



St. Patrick's School

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Calendar of Events

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Week of January 17 - 21

21st - Colour Day - PJ's \$2.00 for Holy Childhood.

Week of January 24 - 28

25th - 9:30 am - Intermediate students' Mass

25th - Hot Lunch - Pasta & Garlic Bread

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In January, it is the *Holy Name of Jesus*.

Through this devotion, the Church reminds us of the power of Christ's Name and encourages us to pray in His Name. Keeping Christ's Name always on our lips is a good way to ensure that we draw ever nearer to Him.

These prayers can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month.

Calendar Change: Students will now have *three* days off this February: Feb. 14-16. Teachers are renewing their First Aid certification on Wednesday, Feb. 16, so there will be no school for the children. (As you know, Feb. 14 and 15 the staff attends the Catholic Educators' Conference.)

Classroom Baskets for Trivia – to help make it easier for you, please feel free to submit a \$5 donation instead of the items as outlined in the email last week; that way we can coordinate what is purchased and we won't have repeat items. Thanks, as always, for your continued generosity and support.

Bottles for Trivia Thank you to all who responded to our recent request for more bottles for our *Bottle Game* at Trivia night. We still need a few more bottles so if you would still like to donate, please send your donation to the school office. Anything will do, food or non-food items, cleaning products, alcohol, all is good.

Grade 2, 3 and 4 Parents: This week a permission slip came home for your children to attend a free performance at the Act Theatre on January 26. Details are in the notice. Please return as soon as possible.

Color Day Friday: Final Reminder - Our next one will be this Friday, January 21. Wear your PJ's to school and **bring a toonie for Holy Childhood**. Let's work together to make this first charity fundraiser a good one as our children help children in other countries to live in greater dignity.

Library Book Reminder: Please work with your children to hand in their library books when they're due. Students who have outstanding books or lost books will not be permitted to borrow from our collection until the situation is cleared up.

Lego Lovers: This year we will be having our first ever Lego Building Exhibition! Start building your masterpieces, wither using a kit or "free styling". Bring your creation to school on Friday, Jan. 28. We will put it on display for all to see and admire. Thank you to the boys of the Grade 6 class for this initiative.

Further Trivia Update: This event is fast approaching and we are struggling this year, which is understandable. If anyone has contacts or actual donations, please contact Amber Lachance as soon as possible so that she and the fundraising committee know where we stand. Every bit helps, whether small or large, and is always appreciated. If needed, a donation letter is available through the school office. You can also help by attending the evening. This year is a disco theme . . . dress for the occasion if you would like. Funds raised at Trivia Night will be allocated to the computer lab updating, improving our sports equipment, specifically a new scorekeeping clock, and many other useful items to keep our school top-notch. We still need three more volunteers: 2 people for scorekeeping and 1 table monitor. Many thanks. Amber Lachance (778-835-0707)

Grade 4-7 Parents: Please remember to mark Feb. 11 on your calendar. We have an unexpected opportunity to spend an afternoon with John Angotti! He is a full time music missionary who travels throughout many parts of the world providing inspirational music and witness to all ages through concerts, workshops, retreats, missions, conferences, and worship. John's message is clear: There is hope, healing, and truth with the love of God. With the style of today and the truth of the ancient, Angotti expresses hope and love for those longing for a deeper relationship with God. More details will come in a permission slip, but **we will need parent drivers** to transport students to this concert-like event which will be held at Archbishop Carney from 1-2:30. We are hoping many of you can help us with this; you are, of course, welcome to stay and experience this great event yourselves.

Parents on the Run: We have a parent who would like to begin a beginner running group for approximately 6 to 8 weeks with the goal of being able to run for 30 minutes continually by the end of the session. No experience is necessary and you don't need a high level of fitness. This is a low stress program and will gradually build your joints and muscles and make them ready for running. Plus it is only 30 minutes. You probably know that 30 minutes of daily activity is recommended by the Canadian government in the healthy schools and families guidelines. You will meet on Tuesdays and Thursday 9:15 AM or 1:45 PM. So if you're looking for a group to run with because your own the kids are way too fast now and your husband is too slow, this is your chance!

February 23, 2011 is Anti-Bullying Day! Show your early support as our school takes a stand against bullying and order your very own St. Patrick's School Anti-Bullying Shirt. (If you choose not to purchase a T-shirt you will still be able to wear your own pink shirt.) Please have exact change or cheque payable to St. Patrick's School. There will be a basket in the office awaiting your orders. Please submit one order per family by Wednesday, January 26th, 2011 in order to give us time to have shirts prepared.

St. Patrick's Spelling Bee: Congratulations to Danielle Lysack in Grade Six who won this year's bee! Now, she will be writing a written test and submitting it to see if she qualifies for the provincial competition. Thanks to all our brave competitors: Madeleine Hessels, Christopher Figueiredo, Dylan D'Mello, Dayna Lysack, Jenna Tokaryk all from Grade Four, Sean McCloskey, Viktoria Fabbro, Lauryn Fafard, Alexandra Lachance from Grade Five, Elizabeth Figueiredo, Justin Cloete, Gavin Harper from Grade Six, Michelle Swolfs, Zeljko Feigelstock, Erica Giunto, and Emily Hernandez from Grade Seven. Special congratulations to Sabrina Porreca in Grade Six who came in second place.

ST. PATRICK'S 17th ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

February 5, 2011

Tickets now available at the school office

Tickets: \$25.00 each

**[ONE FREE ticket will every 10
tickets purchased before January 28th]**

COME VIEW THE CLASSROOM CERAMICS

Each classroom has done a ceramic piece for auction at Trivia Night. These pieces are on display in the school trophy case. If you are interested in bidding on any of these items you may do so by either attending Trivia Night or by giving a sealed bid into the school office.

If you wish to give a sealed bid you will need to put your bid along with a cheque in that amount made payable to St. Patrick's in a sealed envelope with the Grade you are bidding on, on the front of the envelope. The bidding will start at the highest sealed bid. If your bid is not successful we will return your cheque.

Don't miss out - get a keepsake from your child's class. Come see their great work!