

# October 2007

## Principal's Message

*During the month of October we celebrate Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving day we pause and thank God for all we have. More specifically, our health, our family, our friends, our community and the presence of God in our lives.*

*A reminder for parents that you are welcome to our school mass on Friday, October 12th as the grade four class will help us celebrate the 'good news'.*



*Finally, we would like to thank you, our school parents, for your continued support with our volunteer needs and our school policies. Working together as a team is the one way we can ensure that your child's needs are being met.*

*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

October 2nd—Parent Support Group Meeting @ 7pm  
October 3rd—Vancouver Opera @ 1:10 pm in the gym  
October 5th—Movie Night at the gym  
October 5th—Hot Dog Day  
October 8th—No School (Thanksgiving Day)  
October 10th—F.I.S.A. meeting in the gym (7:00-9:00pm)  
October 12th—Hot Dog Day  
October 12th—School Mass @ 9am (Lead by the grade four class)  
October 17th—Pancake Breakfast (7:30 -8:20am) in the gym  
October 19th—Pro D Day (No School)  
October 26th—Pizza Day  
October 26th—Family Halloween Dance  
October 30th—School Council Meeting @ 7 pm  
October 30th— Assembly in Gym @ 1:30 pm



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**You are practicing  
compassion when  
you...**

- ◆ **Notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend**
- ◆ **Imagine how they must be feeling**
- ◆ **Take time to show that you care**
- ◆ **Ask how they are and listen patiently**
- ◆ **Forgive others when they make mistakes**
- ◆ **Do some service to help a person or an animal in need**

## Student Notices

Kids for Kindness—The theme for October is Compassion. Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don't know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you. Without compassion the world is a hard and lonely place. Compassion helps us to be understanding of others and ourselves.

"If your compassion does not include yourself, it is incomplete."



Terry Fox Run—Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Terry Fox Run. Please get your donations in this week. The teacher of the class who raises the most money

## Parent Announcements

will get to run a shaver through the hair of our PSG Chair, Mrs. Spagrud. Student's will be able to watch this activity happen in the gym!

Operation Christmas Child – With Thanksgiving approaching, we are asking children and their families to share their blessings with those who are in need. A note from Mrs. Fowlie will follow. Many thanks to those who can help children, who have so little. This year we will strive for 100 shoeboxes.

Sports Beat – On Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> students from grades 5-7 participated in the 3rd Annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge at Rotary Fields. A special thanks goes to Mr. Labonte, who helped co-ordinate this event, along with the brother knights and their wives cooking up hotdogs in the concession. The random winners of the K.O.C. soccer balls were Jessica Maughan (grade 7) and Sartaj Grewal (grade 6). The Cross Country Meet at Ft. George Park went well. Congratulations to boys and girls who participated in this event. The boys and girls volleyball teams start practice this week.

Absentee Notes – Please remember to send hand written absentee notes to the school the day your child returns after being absent. These notes are needed for our qualifying student audit in May to ensure our full government funding.

Bill #10—Tobacco Sales, Amendment Act—2007 - New Legislation has mandated that there is absolutely no smoking or tobacco use on any school property with the exception of ceremonial use. This also relates to community use of facilities as well.

## Parent Groups

F.I.S.A.—The yearly meeting for all independent schools in the area will be held at our school on October 10th at 7:00—9:00 pm.

Re-Takes—They will take place on Monday, November 5th at the school. You can pick up your envelope from Mrs. Boyes in the office. Remember, these need to be prepaid.

Wanted—Clear bulb Christmas lights and strands. The PSG is looking for old/used lights for our decorating. So, if you are upgraded to LED, we will take your old ones. Please drop them off at the office. Thankyou!

