

Bulletin #22-16

February 2, 2017

THE STORK IS COMING TO SPX!

We are pleased to announce to the St. Pius X School Community that our Grade 1 teacher, Mrs. Wilkinson and her husband Rob, are expecting their first child this summer. Please join us in congratulating the Wilkinson's.

HONOURING OUR GRANDPARENTS:

Our annual Mass and honouring our grandparents will be held tomorrow, **February 3rd**. Mass will begin at 9:15 am and grandparents are asked to meet their grandchildren at the entrance of the church at **approx. 9 a.m.** going into the church to be seated. Unfortunately, students who are singing in the Mass choir will not be able to sit with their grandparents. The center pews are reserved for regular classes with students whose grandparents are not in attendance. **Following the Mass, there will be an Open House at the school. It will be a chance for parents/grandparents to visit the classrooms and spend some time with their child/grandchild.**

STA PLACEMENT EXAM AND OPEN HOUSE:

A reminder of the Open House on **Wednesday February 8th** from 7-9pm during Catholic Schools Week. If you know of any families interested in registering new students at STA in September 2017, please encourage them to attend the open house, all are welcome.

***Please note that the Placement Exam will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.**

PSC MEETING:

Our next PSC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 8th** at 2:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday & Friday, February 9th and 10th: School will be closed. (C.E.C. Conference)

Monday, February 13th: Family Day (School Closed)

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

READERS ARE LEADERS:

Members of Readers are Leaders are continuing to work through second novels. Students continue to meet on Thursdays. Second books can be exchanged on or before **Thursday, February 16th.**

GRADE 1 CELEBRATES 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL:

On **Friday, February 17th** the grade one students are asked to dress up like they are 100 years old. A form was sent home with your child outlining ideas. Please contact Mrs. Wilkinson if you have any questions.

PUB NIGHT FUNDRAISER...TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!

On **Friday, February 17th** we are having our Pub Night social at Toby's Bar and Grill in North Vancouver. Cost of this even is **\$30/person** and will include: burger of your choice, fries, fish tacos, beer, wine or a highball. Invite your friends and family and buy your ticket soon, you can come to the school office to purchase your ticket. If you are donating a prize for our auctions, please bring them in as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

HEART & STROKE JUMP ROPE FOR HEART!

St Pius X Elementary School is proud to partner with the Heart & Stroke Foundation to help kids make a difference and stay healthy! Mark you family calendars now: Jump Rope for Heart Week: **Feb. 22nd-Feb. 26th**. You can support the Heart & Stroke Foundation by helping your child collect pledges. You can also help them by registering online. It's safe, effective and can save you time by raising life-saving donations from the comfort of your own home. Visit www.jumpropeforheart.ca and click "Register" to get started today!

CARNAVAL

Any students in Kindergarten - Grade 3 who will be **absent** on **Friday, March 10th**, are asked to notify their classroom teacher as soon as possible. We are in the process of organizing students into groups for activities on this day. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPELLING BEE:

Students participating in the St. Pius Spelling Bee will continue to meet at their scheduled times. Grades 4 and 5 meet Mondays at 12:00 and Grades 6 and 7 meet Wednesdays at 10:30. **The St.**

Pius Spelling Bee will take place on Wednesday, April 5th and the winner of the Grade 6 /7 competition will move forward to represent St. Pius at the CISVA Spelling Bee on May 9th. Please remind students to bring their spelling booklets on their meeting days.

TUITION TAX RECEIPTS & RUN-A-THON RECEIPTS:

Your 2016 Income Tax Receipts for the religious education component of your tuition paid during the 2015 tax year, as well as run-a-thon receipts will be **available in late February** at the school office. As you are aware, every year our school system issues Income Tax Receipts to parents/guardians or other individuals who have paid for a student's tuition. You should include this amount in the *Charitable Donations* section of your income tax return.

The Income Tax Act allows that you receive a benefit of a portion of your tuition. This is a direct tax savings, regardless of your income bracket and it therefore has a significant effect on reducing the actual amount of tuition you paid through the past year.

ST. PIUS X ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW:

Thank you to all students who auditioned for The Variety Show. This year, there were record number of acts from which to choose. Acts selected for The Variety Show will be notified in the near future. Our closed dress rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:45 a.m.** in preparation for the big day on Friday, February 24th at 1:00pm.

INTERMEDIATE SPEECH ARTS:

Now that the primary students have completed their festival, it is time for the intermediates. The festival dates for this year are **April 24th – 28th** which isn't as far away as it seems. Forms are available at the front office. Entries must be submitted by **Thursday, February 23rd, 2017.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting on **Wednesday, March 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym for Parents only**, one member from each family must attend. Please mark your calendars with this date as families will receive their on-line registration passwords at this meeting.

HOT LUNCH:

On **Wednesday, February 8th** we will be holding a makeup lunch for the lunch that was cancelled on December 9th. Student will receive their hotdog and drink order from that day, the frozen yogurt has already been distributed.

Thursday, February 2nd: Pizza & Frozen Yogurt

Thursday, February 16th: Well Fed & Smoothies

Thursday, February 23rd: Katsu Japanese & Frozen Yogurt

BASKETBALL PRACTICES FEB. 6th -8th:

Monday: Gr. 7 boys 12-12:30 p.m.

Gr. 5 girls 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Gr. 5 boys 12-12:30 p.m.

Gr. 6 boys/girls 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Gr. 7 boys 7:45-8:30 a.m.

BASKETBALL GAMES FEB. 6th -8th:

Monday: Gr. 7 girls at Holy Trinity Tournament

Tuesday: Gr. 5's at Holy Trinity

Wednesday: Gr. 7 boys at Holy Trinity Tournament

YARD DUTY SCHEDULE FEB. 6th -8th:

Monday: Paola Puelle

Tuesday: Julia Simpson

Wednesday: Tanya Valk

Thursday: No School (C.E.C. Conference)

Friday: No School (C.E.C. Conference)

CROSSING GUARD DUTY SCHEDULE FEB. 6th -8th:

Monday: Kathy Cole

Monday P.M.: Shawn Flaherty

Tuesday A.M.: Helene McLewin

Tuesday P.M.: Cecilia Moschini

Wed. A.M.: Ileana Torres

Wed. P.M.: Carmen Grigoruta

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S.T.A. BULLETIN:

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