

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

April 13

-NCDSB Easter drawing & colouring contest entries due

-Move-a-thon pledge sheets distributed

April 14

-Mass @ 9:00

-Talent Show auditions @ 11:25

-Easter Party in the Parish Hall 4-6pm

April 15

-Talent Show auditions @ 11:25

April 21

-Earth Day celebrations (wear blue & green and bring litterless lunch)

-Gift card orders due

April 22—April 25

Easter Weekend

April 26

-Grad Photos & Spring Photos in the library (in a.m.)

-Grade 8 trip bottle drive 3:30-5:30

-1st Communion Meeting @ 7pm in Rm. 2

April 28

Grade 8 Educational Trip meeting @ 6:00

May 1

First Communion @ 9:30

May 2-6

Catholic Education Week

From the Principal's Desk

Catholic Education Week (May 1-6)

In our schools the Spirit of God is alive! This year's Catholic Education Week (May 1-6) gives us an opportunity to shine a light on our schools with this theme: *Catholic Education: Celebrating the Spirit*. The scriptural text comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." (Romans 8:14) St. Luke also refers to the Spirit when he writes, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." (Lk 4:18) The Psalmist calls on God's Spirit to renew the face of the earth. During this Catholic Education Week, let's open our doors to God's Spirit in a special way and celebrate how the Spirit is renewing the face of our school!

There are 5 sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Monday – The Spirit of Hospitality

Tuesday – The Spirit of Understanding

Wednesday – The Spirit of Wisdom

Thursday – The Spirit of Justice

Friday – The Spirit of Gratitude

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own school developed activities: we have prepared a series of activities to highlight why our school should 'rejoice in hope'. Here is a list of some of the tentative activities that

we have planned:

Sunday May 1 – Grade 2 students making their First Communion

Monday May 2 – Catholic Education Week Mass @ 9:00. Bring your parent to school 10:25-11:25 & Music Monday celebration @ 10:25

Tuesday May 3 – Book Fair from 1-4 & Bring your parent to school 12:30-1:45

Wednesday May 4 – Book Fair from 1-4 & Mike Buhler (pastoral care worker) school visit

Thursday May 5 – Café Francais in Parish hall @ 1:00 for parents & Book Fair from 1-4pm & 6-8 pm. Pledge sheets due today.

Friday May 6 – 5th Annual Move-a-thon 10:30-11:30, then BBQ lunch and prize assembly. **Please try to join us for some or all of these events/activities**

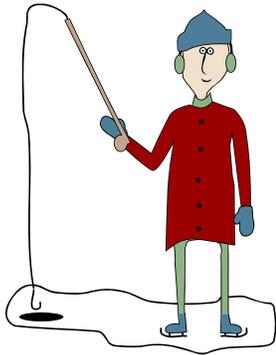
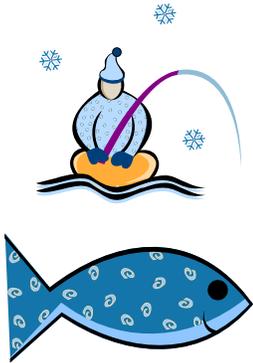
5th Annual Move-a-thon

The Catholic School Council is busy planning our 5th annual move-a-thon fundraiser. Pledge sheets went home in today's communication folders. Students are asked to collect pledges for this fundraising

event. Children in JK-Grade 3 will be walking 2.5 Km. Children in Grade 4-6 will be walking 5 Km. Children in Grade 7 & 8 will be walking 10 Km. In order to be eligible for prizes, all pledge sheets are due on

or before Thursday May 5th. Do not lose these pledge sheets as they all need to be returned to the office. There are numerous prizes to be won at each level. The move-a-thon is on Friday May 6th.

Some pictures from our Winter Carnival



Earth Day is around the corner



Earth day is celebrated every year on April 22nd. Earth Day is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. More than 6 million Canadians join 1 billion people in over 170 countries in staging events and projects to address

local environmental issues. Nearly every school child in Canada takes part in an Earth Day activity.

What can we do?

Earth Day provides the opportunity for positive actions and results. This year will be no exception.....we will be cele-

brating Earth Day on Thursday April 21st as April 22 is Good Friday and there is no school. There will be more information sent home in the coming weeks. Students are invited to bring a litter-less lunch and to wear blue & green on Thursday April 21st in order to celebrate Earth Day.