



St. Patrick's School

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October Calendar

- Oct. 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
- 27 7:00 pm PEC Meeting
- 29 1:00—6:00 pm Parent/Teacher Interviews
Students dismissed at Noon
- 31 Parish Annual All Saints Party.

Come, Worship the Lord with us as we participate in a Forty Hours Devotion starting on Monday at 9:00. Grade Five has prepared this mass. On Tuesday, Grade Three will prepare, on Wednesday it's Grade 2 and 6's turn, Thursday is being looked after by Grades 1 and 4, with Grade 7 and Kindergarten celebrating on Friday. Mass times are always at 9:00, and the children will be doing the readings. It would mean a lot to us if you came and participated along with your children; remember, only 7% of our message to children comes across in our words. The rest comes from our actions.

RC Challenge: It's here in our own school this Saturday! Come and cheer for our teams as they compete all day for the grand prize against a multitude of other teams. We wish our competitors well!

Walkathon Update! So far we've collected **\$4,039**, and are still looking to reach the \$6592 that was pledged. We are waiting to see which grade will receive a mini-prize for bringing in all their money first. 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!

Thank You! We sure appreciate all the parents who came out and walked with us last Friday on the walkathon. You showed great community spirit and helped keep our kids safe.

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 photocopy of a valid driver's license.

Cross Country Update: 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.

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.

Boys' Soccer: Please note that your next game is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 21 vs Our Lady of the Assumption right here at home. Please come and cheer our players on.

Athletes in Kind: Starting in November, we invite any students who like to *run*, or who want to get in better shape and *pray* at the same time to get involved in a new initiative spearheaded by one of our parents: April Migneault. Students will run 1-3 km once a week on our school grounds, and will have their distance and attendance documented each week. As they run, they are invited to think of a child who CAN'T run because of being too sick, and needing care in the hospital. (The school will try and make contact with some families who are willing to make their stories known to our students; it always helps to put a face to a name when you're praying.) Runners will receive a promotional item after they reach every 25 km. Each time they run, the students are asked to bring a suggested donation of 25 cents to one loonie (perhaps part of their allowance, or from doing extra chores at home), and these proceeds will be donated to the Oncology/Haematology Department at Children's Hospital. Any parents who want to run are welcome to join us; we will likely be running after school on Fridays for about 30 minutes. For more information, including testimonials, feel free to visit www.athletesinkind.com.

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 favourite 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 favourite 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.

DON'T FORGET PUB NIGHT
October 17th—Huston's Pub
Tickets - \$12.00 each

**Come out and support the school
as well as have fun with other parents**

***A Warm Invitation
To All "Saints" Young
and Old
The Annual All Saint's
Party***



***Saturday-October 31, 2009
6-9 pm St. Patrick's Gym***

Come join us for a fun-filled evening of games, crafts, hot dogs and treats as we celebrate the Holy Eve of All Saint's Day



Admission: An unopened store-bought package individually wrapped candies/ chocolates (no nuts please)

Dress code: Come dressed as your favorite saint or bible hero/creature

***RSVP - Margaret @ 604-476-0353
by Monday-October 26, 2009.***

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.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Basement suite for rent: Former family from our school is looking to rent to a single **Seniors, Non-smoker and No Pets.** 1 bedroom, Kitchen, Bath, living room with fireplace, Storage, Security Alarm, cable & utilities included. \$700. Per month—contact Denis @ 604-467-2033

Piano - Former parent from our school is giving away an upright grand piano in good condition. Cost of piano is only the cost to move it. If you are interested please call Roger at 604-465-6565