

# St. Pat's Pulse

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## *Upcoming St. Patrick's School Events:*

Jan. 20

Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6pm

Jan. 21

Avgen gift card orders due. Help us raise money for our school!

Jan. 22

Kitchen closed. Subway day today

Jan. 27

Megan on Dragons' Den @ 8pm on CBC

Jan. 28

-I.P.R.C. (special education) meetings this morning

-Chocolate Sucker Order forms & money due today

-Winit celebrations

-Non-perishable food donations & Haiti donations due today

Jan. 29

Professional Activity Day (no school for students)

Jan. 31

Family Mass @ 9:30—everyone welcome

## From the Principal's Desk

The cold weather is upon us. Please make sure your children are properly dressed. There are numerous students who are refusing to wear mitts, hats and other necessary outside clothing. Snow pants, hats, scarves, mittens and boots are a must. Students need the fresh air and they will be sent out as usual unless there are extreme weather conditions.

### RECESS:

Recesses serve a special purpose in the school routine and students should participate fully in outside activities during this time. If a child cannot go outside for fresh air and exercise at lunch or recess because of a cough or cold, then they are too contagious to be sitting in the classroom with other

children, and should remain at home. The Health Department recommends staying home with all contagious viruses to support a healthy daily school environment.

### INDOOR SHOES:

It is also important for health and safety reasons that your child have shoes on at all times while indoors. Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes to wear at school. With the new year upon us, be sure to check with your child and/or teacher (using agenda) to make sure their indoor shoes still fit.

An additional pair of dry socks is also a good idea!

### SCHOOL BUS

### CANCELLATIONS:

When transportation services have been cancelled

due to inclement weather, St. Patrick's school will remain open and operational for all walkers and students who have their own transportation.

As always, it is the parent's responsibility to decide if conditions are safe for their children to walk to and from school.

Tune into our local radio stations or on-line for news about buses being cancelled due to inclement weather.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

### **WRITER OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to **Katelin Tessier** who was recognized as this week's writer of the week. Keep up the great work!



## In January—Focusing on Generosity

We will be showing our St. Pat's generosity with two projects this month: raising money for the earthquake victims in Haiti and collecting non-perishable food items for our local Food Bank.

### Helping the people of Haiti:

We have a large water jug in the lobby for your donations for the people of Haiti.



The island country suffered a ma-

yor 7.0 earthquake last week.

All the money we collected will be given to our local Canadian Red Cross. All these funds will be matched by the Canadian Government. We hope to make our first donation at the end of the month.

### Winit Celebration Non-perishable food competition:

Mr. Dube's Grade 4 class has challenged the school to collect non-perishable food items to donate to our local Kapuskasing Food Bank. He has offered a prize for the class who brings the most items per capita (popcorn & movie party).

Let's all give generously this January!



# Reading Instruction—helpful hints



Over the next few editions, I will be including some helpful information to help parents understand reading. Be sure to check out future St. Pat's Pulse editions for ways you can help your child with their reading.

**“A child's success in school and throughout life depends in large part on the ability to read”** Early Reading Strategy: The Report of the Expert Panel on Early Reading in Ontario, 2003.

**What is Reading?** Reading is making meaning from print.

## **Important facts for parents:**

- Teaching reading has changed in recent years as a result of current research in education.
- Children are taught a variety of reading strategies to both read the words and understand the meaning of text.
- Just because a child can accurately “sound out” words and the reading sounds smooth does not mean that the child understands what he/she is reading.
- As children get older, the texts they are expected to read become more complex; therefore, children of all ages need a range of reading strategies to read and understand a text at their level.
- Children of all ages need to read a variety of age appropriate texts including: magazine articles, stories, poems, video game manuals, emails, comics, etc.



## Reading our way to Vancouver

The staff and students are eagerly awaiting the start of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Many classes have started to learn more about the Olympics, the torch and research team Canada athletes. There are only 23 days until the 2010 Olympics begin in Vancouver.

**Reading our way to Vancouver Update:**

### Class competition:

**Gold**—Mrs. Oldaker Grade 2 English/Immersion (117 books)

**Silver**—Mrs. Bergeron Grade 3 English/Immersion (63 books)

**Bronze**—Mr. Casonato Grade 8 English & Mrs. Tremblay Grade 7/8 Immersion (tie—55 total books)

-Gold medal class wins: Pizza party & class set of books!!!

### Individual competition:

**JK-Grade 3:** Jordan St. Amand (29), Carlo Smokowich (23), Jacob Reckzine (17)

**Grade 4-6:** Yanique Bisson (6), John Davidson (6), Schuyler Guillemette (5)

**Grade 7/8:** Riley Smith (10), Lana Minaker (7), Emilia Bisson (6)

-Individual prizes to be won!



## New Faces at St. Pat's



**Baby Bryson:** Mr. Dube is a proud father again. We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of his second son, Bryson Dube who was born on Thursday January 14th. Mrs. Angela Dube and baby Bryson are doing well.

**Mrs. Cataford:** We are happy to announce that we have filled the vacancy left by Mrs. Heon in the library. Mrs. Tina Cataford is our

new St. Pat's librarian. The school library will be open to students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. She has lots of great ideas for our library. Be sure to stop by and say hello.

**Mrs. St. Amand:** After the birth of her son, Jarek, Mrs. St. Amand, one of our educational assistants has returned to St. Pat's.

**Junior Kindergarten for 2010-2011:** Registration officially took place on Monday January 18th. Do you know a child born in 2006 that would make a great St. Pat's student? Registration is still available at the office or on-line at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca)

