



St. Jude Patriot

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February 10, 2011

GENERAL MEETING—OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to the Annual General Meeting hosted by our Education Committee today, February 10 at 7:00 pm in the school gym. There will be presentations from the members of the committee covering such topics as how the Education Committee works, what its responsibilities are, school finances, planning for the future, and many other topics. There will also be a question and answer session to give anyone an opportunity to ask questions they have about any aspect of the school administration. This meeting will take about an hour. Prizes to be won including a new laser printer!

OFFICE REMINDERS

- ◆ *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.*
- ◆ *February 23—Field trip for Grades 1—3 Vancouver Symphony. Hot Lunch will be served to children attending this Field Trip when they return at 1:30 pm. Be sure your children has a good breakfast and a healthy snack for this day.*
- ◆ *February 11— Grade 3 Assembly at 10:00am*
- ◆ *February 14 and 15th—Catholic Educators Conference—No School*
- ◆ *School Mass—February 16th at 9:30am—Gr 5 & Gr 1*
- ◆ *February 17—Grade 1 Field trip to Science World*
- ◆ *February 24— Early Dismissal 12 noon – curriculum Planning*
- ◆ *February 25th—Colour Day*

SPEECH ARTS

On March 15 and 16th St. Jude school will be conducting a Speech Arts Festival. The purposes of the Speech Arts Festival are to give students an opportunity to develop public speaking skills, exposure to the rich tradition of poetry in the English language and to better meet our curriculum goals in Language Arts. Each class from Grades 1—7 will be preparing a poem for group presentation. There are also opportunities for individual presentations. The categories for Primary students (grade 1 – 3) are: Poetry Recitation, Prepared Bible Reading and Storytelling. The categories for Intermediate students are: Poetry Recitation, Prepared Bible Reading and Persuasive Speech. All students from Grades 3—7 will be required to choose and present a poem for the individual category. All students from Grades 1—7 are invited to compete in any individual category they wish, however, it would fall on the student with parent help at home to prepare for this. Each class will have a mini festival sometime before the mid-March Festival where up to 3 students in each category will be chosen to take part in the School Festival. The students will benefit greatly from this opportunity and we are very much looking forward to hearing their presentations. Please visit the school website www.stjude.ca, for more information and resources you can use at home. There is a Speech Arts tab on the home page.

TAX RECEIPTS

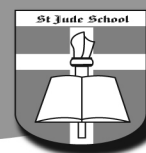
Income tax receipts for the 2010 taxation year will be available for pickup at the school office Wednesday, February 16th. Please read the note which comes with your receipt for answers to any questions you may have. One very important point: be sure you enter your receipt amount in the charitable contributions box of your income tax return (not the tuition box).

PATRIOT ATHLETICS

On February 7, the Grade 5 boys and Girls basketball team played the St. Helen's team. Although the Boys team seemed to be of no match against the other team, our Patriots did not waiver in their resolve to fight and scored some excellent, well-deserved points. In the end, even though the St. Helen's crew took the victory, our boys held their chins up high for a well-fought match.

The Girl's team was a different scenario because our Patriots seemed to be evenly matched with the St. Helen's team. The girl's defense kept the other team at bay in terms of scoring so that at the second quarter we were just two shots behind. However, our defense faltered in the third quarter. We also lost one of our post players – Karissa – to an injury. But the true Patriots that they are, the Grade 5 girls kept on fighting, shooting and rebounding at every opportunity. In the end, the St. Helen's team was the victor. Despite both losses, I'm sure our boys and girls will be back next year when we will be a much more formidable opponent.

ST. JUDE'S KID'S RAFFLE DRAW



Parents,

Please have your children turn in their completed raffle booklets to their teacher each Friday morning so we can tally up their sales for that week to ensure their name is entered for the weekly prize draws. Please do not send any money back with booklets.

FIRST DRAW WILL BE FEBRUARY 11, 2011.

**Be the Top Ticket Seller and Win
an "Apple" 8GB iPod Touch!
(8GB 4th Generation)**



JOIN THE FUN, MORE PRIZES TO BE WON!

RUNNING CLUB

Running will resume on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 and continue until March, 16, 2011. Running Club will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. If it is raining at 2:30 p.m. on a Running Club day, that day's session will be cancelled. We ask that guardians and parents be at the school by 3:20 p.m. to pick up their children on rainy days. Regular pick up time is 4:00 p.m., please be at the school when we arrive from the park. Parents are welcome to join us.

HI-TECH HI-TOUCH WORKSHOP



As part of their science curriculum, the intermediate classes will be participating in a program presented by High-Touch High-Tech. Each workshop will involve students in a wide range of hands on activities allowing them to use their science skills and knowledge to complete various tasks. This program *compliments* a variety of prescribed learning outcomes outlined by the BC Ministry of Education.

Date: February 17th (grades 5 and 6) and March 15th (grades 4 and 7)

Location: Classrooms

Cost: Free

A colorful poster for 'Notre Dame Casino Night'. At the top is a diamond-shaped sign with 'Notre Dame CASINO Night' in red and blue. Below it are large, glowing yellow neon letters spelling 'CASINO'. To the left is a circular logo with 'Notre Dame' and 'KNOW • LOVE • SERVE' around a shield with a cross. To the right is a list of activities: Poker, Roulette, Blackjack, Prizes, and Professional tables and dealers. In the bottom right is a 'WINE TASTING' inset showing a bottle and a glass. At the bottom, it says 'Notre Dame Casino Night', 'Friday, March 4, 2011 - 7:00 PM', 'Notre Dame', '2880 Venables St. Vancouver', 'Tickets \$35', 'Includes light snacks and \$250 in casino chips', and 'For tickets call: 604-251-7830 or email: ndcasinonight@hotmail.com'.

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Come out and support our Notre Dame Regional High School on Friday March 4 and have some fun as well with Casino Night & Wine Tasting.