

June 27th, 2014



# School Profile

Holy Ghost School is a K—8 Catholic School. This year, our student population is 256, and the staff consists of thirteen certified teachers, four instructional aides, an administrative assistant, financial administrator, a custodian, and a principal. In a Catholic school, we are required to follow the Manitoba Curriculum., in addition the school offers religious instruction, basic French instruction 1—8, and resource sup-

port. We are an independent school with partial government funding. Therefore, we need to collect tuition from the families entering into Holy Ghost School. We have access to social work, reading clinicians, pathologists, psychologists throughout a shared service agreement with Winnipeg One School Division. Each school in the province must submit an annual school

report for the community. The purpose of the report is to share some school profile information, report on steps and strategies that we take to improve our school environment and learning.

## Mission Statement

We strive to educate the child in areas of spiritual, academic, and social growth, with the belief that each child is unique and gifted by God.

Recognizing that the primary educators of the child are the parents, our goal is to work closely and co-operatively with the family, to provide an environment in which each student can develop to his or her full potential.

### Spiritually Our School Community Believes That We Should:

- Uphold Jesus as a role model to guide us in our daily lives.
- Strive to build a loving, caring, and supportive faith community.
- Develop our sacramental life to the fullest.

### Academically Our School Goals Are To:

- Promote a lifelong love of learning.
- Challenge students to achieve academic excellence, encouraging students to work to their full potential, while recognizing individual abilities.
- Promote teacher development and professional growth.
- Educate our students through programs which follow the Manitoba Education curriculum guidelines.

### Socially We Promote:

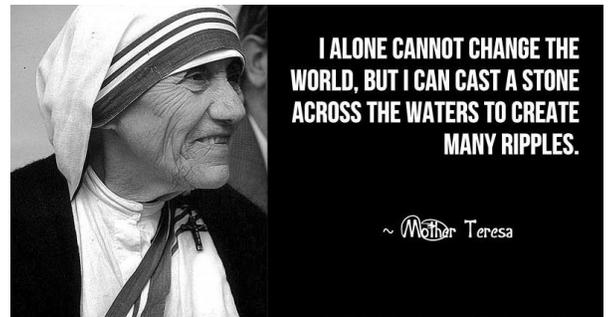
- Christian morals and values to educate students to be responsible citizens.
- Respect towards all people regardless of individual differences.
- Development of self discipline and a sense of responsibility among students.

# School Plan

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The expected outcomes for our school this year are:

1. Students will get extra support achieving all math curricular outcomes.
2. To increase parent visibility in our school.
3. To create a more integrated classroom.
4. To have more focus on extra-curricular activities.
5. To increase gross motor skills, endurance, and fun in our Physical Education Classes.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

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### Competitive Sports

Holy Ghost School is a member of the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletics Association. As such, we compete against other Independent Schools in the city. The students can compete in Basketball, Badminton, Volleyball and Track and Field, and Flag Rugby. Need information about game schedules and team standings, visit the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association sports page.

### Intramurals

Students are invited to participate in one of many forms of an organized intramural program offered during noon hour (FUNtramurals), sport intramurals. Students may also participate in intramural volleyball, basketball and dodgeball. Grade 5-6 students are provided with leadership opportunities as scorekeepers and overall organizers. Throughout the year, students also participate in a variety of sports activities including Spring Camp at Lake of the Woods B'nai Brith (Gr. 5&6), and Winter Camp downhill skiing (Gr. 7&8). We offer a morning running club to encourage healthy lifestyles.



## Highlights

- Our Grade 7 class took part in WE Day at the MTS Centre. We Day is an educational event and the movement of our time—a movement of young people leading local and global change. We Day is tied to the yearlong We Act program, which offers curricular resources, campaigns and materials to help turn the day's inspiration into sustained activation. They committed themselves to a bake sale to raise funds for the cause.



### Giving Tree



Support the school and make lasting memories by pledging a donation to our Giving Tree. You may donate for a leaf, an acorn or a stone plate. You may have the inscription of your family name or business engraved and added to our growing tree of possibilities.

- Holy Ghost School had embraced the “Catholic Virtues into Action” program, which was created to emphasize our Catholic school graduate expectations. The program is designed to help our Catholic schools live out the Gospel message and strengthen our Catholic community.



## Academics

Holy Ghost School continues its targeted work this year to support the constant shift in Mathematics instruction and achievement. Teachers have continued to develop their skills in teaching math from a constructivist approach: helping students develop deep understanding and constructing a knowledge base that allows them to understand and therefore apply mathematics in any situation. This requires sustained focus and work with students, staff and parents and we are seeing some improvement in this area.

Full Day Kindergarten Program is a child-centred, developmentally appropriate, integrated, extended day program of learning for five-year-old children. The purpose of the program is to establish a strong foundation for learning in the early years, and to do so in a safe and caring play-based environment that promotes the physical, social emotional, and cognitive development of all children.

Holy Ghost School continues to offer its basic French Program to our students. The importance of learning French is highly valued by our school, which is evident through the growth of our students. Our program helps the students to learn vocabulary, grammar, and even speech recognition with pronunciation.



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FRIENDSHIP  
RESPECT  
SHARE Be Kind  
Do your best  
Make Good Choices  
HAVE FUN



## School History

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Holy Ghost School was established by the Oblate Fathers in 1902. October 24th, 1902 marked the completion of the outside of the three-storey school building . Fr. Jan Kulawy, OMI laid the last brick on the top of the chimney. The official opening of the school was on January 7, 1903. In October 1903, the Apostolic Delegate for Canada, Archbishop Sboretti, blessed the new school. The cornerstone was sealed on August 24, 1904. In the late summer of 1904, the school came under the direction of the Benedictine Sisters from Duluth, Minnesota, USA. A Tea honouring the Benedictine Sisters and the retirement of Sr. Catherine Kolodyczuk, OSB was held on June 11, 1989. Sr. Catherine had taught at Holy Ghost School for 33 years. This was the last Benedictine Sister, as of June, 1989 to teach at Holy Ghost School.

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