



St. Patrick's School

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October Calendar

- Oct. 8 Boys Soccer @ Queen of all Saints
- 9 Walk-a-thon—NOON DISMISSAL
- 12 THANKSGIVING—NO SCHOOL
- 13 Switch to Winter uniforms
- 13 Bottle Drive
- 15 Boys Soccer—Our Lady of Good Counsel
- 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.
- 20 MR Dist. Intermediate Cross Country Meet
- 21 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

The staff and the Parish Education Committee would like to wish all our St. Patrick's families a very *Happy Thanksgiving* this coming weekend. We thank God for His many gifts to us and recognize that while we live in a nurturing and supportive community, there are many who are without. It is good at this time of the year to remember that **“Whatever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me.”** Matthew 25:40

Walkathon Update! So far we've collected **\$4329** in pledges, doubling last's week total, and reaching \$6592 altogether. Congratulations to the Grade 3 and 5 classes who AGAIN brought in the most this past week. For this reason they were awarded the prize of a movie and popcorn today, which they seemed to really appreciate. Stay tuned for next week when the students will once again receive a mini-prize for whichever class brings in all their money first. Don't be afraid to use the Thanksgiving weekend to collect any last minute pledges . . . those family get-togethers can come in handy. We continue to work together to reach our target of \$15 000, and would love it if all the money could come in by Oct. 16. Thanks for your support!

What's With Those Sunglasses? . . . If any of you are wondering why our principal is strolling around wearing sunglasses with the number **2000** on them, it's not because she's remembering the millennium year! They are to help motivate the kids to try their best to bring in a total of \$2000 per buddy group, or even per class if at all possible. *Now you know!*

H1N1 Information Please note that you can get information regularly at 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.

Cross Country Update: Our first meet was this past Wednesday in Coquitlam; our athletes competed against students in the CISVA (other Catholic schools). Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 20: Lucas Prinster and Alexis Kahlert, 19th; Emma Knappett, 17th Isaac Ngyou, 13th; Riley Ferguson, 12th; Christine Swolfs, 10th; Mikaela Smart, 5th, Ivica Feigelstock, 4th; and James Knappett and Isaac Wadhvani, 1st. Thanks to the many parents who have volunteered to drive us from the stadium. Our next meet is the local one on Oct. 20th and 21st. Again, 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.

WALK-A-THON PLEDGE NOTICE

All pledges are due in by Friday, October 16th

Anyone pledging \$25.00 or more **MUST** make their cheques payable to **ST. PATRICK'S PARISH** and not to the school if they wish to receive a Tax Receipt.

You cannot issue your personal cheque on the donor's behalf if they wish to receive a Tax Receipt. (ie: You cannot collect cash and then issue your personal cheque to cover the pledges.)

Please check your pledges collected to ensure that the cheques are made out to the parish or we will not be able to issue the receipts.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact the school.

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! Many of you remembered to send in food for the food bank last Friday. If you forgot, we are still accepting donations of non-perishable items.

Boys' Soccer: Please note that your next game is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 14 vs Our Lady of Good Counsel in North Surrey. Parent drivers are needed. Please let Mr. Loretan know if you can help.

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

Library News: Consider contributing to our new *Legacy of Literature!* The objective of Campaign L.O.L. is for the families of the children of St. Patrick's School to make a donation of a favorite new book to the library as a gift for a child's birthday. We will make a dedication to the child on the inside flap of the book. Your gift of literacy will last a lifetime. What better way to celebrate your birthday than by sharing your favorite book with your friends. They will be able to check out that book at any time. It will be interesting as children move on, and are no longer at our school, to see how their book donation will still be read by our newcomers. Imagine one day reading a book that was donated by famous Olympic runner Isaac Wadhvani, or world class scientist Dr. Mikaela Smart. At the end of every month, we will place in this newsletter, which books were donated and by whom, as well as what day the child's birthday was. *Campaign LOL: celebrating your birthday for years to come.*

BOTTLE DRIVE: Don't forget to gather your cans and bottles and bring them to the school on Tuesday, October 13th. If you are able to help out with the collection and separation of bottles and cans on Tuesday please be at the school by 8:30 am to help Carla. Thank you for your help and continued support

Hello Everyone,

October 17th is fast approaching and it is our first and only pub night this year.



Tickets are \$12 and the school gets \$7 of it, for that \$12 you get a beer, glass of wine or a hi-ball along with a burger and fries, chicken strips and fries or veggie burger and fries, fries can be substituted for a salad.



We are allowed to sell 150 tickets, that's only 75 couples. 150 tickets times \$7 is a thousands dollars in the schools pocket. That's before the night has even started. We will have 50/50, lottery board and a toonie toss.....anyone want to donate a bottle?

Please come and make it a fun night! Tell your friends and bring them it's not just for the St. Pat's parents bring the parents from your child's hockey team, soccer team. facebook your friends. How about putting together a group from your Parent Participation team. Let's see what group has the most fun. Hot Lunch Mom's, Bingo Teams or School Cleaning. What about you Library Moms or Yard Supervision Parents. We can do it. The nights not just for St. Pat's parents it's a night for all for the St. Pat's children. See you there! Amber