



St. Patrick's School

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January Calendar

- January 15 - 1:30 pm Hip Hop Show**
18 - Hot Lunch orders for Feb. go home
18 - Justice Institute presentation for Intermediate Students
20 - Hot Lunch orders due back
20 - 6:30 pm Archbishop Carney Open House for Grades 5, 6 & 7
21 - 9:30 am Intermediate Students' Mass
26 - 9:00 - 11:30 am - OPEN HOUSE
26 - 9:30 am Primary Students' Mass
27 - Hot Lunch - Soup
27 - 7:00 pm PEC Meeting
28 - Registration Blitz -8:00 am - 5:00 pm in former Music Room
29 - 1:00 pm Story Time Theater - parents are invited to join us

Remember, you Are Invited! . . . to our Hip Hop performance *this* Friday, January 15. After a week of lessons and learned choreography, all the grades will be dancing, including the Kindergarten students! The show will start at 1:30 and should be over by 2:45 if we start on time. Students should wear the following: Kindergarten – green;
Gr. 1 – black or white;
Gr. 2 – blue or purple;
Gr. 3 – red, orange, yellow;
Gr. 4 – red with white or black;
Gr. 5 – tan, brown, khaki;
Gr. 6 – gray, silver or white;
Gr. 7 – dark clothing and/or 2010 sweatshirts. Friday will be a colour day, so students can come dressed in their clothes. (Parents of Kindergarten students, note that your child will need to be at school all day on Friday.)

Come Worship the Lord – at our intermediate Mass on Thursday at 9:30. Our RC Challenge students are preparing the readings and intentions. Please join us as we celebrate.

Ready Set Learn: Parents of 3 and 4 year olds, we are offering two experiences to develop literacy skills. There is a “camp” for the children on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 9:30-11:30, here in the Kindergarten room, and a parent information evening on Monday, Feb. 1 at 7:00. Registration is required, and you can let us know you’re coming by phoning into the office by Jan. 25. There is no cost to you for either event. Tell your friends!



Scholastic Book Fair: Mark your calendars! On March 31 you will be able to purchase books and other materials for your children at our book fair. Proceeds from the sales will go towards increasing our own collection. Prices are usually great. There is no pressure to purchase, but we hope you can take advantage of this opportunity that has not been available here for a number of years. Note that this is the same day as our Student Led Conferences, for your shopping convenience. (Parents

Liturgy Choir: Once again, you have practices on Thursday mornings at **8:00**. Your beautiful singing leadership at our first mass of the new year on Friday is so important to creating an atmosphere of praise and worship. (Please remember that it is critical to the quality of the practice that singers arrive on time, as new material cannot be learned and perfected in only fifteen minutes per week, nor can we learn to sing in parts. Please allow for extra travel time if the weather is inclement. Thanks for your attention to this matter.)



Library News: Pre-school aged siblings of St. Patrick's students are invited to our library on **Tuesday mornings** for a story-reading experience from **11:15 until 11:40**. Parents, of course, are welcome to stay.

16th Annual Trivia Night Tickets on sale Now!
Don't miss out get your table together and get your tickets early.
One free ticket with a table of 10. Tickets \$25.00 each

Trivia Help Needed: This is a reminder that we are asking all families to contribute \$5 per family towards the creation of baskets that will be available for the silent auction portion of the evening. Teachers will do the shopping of items for you as they design the different themes. We hope to offer three different baskets, plus the one donated by the teaching staff. Your generosity and cooperation are much appreciated. Please submit your donation (cheques acceptable) by Friday, January 22.

Speaking of 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.

Babysitters Wanted: We are looking for former students of our school who would be interested in having their names added to a babysitting list. This would allow new families to St. Patrick's (or any families, really) who are interested in attending school functions in the evening but can't find a babysitter to have access to a resource. Please contact the office (school@stpatsschool.org) if you are interested in being named on our list.

Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School Open House: Your child in Grades 5-7 should have brought home an information letter inviting you to attend this event on Wednesday, January 20th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is a great way to become acquainted with all that is offered at Carney. Application forms will be available that night as well.

BOTTLES, BOTTLES, BOTTLES

We need bottles! All kinds of bottles.

Big bottles, little bottles.

Bottles of anything.

Liquor, Wine, Beer.

pickles, mustard, bleach,

catsup, hot sauce, pasta sauce,

Etc, etc, etc.



We need at least 300 Bottles.

What for you ask?

For our bottle game at Trivia Night!

This game brings us in almost \$900.00

It's fun to play and our guests love it.

But we cannot have the game without your help.
Please send into the school whatever you can.
Perhaps there is an unopened bottle of something
in your cupboard. Just make sure it has not expired
and that it is not homemade.

TRIVIA NIGHT

By now you would have heard a lot about Trivia Night. If you are new to the school you may not know what it is all about. First off Trivia Night is our biggest fundraiser for the school. We have raised over \$20,000 in one night. How does it work? You purchase a ticket and come out and have fun answering trivia questions. Much like the game of Trivial Pursuit but you don't play alone. You play as a team. One team per table. If you don't have enough family & friends to make up a table of 8 to 10 people, don't worry—we will find a spot for you. This is a great way to meet new people and get to know other St. Patrick's parents. With your ticket of \$25.00 you will get to have lots of fun, a chance to win a door prize and a light meal mid way through the evening. We will also have silent auction items as well as a live auctions. We have a 50/50 draw and many other games including our Bottle Game.

Don't miss out—tickets are selling fast. We have already sold 50% of our tables. With the purchase of 10 tickets you will get one free.

If you are not able to come perhaps you will consider donating a door prize or an item for our silent or live auction.

For more information contact the school office at 604-467-1571.