



# St. Patrick's School

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### October Calendar

- Oct. 2 9:30 am Whole School Mass  
Bring food for the Food Bank
- 5 9:00 am Living Rosary
- 5 Photo retake day
- 7 Hot Lunch  
CISVA Cross Country Meet— in Coquitlam
- 8 Boys Soccer @ Queen of all Saints
- 9 Walk-a-thon—NOON DISMISSAL
- 12 THANKSGIVING—NO SCHOOL
- 13 Switch to Winter uniforms
- 17 RC Challenge—Hosted by St. Patrick's School  
come out and watch and support our teams.
- 17 Pub Night - 6:00 pm Houston Pub
- 19 Hot lunch orders for November go home.  
MR Dist. Intermediate Cross Country Meet
- 20 Boys soccer - home game
- 21 Hot lunch day  
Hot lunch orders for November due back  
MR Dist. Primary Cross Country Meet
- 28 7:00 pm PEC Meeting
- 29 1:00—6:00 pm Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Students dismissed at Noon

### Principal's Message

Thanks to Father Au, the teachers spent a day at Westminster Abbey last week learning about and applying the lessons of Abraham. Specifically, we gained an appreciation of how to put relationships before rules, and how to let go of our *own* agenda and do *God's* will. By doing so, we grow ever closer to Him. It's so important to get the opportunity to work on our faith formation, and we look forward to the opportunity to put what we focused on into practice here in the school with our students and parents, as well as with each other.

**H1N1 Information** Please note that you can get information regularly at [www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1](http://www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1). This is a government site that is updated on Tuesdays. There have been no reported cases at our school. We are being extra vigilant about hand washing and have hand sanitizers in all classrooms. As well, surfaces that are commonly touched (such as door knobs and exit bars on the doors to the playground) are being regularly wiped down with disposable towels. Please continue to work with your children to educate them about basic hygiene practices such as coughing and sneezing into their elbows, washing their hands with soap and water, and avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth with their hands. As well, if your child shows signs of illness, please help us all by keeping him/her at home until improvement is shown.

**Come, Worship the Lord** with us as we pray a Living Rosary on Monday, Oct. 5 at 9:00. Our Grade Three and Five classes will lead us in this devotion to our Blessed Mother. We also invite you to celebrate with us on Friday at Mass on the feast of the Guardian Angels. As well, the children will gather for a special blessing of the shrine outside the Father Verrall Centre just before recess on Wednesday.

**Walkathon!** It's baaaaack! So far we've collected \$2263 in pledges. Congratulations to the Grade 3 and 5 classes who brought in the most so far. For this reason they were awarded the prize of a colour day today, which they seemed to really appreciate. Stay tuned for next week when the students will once again receive a mini-prize for what has been collected thus far. Just like last year, students are paired in buddy classes to work together to reach our target of \$15 000. (Remember, last year we cleared just over \$16 000.) Thanks for your continued support!

### Help Us Help Others – Please!

We are still looking to increase our enrollment for next year. The best advertisement is always word-of-mouth, so if you are proud to send your child to St. Pat's, tell your friends and neighbours! If you are able to convince a family to enroll in our school, we will reward you with a \$200 Smart Card of your choice as a way of showing our appreciation. Please talk to your PEC members if you'd like more information, and thanks for your help.

**Thank You!** We so appreciate your commitment by returning the entertainment coupon books on time, as well as the many, many recipes that were sent in. Many hands working together make a community strong, and we love you for it.

**Boys' Soccer:** Please note that your next game is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8 vs Queen of All Saints School in Coquitlam. Parent drivers are needed. Please let Mr. Loretan know if you can help.

**Cross Country Update:** Our first meet is Wednesday, October 7 at Percy Perry Stadium (Town Centre) in Coquitlam. Thanks to the many parents who have volunteered to drive us from the stadium. Please be sure to submit copies of your insurance papers and driver's license to the school office if you are transporting children other than your own.

**Driver's Insurance:** Parents, please remember that if you are planning on driving for any class field-trips or sporting events, we must have a copy of **your current ICBC insurance** documents as well as a photocopy of a valid driver's license.

**Photo Retake Day** Monday is photo retake day. If you wish to have your child's photo they may do so on Monday after lunch. You do not have to prepay for the photo retake as in the past. You need only pay for them once you have seen the proof and wish to purchase them.

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October  
17<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 PM  
Houston's  
Pub

21525 Dewdney  
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Celebrate "the most wonderful time of the year" ...BACK TO SCHOOL!!!!

Join other St. Pat's parents at Houston's Pub on October 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m.!

Ticket price: \$12 for a burger (beef, chicken or veggie) and fries (or salad) and a drink (beer, wine or highball).

All proceeds go to finishing off the new building.