

JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!
January and making resolutions are age old friends. Resolutions and the **virtue of responsibility** are a natural fit. In this month of new beginnings our Catholic School Community will practise and celebrate how we honour God when we act responsibly. We will work to find practical ways to demonstrate three important Catholic Graduate Expectations:

We resolve to become:

- A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.



- A caring family member...who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community.

- A responsible citizen...who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

Thank you for raising such wonderful kids and sending them to us

each day, and good luck with all your New Year's Resolutions.

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Our school newsletters are posted on our website:

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

SCHOOL MASS; HOT LUNCHESES & SNOW DAYS

Friday, January 15th at 1:30 p.m. and the theme for our school mass is Responsibility - Ms. Leont's grade 4/5 class will prepare the readings. All parents/grandparents are welcome to join us for our celebration.

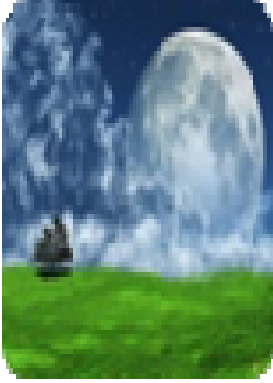
Hot lunch dates in January:

Thursday, Jan. 14th—Hot Dog

Wednesday, Jan. 20th—Pizza Lunch and Bake Sale by

Thursday, January 28th—Sub Lunch

Please note that during the winter if a day is declared a **SNOW DAY** on a hot lunch day—the hot lunch will be postponed to another date. Please send your child's lunch if they attend on a **SNOW DAY**



First Nation, Métis and Inuit News

January– Spirit Moon

The first moon of Creation is the Spirit Moon, and is manifested through the Northern Lights.

Grandfather Teachings: Humility

Reach out...Let peace and harmony unite all nations!

Did you know that...?

Petroleum jelly was discovered by First nation. It is used to protect animal and human skin. It was also used to stimulate healing. This skin ointment is one of the most popular in the world today.

Canada means village

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For the fields were white
The road was slick with
ice
But everything was lacy
It looked so fresh and nice
My world was transformed
To a winter wonderland
The ugly trees now lovely
Nature made its annual
stand

WINTER MONTHS

INDOOR & OUTDOOR RECESS

*During the winter months, we receive parental request to keep children inside during recess and/or lunch time. **Our school policy is that all students will go outside at recess and lunchtime.** This policy is driven by the knowl-*

edge that students who get fresh air and regular exercise during the day are generally more responsive and alert in the classroom. Also, supervision occurs on the yard. It is extremely important therefore that children come properly dressed for the weather. Mittens, hats,

scarves, snow pants and boots are a necessity. Rest assured that when weather conditions are severe, all students will remain inside.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

We would like to thank all those involved in the Santa Shop this year. Thank you to all those who donated their time to shop, work in the store, set up, create things to be sold, cleaned up and donated items. Thanks to all who shopped this year and helped to raise

\$180 in raffle tickets for our Christmas Hampers.

The next Catholic School Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 pm

SKATING—FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Skating has been scheduled for **Friday, January 22nd** (am) at the Evinrude Centre for students in grades 1-8. Students in grades 1-3 are strongly recommended to bring helmets for their own safety. **The school will be split into two groups - first group leaving the school at 9:10 a.m. - skating for one hour (this group**

would return to school at 10:40 a.m.) & then the second group will leave Immaculate at 10:10 a.m. and skate for one hour and finally returning before 12:00 noon. Teachers will let you know what time their class will be skating.



GR. 8 INFORMATION NIGHT AT ST. PETER'S SEC.

January is the month when high schools begin their preparation for the next school year. The Guidance Department staff from St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School will visit our grade 8's to discuss courses, pathways and option sheets. Parents are also reminded that there will be an Informa-

tion Session for grade 8 students on January 20th at 6:45 pm.

St. Peter's Secondary School (Cafeteria)

You are strongly encouraged to attend to learn more about programs/courses at high school.



VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Both girls' and boys' volleyball teams have been formed and practices are underway. The teams will be playing other Catholic Schools in our Family of Schools Tournaments scheduled for the following dates:

Family of Schools Volleyball - Girls on Janu-

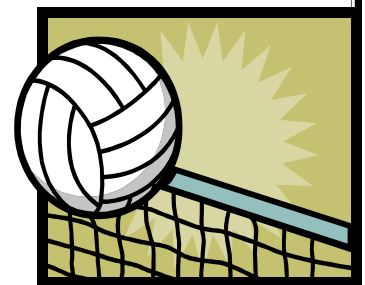
ary 27th at St. Peter's Secondary

Boys on January 28th at St. Peter's Secondary (raindate if needed on January 29th)

We wish the teams much success during the season. Appreciation and thanks are extended to Miss Gagne

and Mrs. Gorman for their time in coaching our teams.

Thanks to parents/guardians for transportation after practices, games and tournaments.



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FRENCH IMMERSION

If your child is age appropriate for Senior Kindergarten for September 2010, she/he is eligible to enter the French Immersion program. Please contact St. Anne's School at 742-3342 for more information.

CAMP NORTHERN LIGHTS

We have received our annual letter from Fr. Bill Moloney and Mr. Randy Riel asking us for referrals for Camp Northern Lights for boys and girls between the ages of 9 - 14. I have personally contacted some parents, but if you want your child/ren referred and have not heard from me, please call me at 745-6777 as soon as possible.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club will start up again on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is developing accessibility

standards to achieve an accessible Ontario by 2025. Customer Service is the first of five Standards to

become law. It requires school boards to establish policies, practices and procedures on providing

goods or services to people with disabilities. The school board has

developed a Board Policy and

Administrative Procedure and has an active Accessibility for All Committee. PVNC encourages and

supports the standard AODA core principles of independence, dignity, integration and equality of

opportunity. The Customer Service standard requires the Board to provide training to all staff,

volunteers and community users of schools. A one page fact sheet is available from your Principal

and training is available at the Ontario Education Services Corporation website

www.oesc.apandrose.com/en_CA/welcome.

