

February 2010 Newsletter



St. John School

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VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

During the month of February, we celebrate the virtue of **Compassion**. In Luke's Gospel, we read, "Be compassionate as God is compassionate." We understand compassion not only as the ability to empathize with another but also to act on behalf of that other person. It is evident when we care deeply and want to help others, even if we do not know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you. We practice **COMPASSION** when we:

- ✓ are helpful to a person or animal in need
- ✓ notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend
- ✓ imagine how another person might be feeling
- ✓ take time to show we care
- ✓ forgive others when they make mistakes.
- ✓ reach out in the broader community to share our resources and skills

SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent. There is a tradition of going to Confession on this day, in preparation for Lent. Another name for this day is "Pancake Tuesday."

We will be serving pancakes to all students on Feb. 16th.

This celebration represents the last day of feasting and fun before Lent (beginning the next day, on Ash Wednesday).



Ash Wednesday **FEB 17th**

During Lent, we renew our commitment to living the holy life that Jesus asks of us. On February 17th @ 9:15, all staff and students from St. John will join to celebrate Ash Wednesday in our school gym. Parents and relatives are always welcome to join us.



CANDY GRAMS

Candy Grams go on sale February 1st. They are available for purchase for \$1.00 until February 11th. All proceeds to support Ms. O'Reilly's Grade 8 year end-trip. Enjoy a mouth-watering treat. Parents/Grandparents, feel free to drop by the school to buy one for your children/grandchildren.

JK Open House a HUGE Success!

Thank -you to all the parents and children who participated in our JK Open House on January 18th. We continue to take registrations for full-day J.K. & **new** S.K. students for September. Please call 693-2213 to make an appointment. Students presently in Junior Kindergarten do not need to re-register. You will need the following: **Birth and/or Baptismal Certificates, Immunization Card, Ontario Health Card, and if you are a home owner, your Tax Assessment Roll Number.**



Homework Club

A reminder that Homework Club is offered two times a week to students in Gr.1-6.

Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Parents, you must write a note in your child's agenda if he/she is to stay that day. Thank you for your cooperation!

STUDY HALL

Study Hall is available to all

