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## Principal's Message

October has been an exciting month with many activities and lots of learning taking place. We have many things and people to be thankful for:

Our school just finished Education Week celebrations and wish to thank Ms. Sirup, Ms. Kowalyk, Ms. Riel, Mrs. McCrie and Mrs Zeigler for organizing the activities. The Fire Department and Denis Pilon deserve a big thank-you as well for the activities and contest they conducted in the school for Fire Prevention Week. Thanks to the Broncos who have started their monthly visits to read with our students. We are also thankful for the parents who have come forward to serve on the SCC and help with noon hour supervision, breakfast program and the snack program. It is all our parents' willingness to help out as they can that makes our school a great place to be and learn for students and staff.

Congratulations goes out to Mackenzie Froehlich for winning the Kick segment of the provincial Pass Punt and Kick competition in Regina

Denis Pion

## Holy Trinity Catholic School Division #22 Annual General Meeting

We would like to encourage as many parents and interested individuals as possible, to attend our school division's Annual General Meeting. It will be held in the library of St. Joseph School November 9<sup>th</sup> @7:30

## Remember H1N1 Safety Protocols

With the threat of the H1N1 Flu looming this fall we all need to be aware of what we can do to prevent the spread of this potentially life threatening influenza. So far the number of cases in our Health Region has been low but we are starting to see a gradual increase in the number of students with flu like symptoms. Remember if your child exhibits flu symptoms, to keep them home until all the symptoms have disappeared. Follow the protocols that were in our last 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.

When phoning the school to inform us that your child is ill, please leave details as to the symptoms your child is exhibiting. This will help us to be proactive in the spread and prevention of the flu and allows us to do the reporting that is necessary to the Health Region.

## **Nut Safe School**

Just a reminder to parents that St. Patrick School is known as a nut safe school. Although we cannot control everything that is in our food, every effort is made to ensure that our school is food safe for those with severe nut allergies. Parents are asked to not send items that contain nuts to school as a number of students and staff have severe food allergies. Thank-you for your support in this matter.

## **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 the 10<sup>th</sup> – Parenting Group
- Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> – ADD/ADHD information & Support

Time: 7:00 - 9:00

Place: Ashley Park School

Phone: 626-3317

## **School Choir**

Our school choir practices Thursdays at noon. We have approximately 36 students involved from grades 4 and 5. We are presently preparing for our Remembrance Day Celebration and will soon begin work on our Christmas repertoire.

## **Grade 5 Flag Football**

The Grade 5 flag football team has completed their season. All the students had a lot of fun. Well done everyone and a special thank-you to all the staff that helped coach and support the team.

## **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

Pizza Hut will be our first lunch scheduled for this Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Our next lunch for 2009 will be November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The SCC funded drama workshops for our students with the Missoula Children's Theatre. Students were treated to a high-energy interactive session, which was both fun and educational.

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, November 16<sup>th</sup> in the school library at 7:00. Minutes from all meetings can be found on the school website.

## **Halloween Costumes**

This time of year is a time most of our children look forward to. The excitement of dressing up in a costume and being able to go trick or treating is special for many. As a Catholic School, we share in the excitement of the occasion but with a slightly different perspective than the secular community.

This is a holy time of celebration for us as Catholics. November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day where the church celebrates all known and unknown saints and asks for their prayers and intercessions. All Souls Day is a solemn commemoration of the faithful departed, which we celebrate on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In light of what "All Hallows Eve" (All Saints Eve - Halloween) is to the Catholic and Christian Community we would ask that costumes you create or provide for your children do not represent the demonic side of folklore or the blood and gore of violent acts.

Thank-you for your understanding and support in this matter. We wish all our school community a safe and happy Halloween.

## **Parish Connections**

Christ the Redeemer will be hosting an All Saints Day Brunch consisting of “hamburger soup and angel food cake”. This will be held after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday November 1. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under.

There will be an All Souls Day Mass held on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Please join us as we pray for deceased family members and friends.

The C.W.L. will be hosting an Angel Tea Saturday, November 14 @ 1:00.

The Rookie Youth Group will meet at St. Patrick School November 18 from 3:30-5:00.

Parent and Candidates meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Wednesday, November 18 @7:00.

Retreat for Candidates will be Saturday, November 21 @ 9:00 A.M. – 1:00P.M.

Celebration of First Reconciliation is Wednesday, November 25 @7:00 P.M.

**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.**

## **Parking/Bus Zones**

We would like to thank parents for not parking in the staff parking lot when dropping off or picking up their children. This has been creating a safety hazard for our children.

Please remember if you do not want your child to get on the bus, to write a note in their agenda so teachers are aware of your wishes. It often happens with our younger children that they confuse dates or something they heard about being picked up by an adult. With a note in the agenda we can be sure your child is safe and has a ride home.

## **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**. These workshops are being promoted throughout Swift Current and communities near Swift Current.

The program is designed to assist and educate children who have or are currently experiencing a family separation or divorce. It will help children with recognizing their feelings about the family changes, how best to deal with those feelings and to help the children understand they are not alone in dealing with those feelings.

The format of the program uses activities, group discussions, facilitator-lead teaching and video presentations.

Please contact Nancy Bolten for further information. 774-6510

