



# St. Jude Patriot

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## OPEN HOUSE—NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**D**uring the second week of February across Canada, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The purpose of having such a week is to bring to mind the blessings we receive from God and the good that has come to us through the generosity of our forebears in giving us Catholic Schools. As time goes on, the presence of Catholic Schools in our communities is ever more important. This is because our society truly needs Christian witnesses and citizens who will unselfishly work for the common good of our society. More importantly, though, we want our children to grow in the love of God so that they can live good lives and be prepared for an eternity with Him. These are the ultimate goals we aim for as we work with parents to raise our children at St. Jude.

Let us all give God thanks for St. Jude School! As the Principal, on behalf of all the staff, I'd also like to give thanks for the support we receive from parents and parish. It is a privilege to work for our children and a joy to see them grow in faith and wisdom.

I would like to draw your attention to some upcoming events.

As part of Catholic Schools Week, we will have our Open House on Thursday, February 10. This will begin at 1:00 pm with a meeting in the gym for new families interested in learning about St. Jude's. This meeting will last 20 minutes. Classrooms and the whole school will be open for visitors from 1:00—4:30 and from 6:30-8:00. At 4:00 pm in the Library will be a special program for parents of 3 & 4 year olds called Ready, Set, Learn. More information is available about this in a separate flier. At 7:00 pm we will hold an Annual General Meeting at which the Education Committee will give general information on the work of the Committee—future planning for the school, finances, and much more. This meeting will give everyone an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the school and ask questions. I hope everyone can take the time to drop by on Thursday February 10.

## HOT LUNCH

In the last few months we have been using the services of Nova Foods to provide lunches for our students. We would like to know what you think of this service with a view to adding more hot lunch days and online ordering. We ask all families who have used this service to take an online survey so that we will be better informed about planning for the future. The survey can be taken at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q57G3ND>. This address is linked on our school web site on the "Today" tab of the Home page. The survey will be only available for a week, so please do this by Thursday January 27. Thank you.

## OFFICE REMINDERS

- ◆ *Friday, January 21 is a Professional Day for Teachers, so there will be No School.*
- ◆ *If you have a child who will be turning 5 in 2011 and entering Kindergarten, please notify the school office and we'll put your child's name on the list for 2011.*
- ◆ *St. Thomas More—Placement test on January 24th at 1:30pm-4:00pm*
- ◆ *January 25th—First Reconciliation at 6:30pm.*
- ◆ *January 27th—Early Dismissal at 12 noon*
- ◆ *February 2—School Mass (Grade 6 & K)*
- ◆ *Kindly return all borrowed items i.e. books, CDs and magazines back to the Family Resource Library. Some books have been on loan since October 2010. Lets make an effort to bring items back so other parents/families can enjoy reading these books. The Family Resource Library is on every Monday morning—8:30-9:30am in front of the school office. Please stop by and see what we have to offer or check the school website.*

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## PATRIOT ATHLETICS

### Patriot Updates

January 25-Gr. 7 Boys and Girls @ Holy Cross (away) & Gr. 6 Girls @ St. Helens (away)

January 26-Gr. 6 Boys and Girls vs SFA (Home)

January 27- Gr. 5 Boys @ OLS Tournament 12-5pm

January 28-Gr.6 Girls @ OLPH Tournament 12-5:30

January 29- Gr. 7 Girls @ OLPH Tournament 9-4pm



### Patriots Basketball

Our **Grade 6 girls** played a very upbeat and fast-paced game against Holy Cross on January 12. The game was very entertaining and very defensive at the same time. Holy Cross had plays that were easily snuffed by our girls. The score went back and forth as neither team took total control. By the time the fourth quarter rolled around we were out of gas, injured and fouled out. Add these three things up and you get a 21-15 Holy Cross win. I truly believe we deserved a better fate as we took the game to them. A little bit of luck and improved shooting and we will be alright. Good job girls, park this one and bring on the next opponent.

**The Junior Girls** won their league game against St. Helen's on Tuesday, January 18. The final score was 20-17. Our girls played a great game and seemed to once again tire out in the last few minutes of the fourth quarter, hence the closeness of the score. They were in complete control from the very beginning, from great passing to great rebounding. Let's bring that effort to each of our remaining games.

### Grade 5 Boys

On Monday January 17 the Grade 5 Boys basketball team played SFA. The game started off great for St. Jude making the first two baskets. SFA started to catch up and then began leading us by a basket. The game continued in this pattern until the fourth quarter. With the score at 12-8 for SFA, St. Jude needed some offence. Albert Trinh scored from the 3 point line and Flixzl Reyes followed up with a nice basket bringing the score to 12-12. SFA ran down the court and got another basket leaving St. Jude trying their best to tie it up. The buzzer rang and it was too late, but every player knew that they tried their hardest. Final score 14-12 SFA.

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## GRADE 4 & GRADE 6 AT ROBSON SQUARE

