

Bulletin #23-16

February 8, 2017

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHALLENGE:

Congratulations to our Grade 7 team of Sam Cole, Daniel Wishart, Fiorella La Pica, Matthew Flynn, Marcus Kam, Sebastian Cordoba and Dylan Dick who placed second in our local Roman Catholic Challenge Competition.

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

VARIETY SHOW:

Our closed dress rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:45a.m.in preparation for the big day on Friday, February 24th at 1:00p.m. Performers are to come dressed in costume for the rehearsal. Any act using music (cd's, usb's etc.) must bring their music to Madame by **Thursday, February 16th**. Please remember to keep rehearsing your act.

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.

INVITING ALL GRADE 3 & 5 FAMILIES:

Please come and join your classmates at the 9am Mass on **Sunday, February 19th**. Hope you and your family will be able to attend this mass even if it is not the time or parish that you usually attend. Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments in the meeting room after Mass.

Please wear your uniform and we look forward to seeing you and your family there! It would be appreciated if you are able to serve or help greet people as they enter the church.

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 your family calendars now: Jump Rope for Heart Week: **Feb. 20th-Feb. 24th**. 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!

WEAR PINK/SHARE THE LOVE!

On **Wednesday, February 22nd**, all students and staff are encouraged to wear something pink and promote friendship. Schools play an important role in helping our youth develop positive social behaviours – by setting expectations for appropriate behaviour and by teaching and modeling healthy relationship skills. Be a friend and not a bully...our goal is to help make our school as safe and caring as possible. **Please bring in \$2 on this non-uniform day** ...all proceeds will be donated to the "Catholic Charities". Thank you for your spirit and generosity.

TUITION TAX RECEIPTS & RUN-A-THON RECEIPTS:

Your 2016 Income Tax Receipts for the religious education component of your tuition paid during the 2016 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.

SPELLING BEE:

Students participating in the St. Pius X 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 X 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 X at the CISVA Spelling Bee on May 9th. Please remind students to bring their spelling booklets on their meeting days.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

The Grade 2 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday, March 8th**. Please meet at the **church at 3 p.m.** Children are to wear their uniform and sit in their assigned spots. Parents, please refer to the seating chart that will be posted in the church in order to locate where you are sitting. After you and your child have received the sacrament, you are free to go.

A.G.M./REGISTRATION-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th:

For families intending to register at St. Pius X School for the 2017-2018 school year, **one member from each family must attend this important meeting**. There will be presentations from the PEC and parents will be able to pick up their on-line registration code. Following the meeting, a wine and cheese social will be held. Please note that registration codes will not be available at the school office.

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH:

The Parent Standing Committee will be hosting the staff appreciation lunch on **Friday, March 10th**.

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.

PANORAMA PHOTO:

Our class and school Panorama photo will be taken on **Friday, April 21st**.

INTERMEDIATE SPEECH ARTS:

Now that the primary students have completed their festival, it is time for the intermediate's. 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 **Tuesday, February 28th**.

HOT LUNCH:

Thursday, February 16th: Well Fed & Smoothies Volunteers: Maritza and Krista

Thursday, February 23rd: Katsu Japanese & Frozen Yogurt Volunteers: Deanna and Joanne

Thursday, March 2nd: Chicken Burgers & Smoothies Volunteers: Maritza, Krista and Neema

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE: February 14th-17th

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

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

Wednesday: **No Practices**

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

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

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

Gr. 6 boys/girls 12-12:30 p.m.

YARD DUTY SCHEDULE: February 14th-17th

Monday: School Closed-Family Day

Tuesday: Estelle Lefebvre

Wednesday: Christine Kramer

Thursday: Susan Frank

Friday: Roz Phipps

CROSSING GUARD DUTY SCHEDULE: February 14th-17th

Monday – School Closed-Family Day

Tuesday a.m. - Helene McLewin

Tuesday p.m. - Gina Wall

Wednesday a.m. – Ileana Torres

Wednesday p.m. - Carmen Grigoruta

Thursday a.m. - Kathy Cole

Thursday p.m. - Elizabeth Hewitt

Friday a.m. - Kathy Cole

Friday p.m - Rachael Monteith