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EXAMS/TESTS NEXT WEEK: Monday, February 7th Math 9 Multi-Unit test
Wednesday, February 9th -Math 7 Multi-Unit test, Math 8 Multi-Unit test,
Science 9 Multi-Unit test

UPCOMING NEXT WEEK: Science 7/8 Multi-Unit test

EVALUATIONS RETURNED THIS WEEK: Grade 7/8 Social Studies Dictionary Project, World Geography 3200 test, Environmental Science 3205 test, Social Studies 9 test, English 2201 Reader Responses, Language 7/8 (Visuals, Summaries, Exercise Work), French 9 Quizzes, Math 2206 test, Math 1206 test, Religion 9 Slide Show Presentations

NOTE ABOUT MIDYEAR EXAM RESULTS

In the coming days, most students will learn the results of their Midyear Examinations. While the term mark reflects the Midyear Exam as well as other assessments in the term, please be advised that students may not have passed their exam but still have a passing grade. Please inquire as to how your student has done in these important examinations. Most students will know their Midyear Exam results by the end of this week or early next week. It is essential that parents and guardians keep up to date on how students are doing. Some parents and guardians may be invited to come to school to meet with teachers and your student to discuss this progress report and how to improve in various subject areas.

UPDATED AWARDS POLICY

Attached to this newsletter is the revised Awards Policy that is in effect for the school year 2010-2011. Please discard any old policies. This policy contains many awards that students can receive at the Graduate and Undergraduate ceremonies next fall. Students should examine this policy and see what they can work towards this year!

EXCELLENT PARENT MEETING!

On Monday evening, we finally got our long awaited Parent Meeting off the ground. It was encouraging to see so many parents and grandparents attend to learn about our initiatives in School Development this year. The teaching staff at Fatima want all parents and grandparents to understand our number one goal : Student Achievement. Home support is a critical part of student achievement and we highlighted some ways that families can play an active role in student learning and success. Here are some highlights from our meeting:

- Homework completion is essential. Ensure that students have a quiet place to work and study. Limit distractions and check to see that all homework is complete. Even if students say that they have no homework, they can review notes from the day. Therefore, every night should see some homework!
- Reading is a very important skill that needs to be practiced at all ages. At the Primary level, students are *learning to read* and from Elementary age and up, students *read to learn*. Therefore, regular reading will keep skills sharp and ensure that students are successful in all areas.
- Regular attendance at school is a very important aspect of student success. Did you know that a student who misses on average of 20 school days per year will have missed **ONE WHOLE YEAR** of school by the time they reach Grade 10? Attendance at school is not always possible for various reasons, but we encourage students to get all missed work and catch up for the time they have missed. Teaching and learning must go on, even though students miss occasional classes!

We will carry further highlights from our meeting in next week's newsletter.

UPCOMING EXTERNAL REVIEW

On February 8th to 10th, our school will undergo an External Review as a part of our School Growth and Development plan. 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, February 10th. 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, February 12th.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

As promised, we are publishing the names of those students who did not miss a day of school during the month of January. We had 39 out of 94 students with Perfect Attendance for the month! That is 41% of all students! Congratulations to these students! Keep up the great work!!!!

Brooklyn Careen	Colin Lundrigan	Kyle Careen	Heather Careen
Joshua Murray	Jody Careen	Maggie Careen	Rebecca Coffey
Mollie Walsh	Jonny Careen	Caitlin Lundrigan	Brittany Gardiner
Hailey Power	Jonathan Morrissey	Hayleigh McGrath	Lester Coffey
Emily Morrissey	Kristen Morrissey	Angela Nash	Eddy Lundrigan
TJ Careen	Victoria Nash	Hillary Young	Jamie Mooney
Sheyenne Gardiner	Nathan Penney	Jenna Corcoran	Nicholas Nash
Heather Manning	Miranda Careen	Nicole Lundrigan	Alex Young
Jonah McGrath	Justin McGrath	Brent Power	Mark Manning
Mitchell Careen	Kyle Morrissey	Nickie Power	

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

We have been experiencing very unstable weather lately and it has resulted in stormy and very cold conditions. It is very important that students are dressing for the cold. We are seeing many students come to school dressed for warm temperatures when the thermometer is below zero. Coming to school unprepared for the cold raises concerns about bus breakdowns and other such incidents where students could be stranded in the cold. Please make every effort to dress for the winter.... spring will be here in a few months!

