

St. Bernard School

February Virtue: Honesty

“The golden rule helps one discern, in concrete situations, whether or not it would be appropriate to reveal the truth to someone who asks for it.” Catechism of the Catholic Church

JK/SKFI REGISTRATION

Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten French Immersion registration is taking place during the month of February, to register new students for September 2010. To register please call **Mrs. Miault** or **Mrs. Gallimore**, our school secretaries, at 344-8321.

Also, if you have a neighbour who has a child of Junior or Senior Kindergarten age and they may not receive this information, please let them know that registration is ongoing at this time.

SHROVE TUESDAY

This year, Shrove Tuesday is on February 16, 2010. This day is also known as Pancake Tuesday or Mardi Gras because traditionally just before Lent began with Ash Wednesday, all the lard that would be used in sweets and baking would be used up on the pancakes.

Last year on Shrove Tuesday, the Catholic School Council, with the support of many of our parents provided a Pancake Snack (2 pancakes with syrup) for our students. We would like to do this again this year and continue this tradition for our school. Students who wish to bring an extra drink to have with their pancake snack are invited to do so.

Also, in an effort to recycle and reduce waste, students are asked to bring a **plate and fork** to school on Tuesday, February 16, which they will bring home at the end of the day. A **\$2.00 (a toonie)** donation is also requested. This will be donated to the Holy Childhood Association and our Foster Child, Husam Ali, our Lenten Charities.



Grade 6 OPEN HOUSES

Grade 6 parents are cordially invited to attend an Open House at Bishop Gallagher or at Bishop E.Q. Jennings on Tuesday, February 16; from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Presentations highlighting all of the schools' activities will take place in the gymnasium. Refreshments will be served. The staffs at Bishop Gallagher and Bishop E.Q. Jennings look forward to meeting you!

Grade 6 Farewell Celebration

Our Grade 6 Farewell Celebration will be on Friday, June 22nd, 2010. Mass will be held at Corpus Christi Church at 10:00 with a luncheon to follow in the church hall.

Basketball Free Throw

Four representatives from St. Bernard School participated in the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition**, on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Competing for St. Bernard were Robert G., Sydney C., Graham M. and Miranda L. Competition was close and Robert came away with a second place finish in the 11-year-old boys category. Congratulations to all on your efforts and for representing St. Bernard so well.

Children Changing the World

Over the next few months, our school will be participating in the "Children Changing the World" project as a way of engaging students in an action of solidarity with developing countries. As a school community, we will be raising funds to build a well in India and to equip a classroom with seats and desks. The aim of this project is for students to feel that their actions can have an impact across the planet. This also supports our Christian Living and Language focus of, "Children Can Make a Difference." Further details about fundraising initiatives for this project will be sent home soon.

DRAW OF THE MONTH WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winners of the January Newsletter coupon draw:

Nicole C. – Mrs. Biesenthal – Grade 5

Enjoy your pizza coupon compliments of Mrs. Vanelli's Pizza!!!



COUPON NOTICE..... January Newsletter

YES, I have received and read this newsletter.

Signature of Parent who has read the newsletter

Names of children in family and grade:



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News from the Library

The annual Book Fair was a success yet again! Many families came visiting and enjoyed sharing a book moment with their children. I was excited to see smiling faces with shiny new stories clutched close for reading as soon as they were home.

Sales for the Christmas fair totaled over \$3300 which means that approximately \$1,600.00 of new books will be added to the school library. The door prize winner for the fair was Josephina V. from Mme Kyryluk/ Strickland's class. Both received \$25.00 in new books for the home and classroom library. The next book fair will be in the spring around the next interview block. Stay tuned!

Blue Spruce books have arrived and I am currently sharing them with the JK-Grade 2. The titles listed below are the "cream of the crop" of new picture books produced by Canadian authors and illustrators for the year. The 2009 winner of the Blue Spruce contest was "Chester" by Melanie Watt. You can source these books at the local public library if you want to share them at home.

Reading Tip: The first time you read a book discuss the cover illustration. Ask "What do you think this book will be about?" During reading stop at times and engage your little listener by asking "What do you think will happen next?" Enjoy the Moment! Adapted from: www.release-on-reading.com

Happy Reading!

