

St. Patrick School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

We are off to a great start this year at St. Patrick School. Students and staff have been involved in a number of activities, from Football to choir, including the Terry Fox Walk on Thursday Sept. 24th.

In the area of technology we have changed over our library software, which is now operational so our library services are back to normal. The school will also be installing three new Smart boards into classrooms in the near future, which will bring our total up to four. This is an exciting new technology that allows for interactive learning experiences for our students.

A big thank-you goes out to all the parents that attended the annual Parent-Staff night on Sept. 16th. It was very exciting and gratifying to see such a good turnout for this event.

If you have any questions about our school or upcoming events please feel free to contact the office.

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Parking/Bus Zones

We would again like to remind parents not to park in the staff parking lot when dropping off or picking up their children. This is 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.

Noon Hour Supervisor Positions

We wish to thank Debbie Krupka and Shauna Hettinger for coming forward and helping us in this area. We have some parents who have volunteered to sub in when necessary and we wish to thank them as well.

If these positions interest you, please contact the office at 778-4645.

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 13th – Parenting Group
- Tuesday the 27th – ADD/ADHD information & Support

Time: 7:00 - 9:00

Place: Ashley Park School

Phone: 626-3317

School Choir

Our school choir has had a start up this year with practices Thursdays at noon. We have approximately 36 students involved from grades 4 and 5. So far this year they have been the music ministry for the school's opening Mass, sang at several assemblies and performed at the 100th Anniversary of the Archdiocese where they sang 5 songs with great enthusiasm.

Pass, Punt and Kick

Congratulations to the following students who won at our local pass, punt and kick competition: Pearce Targerson-Jones, Allison Girardeau, Braden Levac, Rebecca Lidster, Jace Dyck, Mackenzie Froehlich, Nelson Johnson and Sara Parsons. These students then competed at Regionals at the Comp. School. Regional winners were Braden, Pearce and Mackenzie who now will compete in Regina on October 17 at provincials. Way to go Grade 5s.

Grade 5 Flag Football

The Grade 5 flag football team has had a great start to their short season. The team meets on Saturday morning (9:30-11:30) at Ashley Park School where they play the Central, Oman and Ashley Park teams. The kids are having a great time playing, learning some football skills and being part

of a school team. There are two Saturdays remaining: October 3 and October 17. Go Green.

School Community Council

We would like to extend a sincere invitation to all our parents/guardians to get involved with our School Community Council. It is a great opportunity to have input and contribute to your child's educational experience at St. Patrick School.

Debbie Nickel has decided to step down from the position of chairperson of the SCC. On behalf of the staff, students, and the school community we would like to sincerely thank Debbie for her years of involvement in our school as chairperson. Our new executive for the 09-10 school year is as follows:

- 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

Dates for the hot lunches have been set for the remainder of 2009. Pizza Hut will be our first lunch scheduled for Oct 30th. Our last lunch for 2009 will be November 27th.

The SCC will fund drama workshops for our grades 1,3 and 5 students with the Missoula Children's Theatre. Due to the limited time of the facilitators the grade 2 and 4 students cannot be accommodated but we will look for different opportunities for them.

Our next meeting is Monday, Oct. 19th in the school library at 7:00.

French Language Program

We would like to thank all the families who donated prizes to the French program. These prizes are an important motivational piece of the program. Your generosity is wonderful and greatly appreciated.

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

Telemiracle

Are you a singer, dancer or musician? Would you like to have a chance to perform on TV at Telemiracle? Auditions will be held in Regina Saturday November 7th and in Saskatoon Sunday November 8th.

The deadline for audition applications is Friday October 16th. To register your group or solo act for an audition phone the Telemiracle office at (306) 244-6400 ext.2

Parish Connections

Christ the Redeemer's annual Fall Supper is being held this weekend on Sunday with three sittings starting at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00.

The Miracle Quilters will hold their quilt auction on Oct 10th. The doors open at 8:30 A.M. The admission will be \$5.00, which includes a tasty homemade brunch. The actual auction will begin at 10:00 with 75 quilts to bid on.

When the Rookie Youth Group meets at St. Patrick School parents are to be advised that the school doors will be locked for safety reasons. The youth leaders will watch for parents when the 3:30 – 5:00 session is over.

Parent and Child First Reconciliation Meeting – October 7 @ 7pm at the church.

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. Accompanying this newsletter is an information and protocol sheet put out by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health. Please go over this important bulletin and get familiar with its content.

As a school we will monitor our student absenteeism. Should our absenteeism rates exceed 10% due to illness we will report this to our Central Office who will then in turn report it to the Health District. Any resulting school closures will come from the Health District.