GYMNASIUM FLOOR UPDATE

We are pleased to report that work has started on replacing our gymnasium floor! The flooring crew began on Monday morning and are making great progress. We hope to have the floor finished by late next week!

CARD GAMES

Thanks are extended to Group 3 (Cathie Gardiner, Sadie Nash, Nathalie Coffey-Dohey, Yvonne Roche) and Group 4 (Marian Mooney, Valerie Linehan, Maureen Young) as well as Pat Callahan, Theresa McGrath, Kim Careen, Darlene Walsh, Mildred Dohey, Maude White, Michelle Fitzgerald, Josephine White, Kevin and Monica McGrath, and Ita Walsh who so generously donated prizes for our Card Games over the past two weeks. Thank you so much!

Next week, Group1 (Yvonne Careen, Karen Porter, Michelle Fitzgerald, Gregory Careen and Lenora Coffey-Careen) 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 Annual Hungry Hearts Café is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 14th. This evening promises to be entertaining and delicious!!!! As per tradition, Hungry Hearts Café is a dessert social where all in attendance are treated to a wonderful spread of sweets! This year, we appeal to all families to send in one dessert for our event. The more desserts, the sweeter the event will be!!!! We will need to have all desserts brought in by the afternoon prior to the event. In the event that our gymnasium floor is not ready for February 14th, we will move it to the following Monday, February 21st. Admission to the event will be \$5.00 and all performing students and preschoolers will pay \$2.00. Further information will be carried in next week's newsletter.

MUSIC NEWS

Accordion Group will take place on Wednesday after school.

SCRAPBOOKING

Scrapbooking will resume on Tuesday, February 15th. All students participating are required to bring a note to their homeroom teacher indicating permission to stay after school and transportation after the session.

HOCKEY POOLS

The winner of last week's hockey pool was Nickie Power. This week, we ask that all hockey pools are returned as soon as possible. In the event of weather interruptions at the end of the week, there will be drop off points arranged for students to submit this week's hockey pools.

SCIENCE CLUB

Science Club will be held next Wednesday, February 16th, after school. Any Grade Six students wishing to stay should have a note.

BASKETBALL NEWS

This weekend, our Senior Boys will be participating in the St. Catherine's tournament. Play is as follows:

Friday, February 4th - 4:30----- Fatima vs. St. Lawrence
7:30----- PWC vs. Fatima

Saturday, February 5th- Play determined by results of Friday's games

This weekend, as well, our Senior Girls will take to the court in the Carbonear Collegiate Invitational tournament.

Good luck to all our Royals this weekend! Go Royals Go!!!!

UPCOMING DATES:

Hungry Hearts Café- February 14 th (see notice in this newsletter)	Education Week- March 7 - 11 th
Parent/Teacher Interviews Grades 7-12- February 17 th	Public Speaking Grades 4-9 - March 9 th
Senior High Public Speaking- February 22 nd	K-6 Literacy Day- March 11 th
Ski Trip-March 2 nd	Sr. Boys 4A Provincials- March 17- 19 th
	Parent/Teacher Interviews K -6- March 22 nd

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

Recently, in doing some tidying up, we found diplomas that have not been distributed. Anyone in the Classes of 2003, 2004, or 2005 who wish to get their diplomas are asked to come to the school to pick them up.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Two of our students, Colin Lundrigan and Dylan Dohey, and the Placentia Lions Hockey Team captured Gold at their tournament held the weekend before last in Placentia. They also won Gold at the Southern Shore Atom Tournament last weekend! Way to go, guys!!!!

Congratulations are also extended to Mollie Walsh, who recently passed her Stage 2 in CanSkate! Way to go!

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mrs. Tessie Careen. You were remembered in our prayers.

STEPPING STONES FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Come see what we have to offer at Stepping Stones Family Resource Centre, St. Bride's for the month of February.

Monday: Family Drop in Play 0-6 years 9:30-11:30 & 1:00-3:00

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Wednesday: Leap into Learning 4 years 9:30 - 11:30 NI Culture 0-6 years 1:00 - 3:00

Thursday: Family Drop in Play 0-6 years 9:30 - 11:30 & 1:00 - 3:00

Thursday Evening: Healthy Minds/Healthy Bodies - Parent Program 6:00 - 7:00

Please call Serena Pomeroy, Program Coordinator for any additional information at 227-1010.

CATCH THE WAVE.... REGULAR PAP TESTS SAVE!

There will be a Well Women's Clinic at the Community Health Nursing Office, St. Bride's on February 8th. If you would like to book an appointment, please call 337-2260.

