

St. Pat's Pulse

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From the Principal's Desk

Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Oct. 25

Family Mass @ St. Pat's Church @ 10:30

Oct. 26

Sister Enid's Christmas Sale

Oct. 28

School Photo Day

Oct. 29

Pumpkin Carving Party in Parish hall 4-6pm

Oct. 30

Halloween Dress Up & theme day (Winits)

Nov. 2

Olympic Kick-off in gym 10:30-11:30

Nov. 5

Confirmation retreat for Grade 7 students

Nov. 7

Confirmation @ 5:30 at St. Patrick's Church

Nov. 13

Professional Development Day (no school)

Nov. 15

Avgen orders due

Visitor Policy Unless you are a registered student or board employee, you are considered to be a visitor to the school. When visiting the school, please report to the office before proceeding to any classes or other areas of the building. **For your children's safety, we need to know who is in the building at all times. All visitors must sign in at the office and pick up a visitor's pass from the secretary.** Every effort should be made to schedule appointments outside of school hours. Parent/Guardians must notify the school in writing if a student is required to leave during the school day. If parents/guardians pick up their child for an appointment during school hours, they must notify the secretary at the of-

fice. In the event of illness or injury, the school will contact parents before permission is given for a student to leave school. It is extremely important that parents provide us with accurate phone numbers on the registration forms and notify us of any changes to enable us to contact them in emergency cases.

Halloween

Students are always very excited about Halloween. The student council has numerous events planned for students. However, it is a regular school day and we expect that children will follow classroom and school rules. Students are invited to wear their costume to school. There is a costume contest for JK-Grade 8 stu-

dents. More details will be provided next week. A reminder that swords, guns and other items in breach of our code of conduct are not permitted. Please remember to **inspect your child's candy** prior to eating. Finally, please keep bags of Halloween candy at home. Students will be permitted to bring only 2 or 3 special treats to eat during lunchtime for first week of November. Thank you for your assistance in keeping Halloween treats at home.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Diana Pringle & Emily Rickard who were our most recent writer's of the week. Keep up the good work!



School Pictures

Our school picture day has been confirmed for Wednesday October 28th, 2009. Information will be sent home in a separate flyer - as soon as we get them. Similar to last year, you will be able to select the background colour for the pictures (blue, green, purple, black or brown). All individual staff and student photos will then ap-

pear on one composite photo for each grade.

Once the photos are processed, Lifetouch will provide you with two proofs. You will be asked to choose your favourite portrait along with your choice of package and pay at that time.

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY ON PICTURE DAY—only your background selection.

Students are asked to wear solid colour clothing for best results. All photograph packages will be ready by mid-November.



Cough and Sneeze Etiquette



Germs such as influenza, H1N1 and cold viruses are spread by coughing and sneezing. When you cough or sneeze into your hands, your hands carry and spread these germs by touching objects such as door handles, desks and toys. The next person who touches these objects may pick up your germs and become sick by touching their eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. By following proper cough etiquette, you can stop the spread of germs.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Put your used tissue in the garbage. Wash your hands with soap and warm water or an alcohol based hand sanitizer
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, NOT your hands
- Clean your hands as soon as possible after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- Keep your distance (1 meter/3 feet) from people, especially when they are coughing and sneezing
- Minimize touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Don't share eating utensils (cups, straws, spoon), toothbrushes or towels
- Stay at home if you are sick

Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

Porcupine Health Unit, 2009

Cedar & Mundy Street Construction



Due to the on-going construction around the school, there continues to be changes to our bus pick up and drop off areas and access to our parking lot. The intersection of Mundy and Cedar Street will be closed. Here is how we are planning to deal with the closure. Please help us by adhering to the following procedure:

- Bus drop off and pick up will be on Mundy Street by our gym doors (NOT by the Church)
- All walking students NEED to use the crossing guard to ensure their safety
- Mundy Street is currently the only way into our parking lot. You can currently access our parking lot from Mundy, not Ash/Cedar
- Walkers—please use back doors by the kitchen/gym
- Parents picking up children at end of the day—no change—see you at the front of the school.

We will let you know about any changes as soon as they become available.

Catholic School Council

Your Catholic School Council hosted its second meeting last week. Parent representative members are looking for your suggestions about how to make our school a better place—please see “excellent ideas” in the folder. You will also notice a unique fundraising opportunity that will allow our school to raise money needed for aca-

demic, athletic and social programming. Avgen gift cards are a great way to allow our school to profit from money you are already spending. Please consider buying gift cards for local businesses (grocery store) from us, so that we not only support our community, but our school as well. Cheques should be made out to “Avgen”. Orders

are due on November 15th.

Finally, this fall the Catholic School Council has spent over \$500.00 on new sports equipment for students to play with outside. Students who are intentionally ruining this equipment will be charged to replace it. This way, all children can enjoy this new equipment.