

The Wildcat Gazette

ST. ANNE SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2012



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

A Message from the Principal...

The calendar for March can be found with this newsletter. It outlines the activities we have planned for this month – note the dates for the much anticipated March break!

Some of you may be concerned with the Drummond Commission which has recently come to light. Please note that the government will be moving ahead with the implementation of full-day kindergarten. Parents who are actively in the midst of registering their children can do so knowing it will be full day.

Skating continues for our students so please look carefully at the dates for each grade so you ensure your child has his/her skates on the appropriate dates.



Mrs. Pichette,
Principal ☺



ENERGY DIET CHALLENGE

The grade 5/6 English students are participating in the "Classroom Energy Diet Challenge" as part of their understanding of Earth and Space Systems: Conservation of Energy and Resources curriculum. This challenge was developed by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and is sponsored by Shell Canada. It started in February and will run until March 30, 2012.

This gives our students the opportunity to increase their energy awareness and understanding of its use. It will encourage students to think critically about energy and develop more energy-conscious decision-making skills. They will be doing something for themselves and for their planet.

Students will complete weekly challenges for points, competing against other schools across Canada. Many different prizes are available to be won. Good luck to the grade 5/6 class!



FOCUS ON FAITH

During the month of March, keep in mind that we prepare for Easter by keeping our Lenten sacrifices or good deeds.

Please review our virtue of the month – Forgiveness and help model it in your daily lives for the children. With the Lenten season upon us, remind the children how Jesus forgave those who persecuted and tortured him, even while suffering on the cross.

Please note that Father Leo is meeting with all of the students who have had their First Communion on March 5th at school, and is offering them the opportunity to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. They will set dates and times at the meeting.

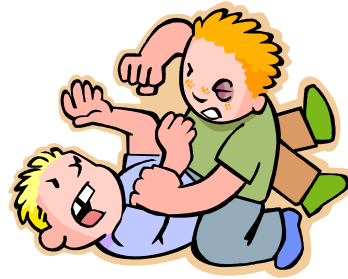
O’Gorman High School Information session

The Principal of O’Gorman High School will be coming to the school to present the exciting opportunity for continued education in our Catholic School community. He will answer your questions and give a brief description of the programs and benefits of attending OHS.

Gr. 7's and 8's are welcome to join us, along with their parents on Tuesday, Mar 2nd at 4:30 pm.

You will have the opportunity to get fitted for uniforms at this meeting.

A snack of pizza and juice will be served.



SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

In the last while, there has been an increase in the number of incidents of hands-on behavior, disrespect of staff and peers as well as an inordinate amount of swearing and other inappropriate behavior. As a result, we as a staff in a Catholic school have taken a firm stance to eliminate this problem. We will not tolerate any hands on/aggressive behavior and first incidents will result in students reviewing the Code of Conduct in the “Reflection” room. NO hands on for any reason will be tolerated and we will not spend hours with “he said, she said” investigating these incidents. Anyone who engages in hands-on, behavior (good or bad, as many incidents begin in fun or “innocently”), will have the same consequence. After students have reviewed the code of conduct, they will be permitted recess time with our Child and Youth worker or myself in the “Games room” where they will learn to engage in appropriate activities or games with peers with closer supervision than can be provided on the school yard. Should they make too many visits to the Reflection room, a call home will inform parents of their continued inappropriate behavior. Please help us by reinforcing that children should keep “hands and feet to themselves.” We know you wish to know your children are safe from foul language and aggression at school.

FOCUS ON STUDENT WORK: GRADE 1 / 2 FI and Gr. 7/8 FI: