



St. Jude Patriot

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REGISTRATION

The registration process for new families is under way. We ask our current families if they know of any fellow parishioners who have school age children who may be interested in St. Jude School for their children to take action right away. Every year we have parishioners who come after registration has been completed and there is no space left. Thank you for your help with this. **Re-registration forms for all our current students will be sent home next week on Thursday, March 3.** All re-registration forms and fees are to be returned to the Parish Education Committee in the gym at one of the following times: Monday, March 7 from 2:30 –4 p.m. or Tuesday, March 8 from 6– 7:30 p.m. Please note: all re-registration forms must be returned on either of these 2 dates. Please do not return them to the school office.

COLOUR DAY TOMORROW

Many schools in the lower mainland are raising the issue of bullying during this week. You might have seen press reports of the various ways in which schools are doing this. Bullying is a serious issue in some schools and it is important that our students understand the issue. To raise our students' awareness, the theme of our color day tomorrow will be anti-bullying. We are asking students to wear a pink or any other bright colour article of clothing. The reason for pink is due to an event that happened in a Halifax, Nova Scotia high school. Not long ago, a new student to the school came wearing a pink shirt. He was beaten up by a gang because of this. When other students in the high school heard about this act of bullying they were greatly angered and decided to make a stand against that act. A large group of students purchased pink shirts and wore them to school the next day in order to demonstrate their displeasure with bullying.

At St. Jude's, we would like to raise our students awareness of bullying issues. In particular, teachers will be talking about what to do if they feel bullied, the importance of treating everyone with respect and kindness, and encourage students to take a stand against any cruelty and unkindness that they witness even though it may not be directed against them. Bystanders who witness bullying can be very effective at curbing it if they speak up. One of the areas that is becoming more problematic is the internet and in particular, social networking programs. Parents, this is a good opportunity to talk about this with your children.

We hope our children will never be victims of bullies or bullies themselves, but it is necessary to take action on this issue to make the hope a reality.

OFFICE REMINDERS

◆ *Going home with this news-letter is a letter regarding Student Led Conferences which take place Thursday March 10. Please be sure you return the attached form by next Tuesday.*

◆ *Students are regularly being dropped off in front of the school on 15th Avenue. **This is dangerous and not permitted.** The only student drop off area is the parking lot. It only takes an extra 2 minutes. **Put your child's safety first!***

◆ *March 7—Class Photos. Students must be in full uniform including sweaters.*

◆ *March 9—School Mass at 1:00pm (Ash Wednesday)*

◆ *March 15, 6:30 pm —First Communion Parent Meeting*

◆ *March 15—Primary Speech Arts Festival*

◆ *March 16—Intermediate Speech Arts Festival*

◆ *A reminder that March hot lunches are ready for ordering at www.novafood.ca. Parents who are submitting a new order form, please do so by **February 24th**. For any questions or concerns, please contact Nova Food at 604-274-6682 or email at info@novafood.ca directly.*

PATRIOT ATHLETICS

So who are better basketball players - guys or girls?

Well, the challenges have been issued. Our boys and girls from grades 5-7 will play each other in their respective grades in the ultimate battle for bragging rights. This Friday, February 25 in our gym, this basketball game will put to rest that old age debate of who is better. Some say that they are just better at different sports? What do you think? I guess we'll see.

Our St. Jude Patriots basketball season has ended prematurely with many ups and downs. We played some heart breaking games and some that brought us out of our seats. We thank our coaches for their generosity in giving their time, patience and hard work. Also, a big thanks goes out to all the players who worked diligently and tried their best at practice and during games. We will have a wrap up **Pizza lunch** (we provide pizza and drinks) for all basketball teams on **Monday February 28** downstairs in the cafeteria.

TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts for the 2010 taxation year are available for pickup at the school office. 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).

