

St. Pius X School February/March News...

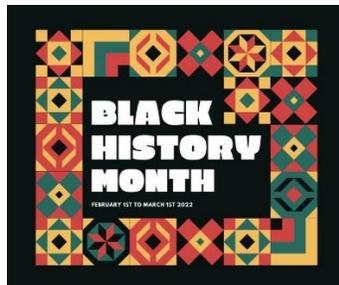
February is typically the month associated with love. At St. Pius X School, we are a faith-filled community that demonstrates love on a daily basis. We do our best to implement the message of Jesus to “Love one another as I have loved you” and to recognize our students for demonstrating acts of love and kindness in our school community.

In February we also celebrate Family Day (Monday, February 21, 2022). We hope that you will plan something special to do with your children that weekend to strengthen the important bonds of family. This could be a simple “pajama and board game” day, a meal you plan and prepare together or a nature hike on a local trail.



Valentine’s Day activities will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022. We are happy to announce that Valentine cards will be allowed this year, but as was the case with Hallowe’en and Christmas, treats will not be permitted. Students are encouraged to wear red, white and pink.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – February is Black History Month. Staff and students will celebrate and honour the contributions and achievements of Black Canadians, past and present.



***DECADES DAY (date has been changed due to snow day)** - With all of the snow days, it was hard to agree on which day would be the 100th day of school...so we thought we would compromise and celebrate on a bigger scale with Decades Day on Friday, March 4, 2022. Staff and students are invited to dress in clothes from the different decades – 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, etc. It should turn out to be a groovy, totally awesome day!



PINK SHIRT DAY – Remember to wear pink on **Wednesday Feb. 23, 2022**, to show your support of respectful treatment of one another.



2s DAY – On Tuesday, February 22, 2022 (2/22/2022) we will be celebrating 2s Day! Staff and students are invited to wear tutus, ties, and tennis shoes!



SHROVE TUESDAY – Shrove Tuesday is the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday, which is traditionally celebrated by consuming pancakes. It is known as the last day of “fat eating” or “indulging” before the fast period of Lent. Pancakes will be served to the students on the morning of **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**. St. Pius X School fundraising will cover the cost of the pancakes. This “breakfast” is in addition to the two Nutrition Breaks, so please remember to send your child with their usual snacks and lunch. In keeping with COVID protocols, Sherwood Restaurant will be providing the pancakes and they will be prepackaged and served to the students in individual containers.



LENT – In March we will enter into the season of Lent. This officially starts on Ash Wednesday, which is Wednesday, March 2, 2022. This year we hope to participate in a live stream Liturgy of the Word for Ash Wednesday with Father Andrew from St. Pius Church.

The three pillars of lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. How will you and your family commit to Lent this year? Lent is a perfect time to pause and reflect on how we can hear God’s voice speaking to us and renew our call to serve.



Volunteers Needed – The Prince Charles Neighbourhood Association is hoping to be able to maintain the ice rink at Prince Charles Park, but they need your help! They are looking for volunteers to help with snow removal and flooding as needed.

They are also trying to find a few volunteers to help with the city's Snow Buddy program. Snow Buddies are paired with seniors and those in need to help with snow shoveling. If you would like to help with either of these activities, or you know a high school student who is in need of volunteer hours, please contact Chris Tolhurst at princecharlesneighbourhood@rogers.com or call 519-755-6277. Thanks in advance for your support!