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School Spirit—Theme is Olympics



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School Spirit Week—February 22—26, 2010

Many activities are planned with the theme being Olympics.



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Monday, Feb. 22—World Harmony Day—wear a shirt, hat or costume from another country (Today, we celebrate a peaceful gathering of countries from around the world)

Contest of the Day: Medal Prediction

Tuesday, Feb. 23—Red and White Day—Show your united support for Canada (We will be looking for the “Ultimate Canadian Fan”). **Contest of the Day:** Jelly Bean Guess

Wednesday, Feb. 24—Jersey Day—Celebrate your favourite sports team. **Contest of the Day:** Olympic Trivia

Thursday, Feb. 25—Olympic Ring Day with group photo—Come dressed in one of the colours of the Olympic rings (RED, GREEN, YELLOW, BLACK OR BLUE). **Contest of the Day:** Olympic Ring Trivia

Friday, Feb. 26—Outdoor Play Day (dress warmly) FUN! FUN! FUN!

Special points of interest:

- * Book Fair
- * Yearly Bus Forms—re students who live out of district; sitter form, custody—call school to request form
- * Report cards go home on Monday, March 8th

LENT AND ASH WEDNESDAY MASS (Theme for February is Compassion)

Each year, Lent gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on Jesus’ journey and on our own journey of faith. Lent invites us to reflect on our life of preparation, prayer and service. **Our school will begin Lent with an Ash**

Wednesday Celebration on February 17th at 10:45 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. We will celebrate with the staff and students of Msgr. O’Donoghue School. All are welcome to join us. We will celebrate Eucharist

and then continue with distribution of ashes. Daily morning prayers will reflect Lenten themes. During the season Lent, our school community will travel with Jesus in a life of prayer, preparation and service.

News from Grade 8 Class



Grade 8's are selling - Valentine Suckers from **Monday, February**

8th - Thursday, February 11th.

For .5/\$2.00 or 50¢ each, students can write a special Valentine message to their friends that will be delivered along with a treat on Friday, February 12th. This is an op-

portunity for students to share kind thoughts with their friends on this special day. Money raised will support the grade 8 year end trip to Ottawa. **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

SPAGHETTI DINNER

NIGHT— will be taking place in March—more information to follow

GRADE 8 TRIP TO OTTAWA IS JUNE 9—11TH, 2010

GRADUATION FOR GRADE 8'S IS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH AT 7 PM

Hot Lunches in February

Friday, Feb. 5th—Hot Dogs

Wednesday, Feb. 10th—

Pizza and bake sale by grade 8 class

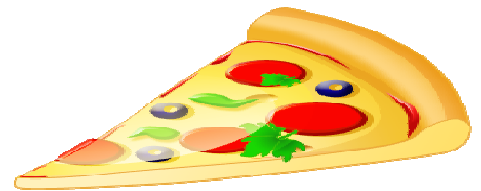
Thursday, February 18th—

Hot Dogs

Thursday, February 25th—

Subs

NOTE: During winter if a day is declared a SNOW DAY on a hot lunch day—the lunch will be postponed to another date. If your child attends school on a SNOW Day please send a lunch with them.



Family Day—Monday, February 15, 2010

There is nothing more valuable to families than time together. And yet it seems tougher than ever to find, with so many of us living such busy lives. That's why, on the third Monday of every February Ontarians will have a public holi-

day--Family Day. Monday, February 15th is Family Day and the students will not attend school on this day.



Family Fun

News from the Library

Scholastic Book Fair

Coming soon, to Immaculate Conception....the Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair is a great opportunity for students, staff and parents to buy great books at reasonable rates. All proceeds from the Book Fair go towards new resources for the library. Parents have been extremely generous in the past, and we have received thousands of dollars in resources from Book Fair proceeds. Thank you so much for your continued support. Students will have an opportunity to have a preview on Monday February 15, and shopping will begin on Tuesday February 16 during school hours. There will be a parent night on Thursday February 18 from 5:30-7:00. See you at the Book Fair!

The annual Battle of the Books competition is quickly approaching. Our book club has been working very hard all year, and we had team tryouts in January. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school on April 16 at St. Paul's, Lakefield: Megara Horton, Tyson Ayotte, Gretel Kaune, Connor Tully, Noah Webster, Ashley Bellhouse, Annie Driscoll, Sydney Delaney, Tasha Kimball, Patrick Clancey, Chloe Tully and Emily Blewett. We are fortunate to have a team manager as well this year. Thank you to Chris Hewett for taking on that responsibility.

Bus Transportation—Inclement Weather & Yearly Bus Forms

When buses are not making their runs due to inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.), please listen for bus cancellations on the following radio stations and/or STSCO website for up to the minute reports:

101.5 Wolf

980 KRUZ

105.1 CHEX

Web site address:

www.stsco.ca

Yearly Bus Forms To help the Transportation Dept. plan for September 2010, this is the first of several reminders to families who live outside of the boundary encompassing our school and whose children are not eligible for transportation under School Board Policy as a result. This group includes those who

have submitted "Out of Boundary" transportation requests in the past. New families in similar situations may also be interested in applying. Transportation forms are to be done yearly for students who come from a sitter's address. Please call the school and request a form—deadline for this form to be submitted to transportation department is May 30, 2010.

Handwashing—A guaranteed germ buster!

Cold and flu season has arrived! We can't prevent all infections, but we can control the spread of germs. Hand washing is the single best way to reduce the spread of germs. Teach your children to wash their hands before eating, after using the toilet, playing with pets and when they come home from school.

Clothing - Our school yard can be a windy, cold spot during the winter. Please remind your children to dress appropriately in warm, waterproof, labelled clothing. They are outside daily for recess, except in the most extreme weather conditions. Waterproof gloves or mitts are a good choice as the other types get wet - send an extra pair if possible. Snow pants and splash pants are also great ideas. You may also wish to send an extra pair of socks. Thanks for your continued efforts.

Illness - Cold and flu season is upon us. If your child is sick, please do not send him/her to school. If your child is too sick to go outside for recess, he/she should be kept at home until the child can participate fully in the school program.

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SAFE ARRIVAL
PLEASE CALL SCHOOL BEFORE
9:00 AM TO REPORT YOUR
CHILD'S ABSENCE

BELIEVE, LOVE, ACT

School Website: <http://schools.pvnccdsb.on.ca/immac06>

100th Day Celebration in the Primary Wing

*The 100th Day of School is **Friday, February 12th**. Students in our primary classes will be celebrating with lots of activities involving 100.*

First Nation, Métis and Inuit News



February – Bear Moon

The second moon of Creation is Bear Moon, when we honour the vision quest that began in the fall. During this time, we discover how to see beyond reality and to communicate through energy rather than sound.

Grandfather Teachings: Love

Is a feeling that has no boundaries. Give it...Accept it...and feel its power.

Did you know that...?

Mi'kmaq people of eastern Canada invented the toboggan.

Soaking cedar leaves for 10 min. in hot boiling water will relieve you from coughing?

March Break is Monday, March 15th—Friday, March 19th, 2010

Last Skating date for this year is:

Friday, February 19th at the Evinrude

Congratulations to our school team who came in 1st at the Cardboard Boat Races in Sutton on January 26th.
