

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

March 31

-Easter Mass @ 9am
-Term # 2 reports go home today

April 1

Gas Draw tickets & money due today

April 2

Good Friday—No School

April 4

Happy Easter

April 5

Easter Monday—No School

April 7

-Move-a-thon pledge sheets go home
-Gas Draw @ 3pm

April 8

Grade 7/8 Badminton tournament

April 13

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

April 14

Term 3 IEP's go home

April 15

Grade 5/6 Badminton tournament

April 18

First Communion @ 9:30

April 19

Professional Activity Day—No school



From the Principal's Desk

Winter Carnival Success!

A special thank you to the staff and students for a wonderful afternoon full of activities before the March break. We also had many parent volunteers who helped make our day safe and fun. I hope that I didn't forget any of our wonderful volunteers. Thanks to: Carlo Smokowich, Andrew Rusnak, Glen Denney, Lily Levesque, Nadine Trottier, Sherry & Pat O'Brien, Kevin Sanford, Jodi Robinson, Jen & Jamie Rickard, Sue Smith who were at the arena. We would also like to thank: Laura Toal Mino, Jaquie Wallwork,

Linda Meilleur, Melissa Rowsell, Elena Amos & Rob Harris, who helped at the bowling alley.

Dodgeball Tournament:

A few of our Grade 7 students were inspired to help Emma-Rose Brander. Jared, Myles and Jane did a wonderful job creating a dodgeball tournament for our grade 3-6 students. A cheque for \$45.80 has been delivered to the Brander family on behalf of the students who participated in the tournament.

Easter Party

Thanks to Mrs. Grimm and Mrs. Smokowich who did a

wonderful job organizing the Easter party at the Church on Thursday March 25. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all. A special thank you to the older students who volunteered in order to make the event a success.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our most recent writers of the week:

Michael De Oliveira and **Meagan Roussy**. Keep up the good work! Watch out for our new recognition program: Artist of the week. Thanks to Kyle L for the idea. Mrs. Morgan



BOOK ENDS—from the Librarian's Desk



Welcome to the inaugural edition of Book Ends! Look forward to finding tips to encourage your child(ren) to read, book suggestions, reviews, and updates about what's happening in our school library.

For this issue, I'd like to introduce you to Scaredy Squirrel by Mélanie

Watt. Scaredy is a very lovable, cautious, and hygienic squirrel who is learning to face and overcome his fears. The primary and junior classes have read Scaredy's first book with me in both English and French during the month of March, and all seem to be very taken with him! Ask your child about Scaredy today – showing

an interest and talking to your children about what they are reading is just one of the many ways you can help to raise a reader. Until next month – keep reading...

This month's interesting tidbit...Did you know the average person will read 533 books in their lifetime?

Understanding the Reading Mark on the Report Card



The grade on the report card reflects more than just the child's reading level.

To determine a reading mark, a teacher looks at:

- How accurately and fluently a child reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts;
- How well a child applies reading strategies and skills to help

him/her understand the text;

- How well a child uses his/her knowledge of text forms and styles to help him/her understand the text;
- How a child communicates his/her understanding of a text through speaking, writing, drama, etc.;

- How well a child uses critical thinking skills; and
- How well a child uses knowledge and skills to make connections.

“A child's success in school and throughout life depends in large part on the ability to read”



Holy Week Program @ St. Pat's Church

During Holy Week (the last week of Lent before Easter) there are lots of special masses at the Church. Please see the schedule below and try to attend as many as possible.

Tuesday March 30

All Grade 3-8 students will be making their confessions at the Church in the morning.

Wednesday March 31

Easter School Mass @ 9:00

Thursday April 1

7:00 Coena Domini (Last Supper)

8:00-midnight (adoration in the Selke Centre)

Friday April 2 (Good Friday)

10:00 March of Witness (starts at Notre Dame des Victoires and finishes at Immaculate Conception where coffee and refreshments will be served)

3:00 Passion of our Lord—liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, liturgy of the

Eucharist

3:45 Divine Mercy Chapel

7:00 Way of the Cross

Saturday April 3

7:00 Easter Vigil—Liturgy of the light, liturgy of the word, liturgy of the Eucharist, liturgy of Baptism. Bring a bell for the return of Hallelujah

Sunday April 4

9:30 Easter Sunday Mass

Sunday April 11

9:30 Divine Mercy Sunday

Remember that Good Friday is one of the fast (reduce) and abstinence (abstain for eating meat) during the year!

