



St. Patrick's School

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February Calendar

February 12 - Last day to order Summer Uniforms

12 - Color Day— Valentine Day wear red or pink

15 - 26 - Olympic Break - NO SCHOOL

17 - Ash Wednesday - Lent starts

**March 1 - 8:45 am School re-opens
- Reading Link Challenge Gr. 4 & 5**

Lost and Found: Please encourage your children to check our lost and found table in the hallway outside the office; anything unclaimed will be forwarded after the end of the day on Friday.

Summer Uniform Ordering:

Check your child's summer uniforms now. Last day to order summer uniforms will be **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th**. Any orders after that date will have a \$5.00 late charge and cannot guarantee that we will have a summer uniform in stock. The students will be able to wear their summer uniform after Easter break on April 6th.

Hunger Lunch: Thank you for sending in your donations for our Hunger Lunch, which we held on Tuesday, as school won't be in session on Ash Wednesday this year. All the proceeds are donated to the Holy Childhood organization, which does a great job of promoting children helping children in countries less well off than our own.

Grade 7 Parents: please note that there is a second Love and Life meeting scheduled for the evening of March 16 at 6:45. Students will view a video presentation and be involved in discussions.

Grade 2 Parents: Please note that we have scheduled your child's First Reconciliation experience for the morning of Wednesday, March 10. Your involvement in this special sacrament is important. Look for a notice to come home with further details.

Principal's Message As school won't be in session for two weeks during the Lenten season, I thought I would pass on a great resource shown to me by a parent in our school. By visiting www.loyolapress.com you can find a wealth of ideas of how to honour the traditions of Lent in your family. There are age-appropriate activities to try, and meditations to practice, all with the goal of working on your own faith formation. Enjoy, and see you on March 1.

Helping Hands for Haiti – Please know that we have intentions to support our brothers and sisters in Haiti, and all our classes are praying for them daily. We plan to have a jeans day in March when students can bring in a donation of a toonie. It is hoped you would encourage your children to sacrifice part of their allowance, or to do extra chores to help around the house for which they could get paid. We appreciate all your current generosity in giving to this cause through your parish.

Reading Trivia . . . Students in Grades 4-7 who have elected to participate in a program introduced last year should be upping their ante when it comes to learning facts from the books assigned by the local library (in the case of Grades 4 and 5), and the Catholic Independent Schools (in the case of Grades 6 and 7). Teams of six or seven have been formed, the books have been available since before Christmas, and we are now practicing writing questions, and answering them in order to prepare for the in-school competitions. Grades 4/5, the librarians are coming on our first day back from the Olympic Break on March 1 to determine the winning team that will advance to Level 2 on March 5 at the local library. Grades 6/7, your in-school competition is yet to be scheduled, but we know the regional round for the winning team will be closer to the end of March.

Olympic Break: Please note that we will not be in session during the next two weeks, due to the Olympics. The office will be open, however from Feb. 15—19 only, and we welcome the chance to assist you in any way needed.