

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Thurs. Oct. 23

Candlelight living rosary at St. Patrick's Church @ 7pm. You are invited to celebrate in prayer and song.

Fri. Oct. 24

Science Olympics

Mon. Oct. 27

-Lifetouch picture re-take day
-staff meeting

Wed. Oct. 29

-DARE—Grade 6 students
-pumpkin contest by home-room (due to lobby)

Thurs. Oct. 30

Door decorating judging

Fri. Oct. 31

-Wear your costume to school
-Scavenger hunt activity & Kingdom introduction 1:40-3:15 (thank you student council)

Fri. Nov. 7

School Mass @ 9:00

Mon. Nov. 10

Professional Activity Day—No school for students

Tues. Nov. 11

-Remembrance Day
-Gr. 7/8 students to cenotaph

Wed. Nov. 12

Progress reports go home

Tues. Nov. 18

Student-led conferences. Important that one representative from each family brings your child. More details next week.



From the Principal's Desk



Head Lice

Over the past few weeks, there have been confirmed cases of head lice at our school and many other schools in the community. Head lice can affect anyone, but most often affects school-age children. Head lice are parasites. They are considered by health officials to be a nuisance as they are difficult to eliminate. They are not a health hazard and are not connected in any way with long hair, dirt, neglect, or not being clean. Head lice can spread quickly from head to head when a group of children have close contact (e.g. school, camp, day-care, etc.). They can be spread by sharing hats, brushes, combs, bedding, etc. Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR TONIGHT!** They look like dandruff but stick to the hair shaft. In severe cases, the nits may have hatched resulting in live bugs. Lice are most often found around the ears, forehead and/or nape of the neck. It is important to have good light while checking hair strand by strand. Head lice move quickly and are hard to see. To look for nits, part the hair in small sections, moving from one side of the head to the

other. Check carefully looking close to the scalp. I am encouraging parents to look at your child's hair on a regular basis. When checking for nits (eggs), the hair should be dry. If you find any head lice or nits (eggs), obtain and use a medicated head lice shampoo or medicated cream rinse from your pharmacist and contact the school to inform us that your child has been treated. It is important to treat everyone affected.

Wash and dry on **HOT CYCLE** all clothes, towels, bedding, hats, scarves and coats used in the last week by your child or anyone else who is affected. Treat brushes and combs in the medicated shampoo or rinse. Items that cannot be washed should either be dry-cleaned or sealed in a plastic airtight bag for 2 weeks. Vacuum beds, upholstered furniture and rugs. After vacuuming, seal the used vacuum bag in a plastic airtight bag and dispose of in the garbage. Students will be able to return to school once treatment has been applied and there are no longer any nits (eggs).

Halloween

Students are invited to wear a Halloween costume to school on October 31st. Children will be asked to keep all costume weapons (swords, guns, knives, etc.) at home. If they are

brought to school, they will remain on their teacher's desk. A reminder that for the 2 days following Halloween (November 3 & 4), students are able to bring no more than 3 Halloween treats (that do not contain peanuts) to school to eat after their lunch is eaten. Students will not be permitted to bring giant bags of candy to school. We need your help to ensure that large bags of candy stay at home. Happy Halloween!



Breakfast Club

All students are invited to have breakfast at school each day at 8:30. This is a universal program—which means that it is open to everyone. We look forward to seeing you for breakfast.

Scholastic Book Club

A big thank-you to Cindy Card who is organizing Scholastic book club orders for our entire school. Check your communication folders for information.

Grade 7 & 8 Sheet Fundraiser

Congratulations to all Grade 7 & 8 students who participated in this fantastic fundraiser. Bedsheets are expected over the next few weeks. Special thanks to Nathalie MacKenzie, Annaick Chubb & Lynn O'Reilly for organizing.

Mrs. Gretchen Morgan