



# St. Patrick's School

## Be the Good News

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## FEBRUARY 24, 2011

### Calendar of Events

#### FEBRUARY

##### Week of Feb. 28 - March 4th

28th - Hot lunch orders for March go home

#### MARCH

2nd - Hot lunch orders due back

2nd - Gr. 1 - Play & Chinese Lunch

2nd - Last day to buy ticket for Mardi Gras

4th - 9:15 am Whole School Mass - bring food for the food bank

4th - Gr. 6 & 7 Reading Trivia @ 11:00am

4th - **Mardi Gras Family dinner/dance.**

4th - Last day to order Fundraising.

##### Week of March 7 - March 11th

9th - Ash Wednesday—Mass 9:15 am

9th - Hunger Lunch

9th - Grs. 4 & 5 Reading Trivia 1:00 pm

##### Week of March 14 - March 18th

14th - Hot lunch orders go home for April

15th - 6:30 pm Gr. 7 Parent & Student Love & Life meeting.

16th - Hot lunch orders due back

16th - Reading Trivia 10:00 am

**17th - Hot lunch day - Irish Stew**

(Note change in date for this Hot Lunch only)

17th - St. Patrick's Day Celebration Colour Day - wear **GREEN**

18th - Student Led Conference & Book Fair.

##### Week of March 21 - March 25th **SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL**

##### Week of March 28 - April 1st

29th - Classroom Photos

30th - Hot Lunch Day - Hot Dogs

30th - Grs. 5 & 6 Fire Safety presentation

April 1st - 9:15 am Whole School Mass bring food for the food bank

#### APRIL

##### Week of April 4 - April 8th

4th - Switch to Summer uniform-optional

6th - Hot Lunch day - Burger & Fries

Thank You: . . . to the many parents who took time out of their busy day to drive our students to the skating rink and to the Science Centre. Once again: we simply couldn't do it without you!

**Parenting Help:** Barry McDonald, author of *Boy Smarts*, is coming to Thomas Haney Secondary right here in Maple Ridge on Tuesday March 1 from 7-9. The cost of tickets is \$10. Contact Angie McLeod at 476-2447 for more information. This presenter has many useful ideas to help with parenting boys in particular, but all kids benefit.

**Pink Wednesday a Hit!** Thank you to everyone for helping to take part in this great initiative. Our students really seemed to take the message to heart, as we made connections between wearing pink and being the Good News. They appeared to enjoy accenting their uniforms with a hint of pink! Special thanks to Tisha Scoffins for coordinating the unique St. Pat's t-shirts.

#### **Change in hot lunch date:**

Please note that one of our Hot Lunches in March will be on **Thursday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day)** rather than on the Wednesday. Please note the change on your calendar.



## Mardi Gras

**Mardi Gras!** Mark your calendars! The Knights of Columbus are inviting all of you to attend St. Patrick's Parish first ever **Mardi Gras** party on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Start thinking about and designing your costumes; there will be a costume parade and judging of your creative efforts in the family category as well as primary and intermediate categories with prizes to be won! Costumes can be left to your imagination and do not have to be true to Mardi Gras traditions. We will also have dinner together and enjoy each other's company as we dance and party the night away. Tickets are \$25 per family or \$10 per individual, and can be bought at the school and parish offices; all proceeds will go towards St. Patrick's School. Show your spirit and let's have some pre-Lenten fun right here in our own community! Deadline for ticket sales: Wednesday, March 2.

**BC Lions Visit:** With off-season community efforts ramping up once again, members of the football club are visiting local elementary schools to kick off the club's Terasen Gas Energy Champions program. This is designed specifically for children in Kindergarten through Gr. 7, emphasizing the importance of environmental responsibility and being an "Energy Champion". During their visit, the players taught our students about the importance of reducing our impact on our surroundings while preserving our environment for generations to come. Children were inspired to be conscientious about the energy they use and learned simple ways they can help the province achieve its climate action goals by conserving energy every day. We, in turn, taught the Lions about *another* source of energy: the power of prayer, and they joined us in praying the noon time Angelus prayer.

**Grade 7 Parents:** Please make a note of the next Love and Life meeting for parents and students on **Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30.**

**Reading Power Update:** Grade 4/5 students' in-school competition is scheduled for March 9 at 1:00. The winning team will compete at the library on March 16 at 10:00. Gr. 6/7 competition is scheduled for Mar. 4 at 11:00; the regional competition is still unknown, but will definitely be after Spring Break.

**Canspell Update:** Congratulations to Danielle Lysack who qualified to compete at the Chan Centre of the Performing Arts on March 5. Good luck, and may God bless you as you continue to work to do your best at this exciting event.

**Come Pray with Us** – Our next Mass is on Friday, March 4. It would be great to see you there as we pray and celebrate together. Please remember to support our local food bank with your donation.

## **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**



**NEUFELD  
FARMS**



Chicken,  
Beef, Gourmet Cookies and More

Last day to order:

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4th**

**Delivery Date: March 18th at 2:45 pm**

**@ the school**

**Order forms on our website  
or from the school office.**

**SPRING**



**SPRING FLOWER**

**BASKETS AND PLANT SALES**

**COMING SOON...**



**Order forms will be  
Available April 11th  
Flowers will be delivered  
May 5th - in time for  
Mother's Day**

**More information to come.**