



St. Patrick's School

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March Calendar

- March 5 - 9:15 Whole school Mass -
Gr. 4 Hosting
- Bring food for the Food Bank
- 10 - Gr. 2 1st Reconciliation
- 9 & 11 - 9:30 am Kindergarten go bowling
- 16 - 9:00 am Whole school panorama
photo / Classroom group photo.
- 6:45 pm Gr. 7 Parents
Love & Life Meeting
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
Bring a Toonie for Haiti
- Hot Lunch Day—Irish Stew
- Color Day—WEAR GREEN
- 19 - Last day to return Tennis
Permission Sips
- 22 - Hot Lunch orders for April go home
- 24 - Hot Lunch orders due back
- 22 - 26 - Tennis
- 26 - 9:15 am Gr. 6 & 7 Reading Trivia
- 31 - Student Led Conference
- Report Cards go home
- Scholastic Book Fair

Update on Helping Hands for Haiti – As you probably know, we always intended to support our brothers and sisters in Haiti, and so on March 17, the feast day of our patron, students can wear jeans and loads of green as they 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. Let's fill a pot o' gold for Haiti!

Congratulations! We are so proud of all of our Grade Four and Five students who elected to participate in the Reading Link Challenge, especially the triumphant team who call themselves Bouncing Bookworms. Danielle Lysak, Brendan Vance, Marina Pinheiro, Kellen Whalley, Samuel Watkins, Jasmine Han and Gloria Gaweda: we wish you the best of luck as you compete against other schools on Friday at the public library. Stay tuned for the results.

Principal's Message

St. Pat's will be holding a **Scholastic Book Fair**, Wednesday, March 31st to raise money for new books for our school library. If you are able to volunteer (for one hour shifts) during the fair please sign up on one of the posted sign up sheets in the school, or see Sandra Diersch in the library. Please note that this is the day of our student-led conferences from 9-4.

Tennis Anyone? This year, we are offering tennis lessons to our students as part of our P. E. program. Thanks to the generosity and organizational skills of the Parent Support Group, there is no cost to you for this activity, although you *may* wish to take advantage of the chance to purchase a tennis racket. Please look for, read and sign the permission forms that are coming home Thursday. This will clarify that all equipment including nets, racquets, and balls is provided.

Parking and drive-through reminders:

It's so important that all of us use the drive-through in the way that it was designed. Much thought has been put into creating a system that benefits the parent drivers, and keeps the students safe. As well, please remind yourselves that there is always room behind the church for you to park your vehicles. Please respect our neighbours by refraining from parking in front of their homes when you pick up your children. Please understand that we don't feel it is safe for the children to cross the street to get to your waiting vehicle. Together, we can be efficient and safe. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Bags needed: We are looking for reusable cloth bags to help us put together "food hampers" from Father's pantry. Bags are easy to carry, and hold a manageable amount of food to donate. Thanks for helping us!

Babysitters Available: If families new to the area are in need of the names of babysitters, we have a list in the office of interested former (and current) students, whose numbers we can make available to you.

Reading Trivia . . . Students in Grades 6/7 who have elected to participate in this program should make a note that the regional competition will take place the week after the Easter Break. Catholic independent schools in our region will meet at Our Lady of the Assumption to determine who advances. Our own in-school competition will take place on Friday, March 26 at 9:15 in the gym.

Internet Safety Awareness: Please take note of the following websites that may assist you in educating yourselves and your children about internet safety.

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/youth-jeune/ws-sw-eng.htm>

<http://www.bewebaware.ca/english/default.html>

<http://www.webwisekids.org/>

<http://www.isafe.org/>

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 who are interested in helping out should contact Mrs. Sandra Diersch, who is coordinating the scheduling.)

School Photos:

On Tuesday, March 16th we will have our whole school panorama photo and classroom group photos taken. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform including school sweater.

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