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This is our 100th School Day this year!

EXAMS/TESTS NEXT WEEK: Tuesday, March 1st - Novel Test Grade 7/8

EVALUATIONS RETURNED THIS WEEK: Science 7/8 Multi-Unit Test, Science 8 Multi-Unit Test

UPCOMING EVALUATIONS: Biology 3201 (March 2), Math 9, French 9 Quiz

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK THANK YOUS:

Last week, as we celebrated Staff Appreciation Week, we were showered with many treats from many individuals. We thanked some last week, but received even more treats after the publication of our newsletter. So, we extend thanks as well to Michelle Careen, Jane Power and Maureen Young. It is so nice to be appreciated by so many! Thank you!

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS GRADES 7-12

On Tuesday afternoon, Parent Teacher Interviews were held for Grades 7-12. While we had a good turnout, there were several parents who did not make it in to see teachers. If any parent would like to touch base with teachers, please call the school and set up a meeting. Now that we are more than half way through the school year, this progress report gives parents and guardians a good indication of where students are. Students need to keep working hard to maintain good marks and work harder to improve their marks. The end of the year is coming fast and it will be too late in another couple of months to pass a course or subject if the effort has not been put in all year.

SENIOR HIGH PUBLIC SPEAKING

This morning we held our Senior High Public Speaking competition. We had nine competitors: Nicole Lundrigan, Robert Linehan, Timika Young, Jesse English, Chelsie Porter, Mark Manning, Kyle Manning, Victoria Foley, and Tyler Linehan. The 1st and 2nd place finishers today will compete at the Regional Lions Club Speak Offs to be held in March. The third place finisher was Mark Manning who won an award of \$50. The second place finisher was Jesse English, who won an award of \$ 75. The first place finisher was Kyle Manning, who won an award of \$100. All participants who did not place in the top three were awarded \$ 25. Thanks are extended to the Placentia Lions Club who sponsored this event. Kyle and Jesse will represent our school at the Regional Lions Speak Off on March 27th at the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre. Congratulations to all speakers on a job well done!

GYMNASIUM FLOOR UPDATE

Finally..... it is done! Our long awaited gymnasium floor is complete and fully back in use! Thank you to our very patient students who have had limited physical education classes and other events since September. You are a credit to our school for your attitude and understanding!

In order to take care of our new floor, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- We cannot have black sole shoes in the gym. Some of these shoes leave unsightly black marks on flooring. There are, however, some black sole shoes that don't mark floors such as Nike, Adidas, and Reebok.
- We cannot have outdoor boots on the gym floor such as winter boots, hiking boots or Uggs.
- For physical education classes, we would like students to have a pair of sneakers designated for "indoor" wear only. We know how students enjoy the use of the gym at recess and lunch, but we must insist that there are no shoes worn that are wet, slushy or salt covered.

This is the last gym floor we will have at Fatima for a long time to come, so it is up to us to take care of it so it can be in great shape for years to come! Thank you for your support!

EXTERNAL REVIEW NEXT WEEK!

In February, we were scheduled to have our External Review as a part of our School Growth and Development plan.

But, due to poor weather, it had to be postponed. Our school will now undergo this External Review on March 1st to 3rd. Teachers and administrators from other schools will visit Fatima and take a look at how we do things here. They will tour the building as well as interview staff, parents and students. They plan to interview all staff, our School Council and a sample of students at all grade levels. Students will be randomly selected and will speak with the visitors about our school.

Our External Review will run until Thursday, March 3rd. That afternoon, the External Review team will present an oral report of their visit. All staff will take part in this meeting and therefore, **we will dismiss all students at 11:50 on Thursday.** There will be regular classes on Friday, March 4th. It will be Day 9.

CARD GAMES

Thanks are extended to Group 3 (Jannis Power, Cathie Gardiner, Sadie Nash, Nathalie Coffey-Dohey, and Yvonne Roche) as well as Kim Careen and Chantel Nash who so generously donated prizes for our Card Game this week. Thank you so much!

We must stress the importance of each parent group supplying prizes for the card games. Prizes need to be a \$15 to \$20 value and brought to school well in advance of the card game. It is difficult to run the card games and draw players without sufficient prizes. In order to have the prizes in and ready for Tuesday night's games, it would be ideal to have them in to the school by Friday of the week prior to the game or by Monday at latest. This is an important fundraiser and the only one we are doing this year for the Sports Fund. All monies go to running the extra-curricular Sports Program and directly affects all students involved.

Next week, Group 4 (Valerie Linehan, Marian Mooney, Colleen Manning, Maureen Young and Brenda Roche) will supply the prizes. When you donate a prize, please put your name on it, so we can properly thank you! We also would like to extend a thank you to all who help at the card games as well as those who come out every week!!!!

HUNGRY HEARTS CAFÉ

Our long awaited Annual Hungry Hearts Café finally got off the ground on Wednesday night! As usual, this was a first class event with a wonderful spread of sweets and sweet entertainment! Thank you to everyone who made this event so successful from setting up, to providing desserts, to the talented performances! It was truly amazing to see, once again, the phenomenal talent of the students of our school! A special thank you to Mr. Colbourne for your organization of this event as well as gracing us with your wonderful performance! Hats off to everyone on a job well done!

HOCKEY POOLS

The winner of last week's hockey pool was James Dohey and Tyler Linehan. Thank you to all students who sell hockey pools each week as well as those who generously support this each week!

BASKETBALL NEWS

This week, our Senior Boys and Girls travelled to Placentia to play exhibition games against Laval teams. Our girls played two games and went 1 and 1. Our boys won their game. Laval will travel to Fatima next week for exhibition games.

This weekend, our Senior Girls will travel to Bay Roberts to participate in the Ascension Collegiate Invitational Tournament. Play is as follows:

Friday: 4:30pm Fatima vs. St. Catherine's
7:30pm Fatima vs. Carbonear
Saturday: 11:30am Fatima vs. Ascension
2:30pm Fatima vs. Clarendville

All the best to our Girls!! Have a great weekend and we look forward to hearing about your tournament!

GO ROYALS GO!!!

UPCOMING BASKETBALL:

Senior Boys Regionals- March 4th and 5th Further information in next week's newsletter.

BASKETBALL CLINIC

On February 26th, the senior boys basketball team will be involved in a basketball clinic in our school. Mr. Bill Brophy, a referee and retired school teacher, will come to our school to assist the boys with their quest for a 4A banner. Mr. Brophy is an exceptional teacher and one of the most knowledgeable basketball coaches in the province.

4A PROVINCIALS

On March 17-19th Fatima Academy will host the 4 A provincial boys basketball tournament. This is the biggest tournament that our school has ever hosted. This tournament will feature the best high school teams in the province!

The slogan for our tournament is, 'Time of Your Life..., Hear the Roar on the Cape Shore'. One of our goals is to compile some of the school's basketball history to celebrate the positive influence which basketball had on the Cape Shore.

We would like to create several collages to showcase the history of basketball on the Cape Shore. If anyone has any pictures which they would like to donate to the school please contact Mr. Ivany.

This tournament promises to be an exciting and memorable experience for our players and community. We look forward to your support in the coming weeks!

4A PROVINCIAL TSHIRTS

This year, Fatima is hosting the Sr. Boys 4A provincials. This promises to be an excellent event. Similar to when we hosted the 3A provincials, we will be selling t-shirts highlighting the 4A provincials held at our school. T-shirts can be purchased by our students or any community members. The cost of the t-shirts are \$20.00 and must be paid for by Tuesday, March 1. Any person wishing to buy a 4A shirt must bring their money and t-shirt size to Mrs. Ivany.

UPCOMING DATES:

External Review New Date: March 1 st - 3 rd Education Week- March 7 - 11 th Public Speaking Grades 4-9 - March 8 th K-6 Literacy Day- TBA	Sr. Boys 4A Provincials- March 17- 19 th Parent/Teacher Interviews K -6- March 22 nd Ski Trip-March 31 st Kiwanis Festival- week of April 4-8
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MUSIC NEWS

Beginning soon, students in Grades 3-6 will be able to learn how to play the tin whistle. This will be an afterschool group and more information will be forthcoming! Stay tuned!!!

THE SINGING KITCHEN

On March 2nd, the Branch Singing Kitchen will be having a Turkey Supper at 5pm with live entertainment from the Fatima Academy Accordion Group. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$5.00 per person and \$12 per family. Those interested must call in their names to Kelly Power by Saturday, February 26th.

PLACENTIA BAY FOLK ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Placentia Bay Folk Arts Council meeting has been rescheduled from Thursday, February 24th to Thursday, March 3rd. The Festival of Flags will be holding a public meeting for visual and performing artists and groups to discuss the formation of the Placentia Bay Folk Arts' Council and what it can mean to become a member. The Special Guest Speaker will be Actor and Former Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council President Randy Follett. Meeting will be held at the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts' Centre in Placentia.