



Principal's Message Advent Reflection

In the beginning was the Dream
And the Dream was with God
And the Dream was in God.

God breathed and the Dream came into
being.

God loved and the Dream came to life.
God rejoiced in the Dream
And saw that it was very good indeed.

God's Son entered the world
To teach us who God is
And to show us how to live God's Dream,
A Dream of justice, compassion, right
relationships,
Peace, unity, truth, hope and love.

This Advent, we focus on our call to become
dreamers, schemers, visionaries and
prophets. We are challenged to follow the
Dream, to live and promote the Dream, not
alone, but in solidarity with all our sisters
and brothers. Are you willing?

Denis Pion

Remember H1N1 Safety Protocols

With the H1N1 Flu having hit our school
and city this fall we all need to be aware of
what we can do to prevent the spread of this
potentially life threatening influenza. We at
St Patrick School experienced a two-week
period with student absenteeism due to
illness reaching as high as 15.9%, which is a
significant number of students in a school of
336. We have now returned to normal levels
of student absenteeism due to illness at
about 1%.

Remember if your child exhibits flu
symptoms, to keep them home until all the
symptoms have disappeared. Follow the
protocols that were in our newsletter to help
prevent the flu from spreading. If you are
unsure of these protocols, please contact the
school and we would be happy to provide
you with another information sheet. You can
also check our website <http://stpats.htcsd.ca>
for more information.

Parenting Study Group

This group promotes healthy parent/child
relationships through respectful
communication, co-operation, responsibility
and encouragement. Based on teaching of
Alfred Adler and Rudolph Dreikurs.

- Tuesday Dec.1st – Parenting Group
- Tuesday Jan. 5th – ADD/ADHD
information & Support
- Tuesday Jan.12th – Parenting Group
- Tuesday Jan. 26th – ADD/ADHD
information & Support

Time: 7:00 - 9:00

Place: Ashley Park School

Phone: 626-3317

School Choir

St. Patrick's School choir will be singing at several concerts this year. The first one is the Rotary Christmas concert at the High School on **Tuesday Dec 1st @7:00**. Our next concert is our school Christmas concert held at the High School as well on **Dec. 8th @ 7:00**. Our last performance will be at the Credit union on the morning of **Dec. 17th @9:00** when we will be broadcasted on We will culminate our Christmas concert season with a **Pizza party on Friday the 18th at noon**.

School Community Council

- Chairperson – Laurie Girardeau
- Vice-chairperson – Mark Barnes
- Secretary – Leanne Sloman
- Hot Lunches - Leanne Eichel
- Breakfast/Snack – Sue Beverly, Tracy Riley, Lori Lord
- Track & field concession – Leanne Sloman, Michelle Merkel

We would like to extend a sincere invitation to all our parents/guardians to get involved with our School Community Council. Our next meeting is Monday, January 18th in the school library at 7:00. Minutes from all meetings can be found on the school website.

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas Concert will be held on December 8th, 7:00 @ the high school. This year's theme is "Christmas Around the World". Most of our Christmas songs that we are used to hearing have their origins based from different countries and different eras. We hope to give those attending an interesting sample of songs from around the

world, some even sung in the original language it was written and some that just warm the heart.

We would like to request that parents bring their children to the high school for 6:30 so that we may get them organized for the show.

We would also like to request that only our students be in the "**ready area**". It is a very busy place and it makes it difficult to get the acts ready if we have other children who are not part of the program in this area.

This is the season of cheer and of giving. In this spirit, we will have a silver collection at the door with the proceeds going towards a sustainable international project such as providing livestock as a sustainable food source and business or possibly equipping a classroom or medical clinic in a third world county. We seek your generosity at this time of year to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank –you

The Grade 4R class would like to thank Mr. Wayne Luchenski and Mr. Aaron Hoffus for donating a resource package on Wetlands. We look forward to using the resource in the spring.

Employment Opportunity

We have a part-time employment opportunity with our caretaking staff. This position would be from Monday to Friday for 4.5 hours daily at a starting salary of \$13.10/hour. A criminal records check is required. If this position interests you please contact Mr. Wilf Funk at the school for more details.

Parish Connections

Christ the Redeemer will be hosting a Ham and Turkey Bingo on Dec.1st @7:30. The Cookie Walk will be on Dec. 5th from 9:30 - 2:00. This is an unique opportunity to walk with a pail to pick whatever types of cookies you want and then the weight of your pail determines what you pay. Last but not least the Memorabilia Calendars are on sale with 52 opportunities to win \$50.00 at a cost of \$20.00 per Calendar.

The Rookie Youth Group will be meeting on Dec 9th at 3:30 in the school gym.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Talent Show 7:00, Wednesday Dec.3rd at the Church Hall. They have graciously provided tickets free of charge to any parents and students from St. Patrick school who would like to attend.

The Grey Cup is on this weekend and the parish will host a Grey Cup party at the church hall complete with Big Screen T.V. snacks and beverages. It's free to attend and as good Christians we extend this invitation to Montreal fans as well. **Go Riders!**

Celebration of First Reconciliation was Wednesday, November 25 @7:00 P.M. The students and staff of St Patrick School would like to extend a big thank-you to the instructors and parents in preparing the candidates and congratulate the candidates in receiving this important sacrament of our faith.

Just a reminder that we now have a 7:00 P.M. Mass, Sunday nights. This is perfect opportunity to attend Mass if you have been away on the weekend for a sports tournament or just otherwise occupied and missed Mass at our traditional times.

Come worship and celebrate with your community.

**Mass times are: Saturday – 5:00 P.M.
Sunday – 10:00 A.M.
7:00 P.M.**

The Swift Current Broncos are growing moustaches for the month of November to raise money and awareness for male cancers. The money raised from this event helps the Canadian Cancer Society fund leading-edge cancer research, advocate for healthy public policies, offer vital community-based support services for people living with cancer and their families, and provide reliable and up-to-date information on cancer, risk reduction and treatment.

So follow the link and support the Broncos by pledging to one of the players and help the Broncos reach their goal of \$2500.

http://convio.cancer.ca/site/TR/Thirdpartyevent/IFE_SK_General?team_id=178520&pg=team&fr_id=5160

Children Experiencing Divorce or Separation

There will be a two hour workshop put on for children who experiencing divorce or separation in their lives. Children will be grouped according to age for these workshops: 6-9, 9-12, 12-16. This program is sponsored by **Family Services of the Ministry of Justice.**

Please contact Nancy Bolten for further information. 774-6510

