly enjoyed working with all the students and look forward to future shared endeavours.

Sincerely,
Kay Thomson
Fashion Show Committee Chairperson



VIA RAIL RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to MICHELLE SMITH who is the lucky winner of a Via Rail return trip for two to Vancouver, BC. The draw was made during the Christmas Music Concert on December 13, 2007.

Thank you to all who purchased draw tickets to support the Music Students' Tour of Austria and Germany in March, 2008. Thank you also to Garry Dy of Via Rail for the generous donation of the trip for our fundraiser.

MILES MAC AUSTRIA TRIP 2008

FUNDRAISER SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16 5PM - 8PM

DELUXE BUD, SPUD & STEAK
SILENT AUCTION
50/50 DRAW
WINE BASKET
LOTTO TREE

SILVERADO'S

(McPhillips & Jefferson)

MUST BE 18 YEARS
OR OLDER

Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased from the students going on the trip, or from Ms. Harrison in the office.

FEBRUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Semester 2 Begins		Grad Fashion Show	Improv Tournament		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		TA Meeting – Report Cards	Parent/Student Information Eve: – (Gr 9 – 10) Int. Baccalaureate	University of Winnipeg/Red River College Open House	University of Manitoba Open House	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Provincial Holiday - No Classes	Parent/Student Information Eve. – (Gr 9 – 10) French Immersion School Ski Trip	Staff Meeting - 2:30 p.m. Dismissal Whole School Grade 9 - 10 Parent/Student Info Eve.			
24	25	26	27	28	29	
	Parent/Student Information Evening - Grade 11.I.B.	Teacher Advisor Meeting - Course Selection Forms				

MARCH						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Concours d'art Oratoire				Professional Development In-Service - No Classes	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Teacher Advisor Meeting - Report Cards	Staff Meeting 2:30 p.m. Dismissal Short TA Meeting - P/S/T Forms Music Tour (Austria/Germany) March 19 - 30	Short Teacher Advisor Meeting - P/S/T Forms	Good Friday - No Classes	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Short Teacher Advisor Meeting - P/S/T Forms - Hand in Bubble Sheets		Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - Afternoon & Evening (12:00 p.m. Dismissal)	Last day of classes before Spring Break	

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