PARTICIPATION HOURS AVAILABLE

Are you looking for more participation hours? The milk program needs a new team member for Friday lunch hour milk distribution. If you are interested or require more information, please contact Linda Siniscalchi at 778-316-7517 or napoli1@shaw.ca.



Hooray it's 100's Day!

On Monday, February 21, 2011 the Kindergarten class celebrated the 100th Day of school. We had a wonderful celebration. We had fun making 100's Day glasses, fancy 100's day crowns, marshmallow toothpick creations and we even decorated cupcakes with 100 sprinkles! 100's day was a super fun day!

\$3 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT HOTCAKES FUNDRAISER

100% of ticket sales supports St. Jude School's Classroom Technology Upgrade

Sunday, March 20th 2011

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Grandview Highway McDonald's

CORNER OF RENFREW AND GRANDVIEW HWY



*To receive tickets, fill in the form below and
bring it with your payment by Friday, March 11th.
Your tickets will be available from your home room teacher
on Monday, March 14th.*

Upon presentation of your purchased tickets
enjoy All-You-Can-Eat Hotcakes
at Grandview Highway McDonald's on Sunday, March 20th between 8 and 11 a.m.
at the front counter OR in drive-thru (for families on the go!)

Please make checks payable to St. Jude School

Student/Ticket Seller: _____

Home Room Teacher _____ Grade _____

of Tickets _____ Total Sales \$ _____

Thank you for your support from the St. Jude School Fundraising



March 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3 Re- registration forms sent home	4 Grade 7 Field Trip	5
6	7 Class Photos Re-registration forms re- turned 2:30— 4:00 pm	8 Re-registration forms re- turned 6:00— 7:30 pm	9 Ash Wednes- day—School Mass at 1:00pm (G4 & G2)	10 Student Led Confer- ence— 12noon— 7:30pm	11 Grade 4 & 7 Hi Touch Hi Tech work- shop	12
13	14	15 Primary Speech Arts Festival Grade 2 First Communion Parent Meeting at 6:30pm.	16 Intermediate Speech Arts Festival	17	18 Progress re- ports sent home	19
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27	28 School Re- Opens after Spring Break	29	30 School Mass at 9:30am (Grade—3)	31 Early Dis- missal at 12 noon		

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Dear Parents,

Student-Led Conferences will be held on **Thursday, March 10th** between **12:00 Noon and 7:30pm**. No regular classes are scheduled that day. Students are required to come to school with their parents at their scheduled conference time only and are to wear their St. Jude School Uniform to the conference.

The Student Led Conference allows students to be present to show what they have done this term and to receive feedback and encouragement from their parents. Students become accountable for their learning and accept responsibility for reporting their progress to their parents. Students will be explaining and demonstrating what they have learned at school by showing you samples of their work in their portfolios, notebooks and in classroom displays. The students will conduct the conference and the teacher will be on hand to give support and encouragement.

There are several reasons for conducting the conferences in this way. By having the students actively involved in the conference, they will:

- Assume responsibility for reporting their progress to you
- Collaboratively set goals with you for further learning
- Be accountable for the work they produce and the quality of that work
- Develop good communication and leadership skills

Show you first hand some of the many learning activities they are involved in at school

At the conference, your child will:

- Share work samples with you
- Demonstrate some recently acquired skills

Ask you to comment on his/her progress

Conferences will last approximately 30 minutes. Your positive comments, encouragement and questions about your child's work, will help your child feel a sense of accomplishment and pride in what he/she has done this term.

Three students and their parents will be involved in conferences at the same time. Each family will have a separate area in the classroom. After this conference time is over, you may make an appointment with the teacher if you have further concerns or questions which you would like to discuss at an individual Parent/Teacher Conference.

This is a very special time between you and your child and we would request that a parent be present on this day and not send a substitute. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to set up another time.

Please indicate your preference for a conference time. Families with more than one child will be scheduled with consecutive conference times wherever possible. We are sorry that we cannot accommodate specific requests for a time

