

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

April 7

-Move-a-thon pledge sheets go home

-Gas Draw @ 3pm

April 8

Grade 5/6 Badminton tournament in Cochrane

April 13

Grade 2 Reconciliation 12:30-1:00 @ Church

April 14

PINK shirt day

-Term 3 IEP's go home

-Homemade chocolate order forms go home

April 15

Grade 7/8 Badminton tournament in Cochrane

April 18

First Communion @ 9:30

April 19

Professional Activity Day—No school

April 21

Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6pm

April 22

-Earth Day Celebration

-Bring a litter-less lunch

April 29

Badminton Tournament at Cite (Grade 7/8)

April 30

Winit Assembly



Pink Shirt Day—April 14

Two years ago, there were these two boys from Nova Scotia - Travis Price and David Shepherd, who heard about a Grade 9 student who was harassed, threatened and made to feel unwelcome and embarrassed all because he was wearing a PINK shirt on the first day of high school. These two boys went out and bought every pink shirt they could find at the discount store. The boys called and sent messages urging class-

mates to wear pink to school the next day. The next day, the teasers were confronted with a sea of pink. In the end, about seven hundred of the school's eight hundred students joined the action.

On Wednesday April 14th all across Canada, students will be standing up and saying no to bullying by wearing something pink.

Pink is a soft, gentle colour that has gained strength that deserves

recognition. Pink ribbons are often worn in support of a cure for breast cancer. Wearing PINK is making a statement about what you stand for, what you will stand against, and what you believe in - **NO MORE BULLYING!**

On Wednesday April 14th, we invite all staff, students and parents at St. Patrick school to wear something PINK as a sign of solidarity against bullying.

Move-a-thon pledge sheets

Today, each student will get their own pledge sheet for our biggest fundraiser of the year; 4th annual move-a-thon. Our move-a-thon is one of the final events of our annual Catholic Education week festivities (1st week of May). All students in JK-Grade 5 & 8 will have the opportunity to raise money for much needed playground and outdoor equipment,

while the Grade 6 & 7 students will be raising money for their educational trip which will occur next year. As always, there will be many prizes for students to win. This year, we have a GRAND PRIZE for the student who raises the most money: a Nintendo Wii. Also, every student that raises \$50 or more, their name will be

put into a draw for a cool door prize. There are also prizes for each division. All prizes will be on display during the next two weeks in the lobby—come check them out.

Be sure to get your pledges early in order to win these amazing prizes.



Playground now open



With the warm weather in Kapskasing over the past few weeks, I am pleased to announce that our playground equipment is now open.

Please take a few minutes to remind your children, especially those in JK-Grade 4 of the following safety rules:

- No pushing, fighting, throwing objects or eating while on playground
- No platform shoes, shoes must have ankle straps, no bare or sock feet, no loose

strings/scarves

- Students must sit while sliding down slide
- No walking up the slide
- Before using slide—make sure no one is at the bottom of slide
- No running between swings, no standing in front or behind swings.
- Take turns on monkey bars. No climbing on very top. No pulling student legs while on monkey bars

- While on frog—students must be sitting on their bottom and take turns.

We hope that the remaining construction goes quickly so that we can re-open the closed section (field).

As always, the equipment will remain out of bounds when it is raining or the equipment is wet as it is a safety concern.

Thank you for helping us make sure the playground is safe for all our students.

Attention Grade 3 & Grade 6 Parents



Education Quality and
Accountability Office

EQAO

Similar to previous years, our Grade 3 and 6 students will participate in the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Division assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics between May 31 and June 9, 2010.

Students will be required to complete three test booklets: one mathematics booklet, one reading booklet and one writing booklet. The types of questions in the booklets will be familiar to your child as they are based on the

kinds of work your child has been doing throughout the year. The total amount of time that the students will spend on the testing will be six hours that is generally spread over the course of two or three days. Sample questions can be viewed on the EQAO website at www.eqao.com. We ask that you make every effort to avoid holidays during these days and to try to make sure your children are in attendance each day during the assessment. In advance, we appreciate your efforts in scheduling

appointments around this block of time. The EQAO assessment results help us to continue to improve upon the quality Catholic education offered to your children. Additional specific information regarding the assessments will be sent home to our Grade 3 and 6 parents in the month of May.

ASSESSMENT DATES:

Grade 3—May 31-June 2
Grade 6—June 7-9



Get well soon Jordan!

One of our Grade 7 students suffered a heart attack over a week ago. He was released from Sick Kids Hospital just in time for Easter. He will be recovering at home. He wants to thank all the staff and students for the great “get well soon” cards. Hurry back Jordan! We miss you!