

Bulletin #30-17

April 13, 2017

EASTER MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN:

Dear Friends,

My very best wishes and prayers that each of you and your families have a most wonderful, holy and happy Easter weekend!

This Feastday is the greatest event on the Church Calendar – even bigger than Christmas, because it represents the purpose for which Jesus was born at Bethlehem – and gives meaning and significance to all that we do as a Church and parish family.

The new life that Jesus gives us through His Resurrection is much more than an “afterlife”; it is a new Life here on earth. A changed life, a transformed life. A life in which joy is even more beautiful than it was before; a life which empowers us to bring the compassion of Christ to everyone. If we but want to clothe ourselves in Christ’s personality, we shall radiate His light, a light that shines in the darkness and cannot be overcome.

This is the prayer I make for you and your children this Easter: may you all be filled with the presence of Christ and, healed by His wounds, bring His healing love and transforming joy into the lives of all whom you meet.

In the joy of the Resurrection,

Father John

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATTI

On Thursday evening, our Grade Seven students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate our students for sealing the covenant made in Holy Baptism. Confirmation unites us more firmly to Christ, renders our bond with the Church and gives us strength to spread and defend the faith by word and actions as true witnesses of Christ. Thank you to Father Horgan, our Grade Seven teacher, Mr. Pascua and our PREP coordinator, Mrs. DuQuesne for preparing the students, thank you to our Grade Five parents and Parent Coordinators Ann Stewart and Arlaine Mozell for coordinating the beautiful reception which followed the Mass and to all families, teachers and friends who attended and supported our students.

ALTAR SERVERS’ SCHEDULE-EASTER MASSES:

Thank you for your generous response for the Easter Masses. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Holy Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m.: Gabriel Guzman, Monika Zarowny, Fiorella LaPica, Micaela LaPica, Emma Fitzgerald.

Good Friday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m.: Giulia Altomare, Orla McLaughlin-Arasteh, Christina Kennedy, Job Macatangay, Seth Macatangay.

Easter Vigil, April 15th at 8:30 p.m.: Liam Howse, Noah Howse.

Easter Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 a.m.: Adron Tam.

11:00 a.m.: Julia Kramer, Veronica Duncan, Blake Duncan, Aiden Lam Po Yuen, Oliver Nichols.

INTERMEDIATE SPEECH ARTS 2017:

The Intermediate Speech Festival is coming soon. Please help and encourage your child to practice their Speech Arts selection(s) over the next two weeks. 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. Students should have their pieces memorized by now be on time for their coaching sessions. The schedule will be sent out this week. There will be no changes in scheduled times. Thank you for your co-operation.

SPELLING BEE:

Congratulations to all students who participated in the St. Pius X Spelling Bee. It was an exciting morning with great competition. Congratulations to Kevin Cho of Grade 7 who was the winner of the Grade 6 and 7 competition. Kevin Cho will be advancing to the CISVA Spelling Bee at St. Anthony's School in West Vancouver for the second time. Good luck, Kevin!

READERS ARE LEADERS:

Congratulations to our Grade 7 Bookwormz 2.8 who participated in the regional competition that was held at St. Anthony's School this past week. They competed well amongst the other schools, demonstrating their knowledge of this year's six Red Cedar Award winning novels. Well done!

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

PANORAMA PHOTO: CHANGE OF DATE

Our class and school Panorama photos will now be taken on **Wednesday, May 24th instead of Friday, April 21st**. Please note date change.

GRADE 5: HERITAGE FAIR-TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH

I am hopeful you will be able to spend a part or all of the morning with us and that you will invite friends and family to visit our Heritage Fair.

7:40 am Door is open for student set-up in the gym. Mr. O'Flynn is available up to Staff Meeting at 8 a.m. - No School Supervision until 8:35 a.m.

8:50 am Bell, Line up and to Class until 9:20 a.m.

9:25 am Introduce judges to students in the gym.

9:30-10:35 Project Adjudications

10:35-10:50 RECESS

10:50 – 11:55 Project Adjudications

11:55 – 12:00 Closing remarks to students - Take down of projects to classroom - Parent Helpers are most welcomed!

There are 4 judges in total. Each judge will work on her own. This will allow every student to be interviewed twice.

PARENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Our next PSC meeting is **April 26th in the Parish Meeting Room at 2:00pm.** Please join us – your ideas and input are very valuable.

