

# The Wildcat Gazette

ST. ANNE SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

### A Message from the Principal...

**W**ith the Earthquake in Haiti, it is a good time for all of us to take stock and be thankful for all that we are blessed with here in Canada. We have food, shelter, water and good medical services. The weather leaves something to be desired at times, but we can prepare for snow and ice, whereas there is no preparation for disasters such as the Earthquake in Haiti. Please keep the people of Haiti, their families throughout the world and particularly the children, in your prayers.

The calendar for February can be found with this newsletter. The calendar outlines the many activities we have planned for this month. Please note the skating week for your child so you ensure your child has his/her skates on the appropriate dates. Happy Valentine's day - may you all have the opportunity to spend it with your loved ones.

**Mrs. Pichette,**  
Principal ☺



### **FOCUS ON FAITH**

Congratulations to the following students for completing their Confirmation: Britney Bujold, Keira Lindgren, Megan Novakuske, James Crites, Matthew Devine, Hannah MacDonald, Courtney-Lynn

Dugas, Chelsey Longstreet, Ashley Festarini, Ryland DeSantis, Logan Montreuil, Dalton Bruce, Quinn Delaurier.

During the month of February, keep in mind that we prepare for Easter by making Sacrifices during Lent, in keeping with Jesus' time of meditation and reflection in the desert before beginning his ministry.

We will be having a Prayer service on Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 with Mike Buhler leading it. All parents and families are welcome to join us. We will be distributing the Ashes as is customary to mark the beginning of Lent at this time. The symbol of the cross is made on our foreheads with ashes to depict what we are experiencing inwardly - a time of fasting, prayer and repentance.



### **DIRECTORY RECOVERY PROGRAM**

We did an awesome job recovering old phonebooks. Mme. Lucie's class worked on adding after tallying the number of books and we had a final total of 259 phonebooks. Thanks go out to Abitibi who brought in all of their old phone books. Way to help the environment everyone!



### CAMPBELL'S LABELS

Please continue collecting Campbell's labels for the school. This month's labels must be returned by February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

### ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Please keep in mind that students are not allowed to have electronic equipment at school. This includes cell phones, Ipods, cameras, etc. If your child brings these to school, they will be taken from your child and parents will be required to come to the school to pick them up.

### BILL 157 - KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE AT SCHOOL

As you may be aware, new legislation is coming into effect on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 with regard to incidents that happen at school. It requires that all staff report and respond to any incidents that occur at school. As a result, our incident reports and other disciplinary mechanisms will be changing gradually, as we do have until Sept. 2010 to have all of the resultant changes in place. We will continue to work with the parents in our community to keep all of our children safe, happy and ready to learn at St. Anne's school!

Please read the attachment to our Newsletter, "Helping Make Schools Safer" explaining this new legislation. You may also visit the Board website ([www.ncds.on.ca](http://www.ncds.on.ca)) where you will find

all the latest information regarding this and other current issues.

### O'Gorman High School Information session

The Principal and Vice Principal along with some of their school LINK team will lead this event. Parents will have the opportunity to learn more about our only English Catholic High school and how to afford their children the opportunity to continue with their Catholic Education into their formative high school years. This session is for all Gr. 8 Students and their parents.



### The Do's & Don'ts of Read-Aloud

- 📖 Begin reading to your child as soon as possible. The younger you start, the easier and better it is.
- 📖 Read as often as you and the child have time for. Try to read a minimum of 15 minutes per day.
- 📖 Encourage involvement in the reading by having the child turn pages, chime in known words, or predict what might happen next.
- 📖 Occasionally read above the child's intellectual level and challenge his/her mind.
- 📖 Use plenty of expression when reading. Practice makes perfect.
- 📖 Don't read too fast. Read slowly enough for the child to build mental pictures of what has just been read.
- 📖 Don't read stories you don't enjoy yourself. Your dislike will show in the reading, defeating the purpose.
- 📖 Don't use the book as a threat – "If you don't clean your room, no book tonight!"
- 📖 Don't give your child a choice between a story and watching T.V.



