

St. Patrick's Catholic School Newsletter

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"Let the Spirit Grow"

February 2, 2012

Student Led Conferences are on Thursday, February 16th. We are once again using online scheduling starting on February 6th. Please log on to spe.schoolappointments.com and follow the prompts. Thank you.

Pink Shirt Day is coming up on Wednesday, February 29. Students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt with their uniform to promote the "Bullying Stops Here" campaign. Wear a pink shirt to symbolize that we as the St. Patrick's community will not tolerate bullying anywhere. The idea comes from two incredible Nova Scotia high school students. Here is a snippet of the *Globe & Mail* article which inspired us: David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out the message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again." For more information check out the website: www.pinkshirtday.ca

Since founded in the summer of 2008, **Ocean Rain Chinese Arts Academy** offers a wide range of programs, such as Chinese dance (following Beijing Dance Academy syllabus), Vocal music, Chinese instrument and brush painting classes. **On February 11, 2012 at 3:00pm**, our Academy will be presenting a 45-minute show with many authentic Chinese dances to celebrate the Year of the Dragon with the students and parents at St. Patrick's School. There will be a collection. All proceeds will go to support Fine Arts programs at St. Patrick's School.

The French Help Session started for the Intermediate Grades 4-5-6 on Tuesday, January 31, 2012,. Everyone is welcome to come to the Library from 12:00 - 12:20 on Tuesdays. Thank you Mme. Greco



St Patrick's Green Committee

The next recycling depot will take place next **Monday, February 6, from 8:00am – 9:00am**. Recycling bins will be set up to accept hard and soft plastics; milk cartons; metals; foil and foil lined wrappers; styrofoam and paper.

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The Hot Lunch team for Thursday, Feb 9th (booster juice/pizza week) is Team #4.
Restita Chambers, Jennifer Luchies, Nichole Roberts, Robert Williams, Myrna Ross,
Sue MacMillan, Julie Rust, Jo Ross, Andrea Nemeth, Hyeri Yany and Christine McLaughlin.
Please be in the kitchen by Noon. If you are unable to make your shift contact your team
leader and find a spare. Thank-you

Cupcakes

Bakers and Distributors for Thursday, February 9. Team 4 Bakers

Corrina Suesser, Luigi Peluso, Mairi Martin, Janice Hansen, Amy Sopinka, Deneen Barbon, Jon
Cash, Sandy Alberg, Karen Shubrook, Teodosa Lustado, Michele Williams, Amy Leong and
Cathy Saunier.

Team 4 Distributors Deneen Barbon, Nadine Swidinsky and D'Arcy MacDonald.



LIBRARY NEWS: Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Scholastic Book Fair. Because of your tremendous support of our library, we raised a total of \$5,751.84 after taxes; the library will receive \$3,756.53 in books. WOW, WAY TO GO!

I would also like to give a very special bouquet to these lovely book fair assistants, who not only brought laughter and excitement to the fair, but boundless energy and dedication. Thank you to Joanne Chan, Louise Peluso, Linda Pityn, and Audrey Thom. Furthermore, I would like to thank their children, Desiree, Sadie, Ollie, Caitlyn, Eugenia, Lorena, Adriana, Brandon, and Ella. Thank you for not only sharing your moms with us, but for being "Junior Assistants" at the library book fair.

I would also like to extend congratulations to the following five winners of this year's Scholastic Book Fair Draw:

- 1st Place- \$25 dollars in books for teacher and \$25 for student – Elizabeth and Mrs. Marshall Grade 4
- 2nd Place – Ultimate book of Riddles, Gags, Knock-Knock and Practical Jokes-Nicholas Grade 4
- 3rd Place – Loud as Lightning Story book and Sound FX Car – Luke Grade 1
- 4th Place – The Usborne Monster Coloring Book – Aydan Grade 1
- 5th Place – Dude Diary – Oscar Grade 4
- 6th Place – Glow in the Dark Stickers with Tool and Pencil Eraser set – Ian Grade 1

Again, thank you to everyone who entered, and congratulation to all the winners. See you at next year's Book Fair. God Bless and Happy Reading,
Mrs. Taylor, Librarian

News from the High School

Catholic School's week begins on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012. The theme this year is iLearn, iBelieve, iPray. Our week is focused on all three of these aspects of our school. Learning to reach out and share our treasures with others is the focus of our week. Our week will highlight our international outreach program, our elementary partnerships and our extended school community. Grade 11 students will have an opportunity to share a meal with the Knights of Columbus and the CWL while learning the importance of commitment and giving back. Please join us on Thursday, Feb. 9th at 6:30 for our Open House which includes our Grade 9 Science Fair. The finale of the week will be the annual Hoops for Hearts tournament on Friday. St. Andrew's Regional High School has been the top contributor for this cause for the past 2 years. Our goal this year is to continue leading the field with this cause.

Diane Chimich - Vice Principal

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Dates to Remember

February 7 th	Open House Evening 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
February 8 th	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Library
February 11 th	Chinese New Year Celebration 3:00 p.m. in the gym
February 14 th	Red, Pink and White Day
February 15 th	Grade 6 Retreat
February 16 th	Student Led Conferences No School K - 7
February 17 th	Pro D Day - No School K - 7
February 21 st	Pancakes for Missions
February 22 nd	Ash Wednesday
February 24 th	Jump Rope For Heart
February 27 th	Local School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Library
February 29 th	Pink Shirt Day