

# April 2008

## Principal's Message

*I would like to welcome everyone back after a restful spring break. Hopefully the snow will melt soon and the parks will be filled with families again. As the NHL season comes to an end people start to wonder which team will win the Stanley Cup. At St. Mary's School we also have a team. The strength of a team is built around its members. We have dedicated teachers who work very hard to help the students succeed. The students are respectful and kind and the parents are involved not only with the academic growth of their children, but also with building the social community building of the school.*

*I would also like to welcome Mr. Rob Millar to our staff for the remainder of the year. Mr. Millar is enrolled in the education program at UNBC and will be a teacher assistant.*

*Remember, at St. Mary's School, We put our Faith in Learning!*

*Don't forget to check out our website: [www.stmaryspg.org](http://www.stmaryspg.org)*

## Important Dates to Remember

April 1st—Parent Support Group Meeting @ 7pm  
April 4th—School Mass @ 9 am  
April 4th—Family Fun Night 6-9pm  
April 8th—1st Communion/Confirmation 6:30pm  
April 9th—Dance Performance in Gym by grades 4-7 @ 9 am  
April 15th—1st Communion/Confirmation 6:30pm  
April 15th—Relay Practice at Masich Place 12:10—2:10pm  
April 17th—Music Fest  
April 18th—Pro D Day—No School  
April 22nd—1st Communion/Confirmation 6:30pm  
April 24th—Jeans Day for BC Children's Hospital  
April 29th—1st Communion/Confirmation 6:30pm  
April 29th—School Council Meeting @ 7pm  
April 30th—Relays at Masich Place Stadium



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### Shop and Support

#### How to Shop

- Review the list of retailers
- Complete the order form with the name and number of the retailer.
- Total your entire order.
- Submit payment (cash or cheque made out to St. Mary's PSG) to the office in an envelope marked "Shop and Support"
- Next Order due Friday, April 11th
- Any questions, contact Krystal Chabot 562-3878.

## **Student Notices**

Kids for Kindness—The theme for April is Reverence. Reverence is respecting God and all his gifts with worship, wonder, and awe. It is treating all people as Jesus would have done.

“Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” - John 20:19

Sports Beat – Both the boys and girls basketball teams had good seasons. Both teams improved over the course of the year with the girls coming in second and the boys placing third in the Knights of Columbus tournament held at Sacred Heart School. Intramural soccer will be starting this month.

Kindergarten Registration—We are currently accepting registrations for Kindergarten for the 2008-2009 school year. The Kindergarten classes are filling up, so if you have yet to pick up an application form, or know of someone interested in registering their child, please ask them to contact Mrs. Boyes.

## **Parent Announcements**

First Communion and Confirmation— A number of preparatory evening sessions for students receiving the sacraments of first communion and confirmation will be taking place in April and May with the celebration of the sacraments taking place on May 10th at St. Mary’s Church.

Family Fun Night: April 4th is the big night. Come on out for an evening of great food and fun. There is a new menu and new games. We will also be offering our St. Mary’s Cookbooks for sale at this event.

Holy Childhood Association Report—During the last week of school in March we had a penny drive and raised \$400.38 for the Holy Childhood Association! Great Work St. Mary’s! The grade six class raised the most with over \$100 in pennies.

Donation for new playground equipment: I wanted to thank the Portuguese Catholic Community - Our Lady of Fatima, for their generous donation towards new playground equipment.

## **Parent Support Group**

We are hoping to host a Small Business Tea on May 3rd. This is an opportunity to have tea and goodies and shop several home base businesses in one easy location. We are looking for a coordinator and volunteers if interested please contact Mary Lu at 962-0432 or [marylu@telus.net](mailto:marylu@telus.net)

It is Relay Races time at the end of the month and shortly after that Track and Field, Mary Husband has graciously offered to coordinate both these events if we get the concession. Please watch for upcoming requests for volunteers.

Playground update, as most of you know we need to replace our playground structure and this has been the main fundraising goal of the PSG. We need at least \$40 000.00 to do this and to date have managed to raise half of it. We had applied for a grant that would have matched this amount but were unsuccessful. The PSG has decided that we will have wait until next year and will continue to raise funds for this important project, we will apply again for the grant next year but if unsuccessful again we hope to be able to fund the project ourselves.

If you would like to receive updates and volunteer requests from PSG by email, please send Mary Lu an email and she will add you to the distribution list.