



SPX BULLETIN #32

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW PASTOR, FR. JEFF THOMPSON:

Fr. Jeff Thompson, CSB was born in India in 1960. In 1973, he, his sister, and his parents immigrated to Canada and settled in Toronto. After high school, he earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto, followed by graduate degrees from the University of Toronto, the University of St. Michael's College, the University of Alberta, and Madonna University in Michigan. After his BA and a year of teaching in Paris, he began his formation with the Basilian Fathers in 1984, professing religious vows in 1987 and being ordained to the priesthood on August 3, 1991. Fr. Jeff has spent his priestly years in the vocation of Catholic education – teaching, administration, and campus ministry. He comes to St. Pius X after serving as Assistant Pastor in Christ the Redeemer Parish in West Vancouver for the last two years. His interests include jazz music, cooking, walking, and watching Masterpiece Theatre on PBS. He looks forward very much to being part of the St. Pius X parish community, which he has known since 1998 when his sister and her family moved to North Vancouver. Along with the parish and school, he prays for the end of the pandemic so that we may all gather again to celebrate our faith in thanksgiving for God's many blessings in our lives.

*Fr. Jeff will be joining us effective July 15, 2021.

LIVING ROSARY:

In preparation for this year's Living Rosary, we ask that students bring one long-stemmed flower to contribute to their class' vase on **Wednesday, May 19th**. Flowers will be presented to the statue of Mary in front of the school's La Pietà.

The Living Rosary will then be presented school-wide as a pre-recorded video and will be viewed in-class on **Wednesday, May 26th**. Students are encouraged to bring their rosary to school on this day.

JEANS DAY:

St. Pius X students raised \$319 to support B.C. Children's Hospital. Thank you for your contributions to this worthy cause.

GRADE SEVEN DAYLILY PLANT SALE:

Thank you to those who purchased Daylilies to support the Grade 7 fundraiser. Rather than recycling your pots, Mrs. Sorochan will collect them to return to her parents' farm to reuse. Please return them to the front entrance of the school by Monday, May 17th.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Sorochan's parents who generously donated the entire amount of \$600 raised towards the Grade 7 Legacy gift.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM OUR GRADE 3'S:

Were you one of the customers that purchased a mask chain earlier in the year? Well, your thoughtful donation led to another successful Grade 3 superhero mission! With the money raised, as well as donations from Grade 3 families, Miss Lecce and her team of superheroes put together Mother's Day care packages for new (and soon to be) moms that are living in local women's shelters affiliated with the E Fry Society. Care packages were thoughtfully put together with self-care, mental wellness, and newborn babies in mind. Packages included items such as multivitamins, body lotion, sleep & de-stress teas, hair products, and even parenting books. Thank you to all mask chain customers and Grade 3 families for supporting another mission to help those in need!

CWL WOULD LIKE TO SAY "THANK YOU":

Our Spring Plant Sale was a great success! A big thank you to the parents and staff who supported this project so that we can continue to contribute funds to the STA CWL bursary as well as provide awards to students at St. Pius X School. *St. Pius X CWL Council*

RAFFLE TICKETS:

Thank you to those families that have returned sold raffle ticket booklets. The due date of May 25th is fast approaching. If you have sold your tickets, we are asking that the booklet with the stubs be returned along with the cash or cheque (payable to St. Pius X Fundraising). Also, a reminder that you can request additional books that we can send home with your child. Families that sell 3 or more books will have their name entered in a draw to win a wine basket valued at \$250.00. Draw date: May 31st.

ON-LINE AUCTION:

The classes have been working hard on their projects to be auctioned during our May online auction. Bidding will begin on May 23rd (more information on this to come), and close on May 31st. The classroom teachers will be displaying the projects at drop-off in the mornings all next week. Keep a look out!

HOT LUNCH DATES:

Friday, May 14th Wellfed & Lift Juice

Thursday, May 20th Pizza & Lift Juice

Friday, May 28th Presto & Maxfruit

BOOKS NEEDED:

In your spring cleaning, you may be ready to donate reading books that your child has outgrown. Grade 2 is looking to replace books from: The Henry Mudge Series, The Secrets of Droon, Mr. Putter and Tabby, Poppleton, Frog and Toad, Little Bear and the Ghostville Elementary Series. Please consider sending donations to Grade 2 at your earliest convenience.

REMINDER OF COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

A kind reminder to all of our families, particularly on the Intermediate side, that our students should be picked up and cars should exit the parking lot as soon as possible to ensure minimal social gathering and proper social distancing at pick up times.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Friday, May 21st Pro D Day: School Closed

Sunday, May 23rd Online Auction Bidding Opens

Monday, May 24th Victoria Day: School Closed

Tuesday, May 25th Raffle Tickets Due

Monday, May 31st Raffle Draw-GOOD LUCK!

Friday, June 11th Pro D Day: School Closed

Friday, June 18th Sports Day: Noon Dismissal

Monday, June 21st Kindergarten to Grade 6: Noon Dismissal & Grade 7 Graduation at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29th Last Day of School: Noon Dismissal