

# HOLY SPIRIT FLAMES

# FEBRUARY

## 2024 NEWSLETTER

### Shrove Tuesday



**Shrove Tuesday** will be celebrated on Monday February 12th in our school. School Council will be preparing pancakes for all students and they will be served throughout the morning. This is not to replace their lunch on that day, but rather an addition to the student meals for that day.

Students are asked to bring their own plates and cutlery this day. We have ensured that the pancake mix has been prepared in a nut free facility. If you have any questions, please contact the office. **Call for Volunteers!** We would love any help from moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas on the morning of February 12th to help with the preparation and serving of pancakes. Please contact the main office if you can help.

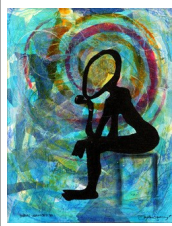
### Principals' Update

Dear Families,

Happy February! February is also a celebratory month and as such we have many exciting events planned.

- **Celebration Dates Moved:** As Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday, which is a day of fasting, we will have St. Valentine's Celebration on Tuesday February 13th. As a result, as noted, we will have Shrove Tuesday on Monday February 12th.
- **Ash Wednesday** is on February 14th and we will have services where students will receive their ashes that day as we begin our 40 days of fasting.
- **Report Cards** come home on February 15th. The students are working with their teachers on setting goals for Term 2. Although there is no formal conference evening for this report period, the teachers will be more than happy to discuss your child's report card with you upon request.
- **Indoor Shoes**— students should have a pair at school to change into and to allow for participation in gym classes. With the cold weather, boots are the appropriate foot wear for outdoors.
- **Student Concerns:** we ask that parents/guardians always speak to the classroom teacher first in regards to any questions or clarification of events as the teachers would have that information before the office does.
- **Speaking with Administration:** please make an appointment to speak with an Administrator.
- **Communication:** as noted in the beginning of the year with a message from WCDSB, any emails sent in the evenings or the weekends will be responded to the next business day. We aim to respond in 24 hours. Having said this, a conversation is always better than an email to avoid misinterpretations.

Mr. Petrella & Ms. Luis



### February Focus - Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

- I have **ideas!**
- I have **thoughts** and **opinions** that **matter**
- I make **good choices** & have **hope** for the future
- I **solve problems** with knowledge, understanding and prayer

### DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER

adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

#### CHILLY



#### COLD



#### EXTREME COLD



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ON NOW!



### for JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN (FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2020) and KINDERGARTEN (FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2019)

All registrations are completed online. Visit our school webpage and click on the image in the slider which will direct you to the online registration form. Please be prepared to upload the following documents online: Birth Registration, Proof of Home Address and Baptismal Certificate. If your child's baptismal certificate cannot be provided, then the parent or guardian's baptismal certificate must be provided. **If your child is currently attending school they do not need to register, they are automatically registered for next year.**

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lirusso or Mrs. Davy in our main office with any questions.

In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia classmates David Shepherd and Travis Price bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a student at their school was bullied for wearing pink. With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born. Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important. Our school **Pink Shirt Day** will be held on **Wednesday February 28, 2024.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Confirmation Parent Meet at St. Ambrose	2  <b>School Assembly</b>	3
4	5	6	7  Spirit Wear Wednesday  Winter Walk Day	8	9   Day 100!	10
11	12 	13  Celebrating <b>Saint Valentine</b> Wear Red, Pink and/or White	14  Ash Wednesday Spirit Wear Wednesday	15  Flag Day Wear the Red & White  Term 1 Report Cards & Term 2 IEPs coming	16  <b>HERITAGE DAY</b>  Wear your Heritage	17
18  First Sunday of Lent	19  <b>No School</b>	20	21  Spirit Wear Wednesday	22	23	24
25  Second Sunday of Lent	26  CSAC Meeting	27	28  WEAR PINK STOP BULLYING	29  Spirit Wear Thursday	 <p><b>SAINTS FUN FACTS</b> By John Berglund A kind hearted Roman priest, he aided young Christians being persecuted by Claudius II and was imprisoned. While in custody, he converted 46 members of a guards family to Christianity. Upon discovering this, Claudius sentenced him to death. He is the patron of love, young people and happy marriage.</p> <p>St. Valentine</p>	