

“Celebrating Our Successes – Piper Pride”

Congratulations to Kaylie for receiving an award at the Divisional Heritage Fair. Her project focused on the Fur Trade as part of Canadian Heritage.





Emily wrote a poem, and entered it in a contest for Creative Communications. Her poem was found to be worthy of publication. Only the best poems are selected for this honour. Emily’s poem will be published in an anthology entitled, A Celebration of Poets. Congratulations Emily!

Congratulations to the following students for making it to the Provincial mixed doubles Badminton Championships at Maples Collegiate. Justin and Karolina placed 7th while Jordan and Valerie were in the top 20. Great Job!!



Justin



Karolina



Jordan



Valerie

February was contest month for grades 9-11 Math students. They participated in three grade specific Canada Wide contests. Over 84,000 high school students participated. Of these students 3,232 were from Manitoba. Congratulations to all contest writers! Well Done!! Top 3 at each grade level were as follows:

Grade 9 – Pascal Contest



Dustin



Devon



Austin

Grade 10 – Cayley Contest



Adam



Angel



Maryia

Grade 11 – Fermat Contest



Amber



Sammy



Elizabeth



This fall, in conjunction with Transplant Manitoba, the province will be launching a new resource kit that will be available to all Biology teachers throughout the province. The resource kit is meant to bring about awareness for the need and importance of organ and tissue donation by providing interesting and relevant lessons and educational

experiences for the classroom. There was a school wide contest to name the resource kit and the winning title was created by Garrett. He titled the kit “Life Is A Gift: A Grade 11 Manitoba Biology Resource for Organ Donation and Transplantation”. Great Job Garrett!

Darryl is one of only a few individuals from across Canada to be accepted for a glider training program through his cadets. He will be in Gimli for the summer for his training (first step to being a full pilot) and he will be getting paid for it too. Congratulations Darryl!





Congratulations to Wesley, a grade 9 student who built an Adirondack chair for the Manitoba Association of School Trustees Conference. Wes has had many compliments regarding his outstanding workmanship. Wesley also accumulated 6 hours worth of CIA hours doing so. Great Job!

Mr. Francis' Physics program entered the annual APEGM spaghetti bridge competition. Each year our students are very successful at this competition, and this year was no exception. The winners were Brandt, Eric and Braden.



Brandt



Eric



Braden

Congratulations to Richard who took first place in the CV Idol (the special needs equivalent to Canadian Idol). Richard won a karaoke machine, an MP3 player, and a camera system. Maryam (no picture), Shinice and Ashleigh were also winners.



Richard



Shinice



Ashleigh



Congratulations to Mathew who has been given a chance of a lifetime opportunity to complete his senior high school year with an Alberta College Baseball Academy. Mathew has dedicated himself to baseball since age 11. During these past 6 years he has spent countless hours of training to be the best he can be.

Among his accomplishments are: AAA MVP with the St. James A's, Provincial Hit/Run/and Throw Champion – 2005, Selected for Rookies College Development Team (2007 to present), Selected for Winnipeg Wolf High Performance Team (2008), Selected to Team Manitoba Prospects Team (2007-2008), Selected for Prospects Academy Team (2009). Best of Luck Mathew.

Congratulations to Samantha whose poem “Beloved Baba” was published by Creative Communications. The poem was written in Sam’s English class in her grade eleven year, but published this year.



The **Indoor Track Team** had great results at the Cargill Track meet at the U of M. Outstanding showings were by Pardeep who won gold in hurdles and silver in 400 meters, while Karolina won silver in hurdles and bronze in the 800 meters and Rebecca who won gold in the 400 meters. Awesome job Pipers!!



Pardeep



Karolina



Rebecca



John Taylor is proud to congratulate Richard for receiving the “**Yes I Can Award**” this year. This award is presented annually by the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children to students with exceptionalities who have exhibited outstanding

improvement in several different categories. Richard received his award in the employment category. As part of his work experience program at JT, he has demonstrated the characteristics of an exemplary employee at Value Village. Richard initiates conversations with the other staff, is friendly and helpful to customers, problem solves well independently and seeks assistance when needed. The quality and quantity of the work Richard does has greatly increased this year and he takes great pride in his work.

