

Bulletin #27-16

March 9, 2017

NOON DISMISSAL FOLLOWING CARNAVAL:

Students will be dismissed at **12:00 NOON tomorrow, Friday, March 10th** following Carnival. Please arrange pick-up of your children promptly at noon, as the parent sponsored *Staff Appreciation Lunch* immediately follows. Thank you very much for your consideration.

CARNAVAL:

Thanks to the many parents who have volunteered to help with primary games and to drive intermediate students to Ice Sports on **Friday, March 10th**.

CARNAVAL- BONHOMME ARRIVES TOMORROW:

Important reminders for Carnival:

- All students are to come dressed in **red and white clothing**. Intermediate students will be going skating and should bring their skates and helmets to school. No hockey sticks please.
- **Group Leaders/Station Leaders are to meet in the library at 8:30 a.m.**

Station Leaders: Estelle, Nichols, Nicole Long

Team Leaders: Ashley Dullemond, Caroline Gacek, Becky Chan, Xiao Wang, Anne Marie Somerville, Eleana Rodriguez, Orlaith Rocheleau, Josephine SoroChan, Rebecca Donald, Krista McGrath

Balloon Helpers: (8:00-8:30 a.m.) Hidy Wong, John Cruz, Preethi N.,

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR:

March 13th -24th: School Closed for Spring Break

March 27th: Pro D Day-School Closed

TRACK AND FIELD:

Below is the Track and Field schedule for **Tuesday, March 28th -Friday March 31st**. The decision to cancel practice due to rain will be made daily at 2:45 p.m. **If you have track spikes that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to the St. Pius X Track Programme**

- Tuesday, March 28th Grade 3-7 3:15- 4:15
- Wednesday, March 29th Grade 3-7 3:15- 4:15
- Thursday, March 30th Grade 3-7 3:15- 4:15
- Friday, March 31st Grade 3-7 3:15- 4:15

Students choose which days they can attend. Students should attend at least two practices per week, ideally three practices in preparation for upcoming meets.

READERS ARE LEADERS:

An in-house competition date has been set for **Thursday, March 30th** over the lunch hour. Students should make certain that they have reviewed the two novels that they committed to mastering. Our winning school team will go on to a regional competition that is being held at St. Anthony's School in April.

TERM 2 REPORT CARDS:

Report cards will be distributed on **Friday, March 31st**.

FIRST COMMUNION UPDATE:

All grade 2 parents interested in helping to organize for our First Communion Retreat are invited to attend a planning meeting on **Monday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. Please RSVP to Madame at mbyrne@saintpius.ca by April 1st. No experience necessary, crafts and activities will be discussed. All help is appreciated.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION:

- **Family Tablecloth:** Grade Two families who have not yet submitted their family photo for inclusion in our Guestbook, please do so as soon as possible.
- **Milestone Letters:** Grade two parents are reminded to submit their milestone letters by Friday, April 21st.
- **First Communion and Confession booklets** belonging to the school need to be returned by this date.

REGISTRATION:

After completing the on-line registration process (and paper registration package for incoming Kindergarten siblings), families will need to submit the signed acknowledgement form along with **separate cheques for registration, curriculum, tuition and Outdoor school** if you have a grade 7 student. **Members of our Education Committee will be accepting registrations in the school library on March 29th (2:30 – 4:30 p.m.) and March 30th (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)** You may send your completed registration package with another family if you are unable to attend.

Please note that the **name(s) on the cheques for tuition is who the tax receipt will be made out to.** The fee structure is available on our website.

SPRING FAIR ADVERTISING FLYER ART COMPETITION:

Once again this year we are involving St. Pius X students in an art contest! Children will be bringing home information on the contest and are asked to take some time during the March break to get creative with a picture of the Spring Fair. The winner's picture will be featured in our advertising and flyers that we will send around the community. The lucky winner will also pick up a free bottle stall at the Spring Fair! **Deadline for contest submissions will be March 31st.**

INTERMEDIATE SPEECH ARTS:

The Intermediate Speech Arts Festival is not as far away as it seems! Please help and encourage your child to practice their speech arts selection(s) over the next couple of weeks. Students should contact their Teacher sponsors to set up meeting times. Teacher sponsors will be: giving tips to students on how to memorize, checking that students are practicing on a regular basis, and helping students to polish their selections for the final presentation. **The onus is on the students to have their pieces memorized by April 3rd.** Thank you for your co-operation.

SPRING FAIR COMMITTEE UPDATE AND REQUESTS:

This year's **Spring Fair will be Saturday May 13th** so please mark your calendars. Reminder that **ALL St. Pius X families are asked and expected to volunteer!** A schedule will be sent out in April to give families plenty of time to ensure they are able to make their volunteer time. We thank all families for their help in making this important event a success.

DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS:

The Spring Fair Committee is busy planning another fun and exciting Spring Fair for the families of St. Pius and our community neighbours to enjoy again this year. The Spring Fair is a big organizing initiative and takes a lot of work and preparation. The committee this year is asking our own St. Pius Community if they (either as families or as business owners) would like to help sponsor our event. Sponsorship opportunities may come in the form of a donation to the committee to purchase needed supplies, crafts, games, prizes etc OR sponsoring an event such as the "snow cone machine", "a bouncy castle", "dunk tank" etc. As with all other fundraising initiatives the committee does reach out to our community businesses but in an effort to not overwhelm our community sponsors we are first asking our own families. This is a great way to help as well as advertise your own business to our community. If you are interested in

sponsoring a popcorn machine or a specific game, please contact Patrice Kirkham at patrice.kirkham@gmail.com

SPELLING BEE:

Members received their second word list booklets this week. Members should now be studying these new lists. Our school spelling bee will be held on **Wednesday, April 5th**. Grade 4 and 5 participants will compete at 11:30 a.m. **Grade 6 and 7 participants will complete on Tuesday, April 11th at 11:30 a.m.** Parents are invited to attend. Please mark your calendars. The winner of the Grade 6/7 Spelling Bee will continue on to the CISVA Spelling Bee on **May 9th**.

CONFIRMATION:

Grade 7 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Pius X Church. The Archbishop-Michael Miller will celebrate Mass and confer the Sacrament. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES:

We will once again be hosting our student-led conferences on **Friday, April 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** It is a wonderful opportunity for you to see your child's work throughout the year...a great celebration of learning! Conference times will be sent home next week. **Please note that there are no regular classes scheduled on this day.** Students only come to school, accompanied by their parent(s) for their scheduled conference time. These conferences are not parent teacher interviews-if you wish to speak to your child's teacher following the conference, please set up an appointment for a later date.

GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR COMMITTEE:

As with any major event, there is a lot of work to be done in preparation for the Spring Fair. Our committee is small but mighty but we could always use extra help! We have a variety of small and larger jobs that we would love your help with. If you can make some time to get involved please contact either Patrice Kirkham (patrice.kirkham@gmail.com) or our volunteer coordinator, Jane Riedel (jbrace@hotmail.com). We typically meet every second Monday night at 7:00pm in the Music Room. **Next meeting is April 10th at 7:00pm** and all are welcome!

MITE BOXES:

During the Lenten season students are encouraged to collect any spare change in their Mite Boxes, please return to school **Tuesday, April 18th**. Mite Box collection will be donated to the Seminarians.

HOT LUNCH:

Thursday, March 30th: Hotdogs & Smoothies: Volunteers: Lisa and Jane

Thursday, April 6th: Well Fed & Frozen Yogurt: Volunteers: Deanna and Joanna

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION:

Teachers will be on hand to supervise students starting from 8:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. each school day. All students are to be off the school grounds by 3:15 p.m. unless they are involved in a school sponsored extra-curricular activity. There have been some students who have been left after school unsupervised while their older siblings have been at an extra-curricular practices.

Teachers/Coaches are supervising students involved in the extra-curricular activity that they have sponsored. Younger siblings must be supervised by their parents, or guardians. Your cooperation in this matter would be most appreciated and will assist us in providing a safe environment for all our students.

Students are not permitted to play around the Grotto and the surrounding bushes at any time after school. If you will be late picking up your child after school, please notify the school office preferably before 2:55 p.m. @ 604.929.0345

YARD DUTY VOLUNTEERS: March 28th-31st:

Monday: **No School-Pro D Day**

Tuesday: Sarah McLeary

Wednesday: Estelle Lefebvre

Thursday: Soo Cho

Friday: Gina Wall

CROSSING GUARD SCHEDULE: March 28th-31st:

Monday am: School Closed

Tuesday am: Helene McLewin

pm: Cecilia Moschini

Wednesday: Ileana Torres

pm: Shawn Flaherty

Thursday: Sophia Kim

pm: Elizabeth Hewitt

Friday: Kathy Cole

pm: Rachael Monteith

S.T.A. NEWS:

Congratulations to the grade 10 girls basketball team who won the BC Junior Girls Basketball Championship and to the grade 9 girls who won the BC Juvenile Girls Basketball Championship. Also, congratulations to the Wrestling Team who placed well at their Provincial Championship.

Read the exciting article by opening this link <http://varsityletters.ca/stas-fighting-saints-cap-dream-season-for-girls-basketball-at-north-van-school/>