JEANS DAY:

Student Council is proud to present our next theme day. On **Thursday, May 4th**. Students and staff will be able to wear jeans in support of BC Children's Hospital. Please bring in a **\$3 donation** to participate in this special day.

FIRST COMMUNION-SUNDAY, MAY 7th:

The First Communicants are to be dropped off at the school dressed in their gowns no later than 1:15 p.m. In the case of a downpour, students are to be dropped off in the church meeting room. The group photo will follow and latecomers cannot be accommodated. Parents are to proceed to the church upon arrival. Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please remember that space in the church is limited.

GRADE 5:

Grade 5's will be voting on May 8th, one day before the May 9th provincial election, as part of STUDENT VOTE 2107. Their votes will be tallied with all schools that are participating in the riding of North Vancouver-Seymour.

GRADE 2:

The Grade Two Mother's Day Tea is **Thursday, May 11th** from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the gym. Please make alternate arrangements for siblings on this day.

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.
- **Second Communion** has been rescheduled for **Sunday, May 14th** at the 11:00 a.m.

GUARDIAN GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS:

It's that time again! If you wish to be a part of our final newspaper of the year, please email your Guardian Gazette submission to: guardiangazette@hotmail.com or pick up a hard copy at the office. **Deadline is Thursday, May 25th.**

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Wilkinson.

LEAP FROG DVD'S:

If you have the Leap Frog DVD-Letter Factory and your family is no longer using it, the Kindergarten class would love to have it. DVD's can be dropped off at the school office.

SPRING FAIR! SATURDAY MAY 13th, 2017

VOLUNTEER PINK FORMS

Pink Spring Fair Volunteer forms went home yesterday and we appreciate the response to the request for Volunteers. We have had a huge number of you who are willing to help with signs and the early part of the day. Given the importance of needing volunteers *throughout* the day, the committee may ask you to accept a different shift time. Although the committee truly appreciates your interest and willingness to participate, we will need more families to volunteer in other capacities during the day of the Spring Fair in order to have it run smoothly. If you have not yet returned your pink form please do so as soon as possible as we are still missing upwards of 50 forms. Additionally, if you have students attending STA who are in need of service hours, please also contact Jane as she has a number of opportunities for students as well.

SPONSORSHIPS

We are still looking for some donations or sponsorships from our community. If you have any suggestions for the committee or would like to make a donation or sponsor an event please contact Patrice Kirkham. patrice.kirkham@gmail.com

PHOTOS AT THE SPRING FAIR!

New to the spring fair this year is our family photo shoot fundraising event with our Christmas photographer, Karolina Wójciak. As per the Christmas photography event, photos can be taken of just the kids or the whole family. Both indoor and outside time slots are available (outside is weather dependent!).

Time slots will book up early so please book your preferred time online at your earliest convenience. Please see the attached photo flyer for details on how to book online at <http://www.site.karolinasphoto.com>

BOTTLE STALL

Please remember to send in your 8 bottle stall items. Paola Puelle and her team are busy gathering them along with prizes. This is a favorite with the kids so please be creative! **Deadline for drop off is Friday, May 5th.**

CWL Rental tables available, (\$25.) [604 929 6235](tel:6049296235)

UPCOMING TRACK MEETS:

Friday, May 5th Friendship Meet at Town Centre Coquitlam (all athletes gr. 3 – 7) 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. approx.

Wednesday, May 31st and June 7th Catholic School's Championship @ Swangard Stadium (selected athletes) 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

TRACK ATHLETES AND PARENTS:

Please **plan your child's attendance** for Track & Field **in the morning** and **write it in their agenda if necessary**. The decision to cancel practice will be made at 2:45 if it is a down pour, all parents will be emailed by the school office.

TRACK & FIELD PRACTICES:

Monday, April 17 th	No Track-Easter Monday	
Tuesday, April 18 th :	Grades 3 - 7 boys & girls	3:15 - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19 th :	Grade 5 boys & girls	High Jump 8:00 a.m.
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	Handsworth Program	5:00-5:45p.m.

S.T.A.:

The STA Parent Association Committee is having their Annual Spring Smiles Plant Sale fundraiser to benefit the school and would like to extend the fundraiser to Saint Pius X families as well! There is something for everyones garden including beautiful hanging baskets. This fundraiser is just in time for Mother's Day and pick-up is at STA on Thursday May 11th. Orders are all taken online at the following:

website <https://stthomasquinas.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Patrice Kirkham, PAC Chair at patrice.kirkham@gmail.com