From January 6-10th, John Taylor hosted the **38th annual Piper Classic basketball tournament**. There were 16 teams - 8 Varsity Girls and 8 Varsity boys - who participated. A number of teams in the tournament were amongst the Top Ten teams in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. There were over 200 athletes and 80 volunteers, who along with the fans, coaches, and staff of John Taylor helped to make this year's tournament a huge success. Feedback from players, coaches and fans was very positive and all talked about how great of a tournament it is to be a part of. The tournament has grown to be one that teams look forward to and on the first day back to school after the tournament we already had two requests from new teams wanting to get in.



Part of John Taylor’s Mission is to develop involved and supportive citizens. This was ever so evident in the month leading up to Christmas where students, parents, and community members donated food, clothing items, and money to the **Christmas Cheer Board, and Siloam Mission.** JT students donated over 2400 pounds of food and clothing in one week and donated over one thousand dollars in three days the following week. Great Job!!!





Rebecca is part of a group of energetic **Ringette** players from all over Winnipeg who had an opportunity to participate in an International Ringette Tournament in Europe. She left for Sweden on December 27th, spent a couple of days in Stockholm

and then headed to Helsinki, Finland for the tournament. It was a chance to share experiences with other teenage girls from a variety of countries. What a great opportunity. Congratulations Rebecca!

Pardeep is a member of our **Provincial Cricket** program and had the opportunity to travel across Canada participating in Cricket. Unfortunately Pardeep lost out on a chance to travel to Bermuda. Hopefully he will get that opportunity again sometime in the future!





Congratulations to Chris and Alex!! Both guys made the **AAA Hawks Hockey** team.



Chris

Alex



City Midget team members from JT include Regan and Adam!



Regan

Adam

Melanie has been named as a marshal of the Santa Claus Parade put on by Manitoba Hydro. She was selected for her top marks, community involvement, volunteering and extra curricular activities like Concert Band at University of Winnipeg, Honor Band, Honor Jazz Band, etc. Keep up the great work Mel!





Curtis was in Yorkton for a Tae Kwon Do tournament and placed 2nd in his Division. Congratulations Curtis!!

Mercedes was also in Yorkton, and placed 3rd in her Division. The weekend before, she placed in the top 4 in her Division at another tournament. Way to go Mercedes!



Kylie was our only ribbon winner with 19th place at the Mustang Invitational in Minneapolis out of 190 girls. Great Job Kylie!

Rebecca was 19th out of 190 athletes or top 10% of Varsity Girls at provincials. Way to go Rebecca!





Trevor is John Taylor's #1 Cross Country runner who recently placed 11th in the High School Provincials (out of a field of 220 athletes with a time of 16:36 for a 3 mile or 5km run). He has been invited to attend the University of Victoria this fall. The University scouted Trevor out and is in the process of recruiting him for their running program. This and the prospect of support monies was contained in

the invitation letter that Trevor received in November. Exciting news for any high school athlete! Way to go Trevor. Well run and well done!!

Pipers West Winnipeg Conference Volleyball Champions!!!



Late Thursday night, November 6th, the John Taylor Pipers captured the West Winnipeg Athletic Conference Junior Boys Volleyball Championship with a thrilling five set victory over the St. Paul's Crusaders (18-25, 25-18, 25-27, 25-15, 18-16). A rowdy John Taylor crowd packed the Westwood gym and watched as the Pipers overcame some early inconsistent play to edge out a tough Crusaders team.



Jordan was named Tournament All-Star and Tournament MVP.

Austin, from grade 9, received Best Setter award and Tournament All-Star honors.



Garrett received Best Blocker award and was Tournament All-Star in two tournaments.

The Piper's got into the final by beating the Oak Park Raiders in straight sets (25-16, 25-18, 25-17). The team has had a very successful 2008 season, including a second place finish at the MBCI tournament, and winning three other tournaments; John Taylor, Crocus Plains in Brandon, and Kildonan East. The team is currently ranked 5th in the province in the MHSAA Provincial Rankings, and is now gearing up for the Provincial Championships in November. Go Pipers!!!

The team is made up of Grade 10 students Garrett, Jordyn, Derrick, Josh, and grade 9 students Justin, Austin, Colin, Jake, Jeremy, Matt and Riley.

Congratulations to **Katrina** who was recognized by John Taylor for winning a short story contest with her entry, “Joined Souls”. As a result of reaching the top group of entries, Katrina’s story will be published in an anthology entitled, Dawning Hopes. Katrina also received the literary award for outstanding contribution to English at John Taylor.