J.Facca, Teacher-Librarian

2010 nominated titles for Blue Spruce

Boo Hoo Bird By Jeremy Tankard

You're Mean Lily Jean by Frieda Whishinsky

Crocodiles Play! by Robert Heidbreder

Farley Follows his Nose by Lynn C. Johnston

The King has Goat Ears by Katarina Jovanovic

The King's Taster by Kenneth Oppel

Stanley's Beauty Contest by Linda Bailey

There's a Cow Under My Bed by Valerie Sherrard

When Stella Was Very, Very Small by Marie-Louise Gay

Bradley McGogg, The Very Fine Frog by Tim Beiser

12 New Trees for the students of St. Bernard School

Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds program will give St. Bernard school 12 new trees. These trees will be planted by volunteers on Saturday May 29th 2010. This is the second year in a row, that St. Bernard has been fortunate to receive this \$2,000 award. These 12 new trees will give students, present and future, the opportunity to learn about and connect with nature right on their own school grounds.

Once again, Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds and Wayne Toyota has generously helped give our students the opportunity to get their hands dirty and to learn more about nature.

Keep checking the newsletter for more details on the upcoming "St. Bernard Tree Planting Day" on Saturday May 29, 2010 starting at 9:00am. Many volunteers will be needed to make the day a success!



Skate Night

The Catholic School Council is hosting a FREE family skate night, Sat. Feb. 20 from 7-9PM @ Port Arthur Arena. The CSC will be collecting non-perishable food items at the door, to donate to a local food bank. **All skaters must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet while on the ice.** Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the event. Hope to see everyone there.

CPF *Canadian Parents for French (Ontario)*

Thunder Bay Catholic Chapter

FRENCH COURSE FOR PARENTS

Would you like to help support your child's French education?

Need to refresh or learn basic French skills?

Starting mid-February, French Course for Parents **Level 2 and 3** will be offered. Please contact CPF Thunder Bay at

cpfthunderbay@gmail.com or

call Reija 768-7676 or Kerri-Lee 767-8550

to **register** or for **more information**.



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Prayers for Haiti

Mlle Polowski's Grade ¾ French Immersion class spent some time creating prayers for Haiti. Here are just a few examples.

(Trinity H., grade 4)

Dear God, May you please help to give courage to those who don't have any. Please give comfort to those who don't have any. Please give strength to those who have none. Please give them light so they may see you in their hearts. Amen.

(Michelle P., grade 3)

Oh Lord my God, please watch over the people of Haiti. Please give light to those who need it. Give grace and peace to all. Please find homes for the homeless. Give love to all in prayer. Oh God, please watch over Haiti and the people of Haiti. Amen.

(Finn R., grade 3)

Oh God, please help the people in Haiti. It is very sad to hear about the people in Haiti and the earthquake, so I'm hoping that God blesses all of the people in Haiti.

(Jake R., grade 4)

Dear God, help the people of Haiti heal. Help all who suffer. Give food and water to those starving. Give strength to the homeless. Amen.

(Julian D., grade 3)

God, I pray to you. Help Haiti, help give them food, water and clothing and I will do the same, even more. Amen.

Olympic Torch

Thank you to Doug Malin for taking the time to bring the Olympic Torch to the students of St. Bernard School. He not only spoke of his experience, but also provided each child with the opportunity to touch or hold the torch. His generosity is greatly appreciated.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Ethan B. who is the St. Bernard Spelling Bee Winner!!! The whole junior division participated in classroom bees, then three finalists from each class went to the School Spelling Bee, which was held on January 6, 2010! The whole experience was exciting and thrilling for both the spellers and the audience.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SPELLERS!!!

Here is a list of all of our school finalists:

Grade 4

Noah S., Kiara L., Jonathan O., Aisha I., Breanna M., Abby M., Kamden K., Leanne J., Emma J.

Grade 5

Sean V., Elija L., Beth O., Mikayla H., Steven B., Rachel C., Elizabeth G., Joshua K., Miranda L.

Grade 6

Graham M., Jacob J., Brad B., Ethan B., Isaiah O., Alexis V., Piper R., Madisyn T., Hannah V., Adam Z.



Good luck to Ethan who will be ready to spell his way through the Regional Spelling Bee, taking place on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

