



**SPX Bulletin**  
**February 27, 2025**

**For the Remainder of this Week...**

Friday, February 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Skating (please refer to the notice for more details)</li> <li>• Grade 7 Boys Basketball AWAY game vs. St. Augustine's @ IC Vancouver @ 3:15 pm - leaving @ 2:00 pm</li> </ul>
Saturday, March 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>70s Disco Spring Social &amp; Fundraiser</b></li> </ul>

**Next Week**

Monday, March 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Council's <i>Scientist Dress-up</i> Spirit Day</li> </ul>
Tuesday, March 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shrove Tuesday</li> <li>• Read-a-thon begins</li> <li>• Grade 6 Girls Basketball HOME Game vs St. Augustine's - 2:30pm start</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:15 am</li> </ul>
Thursday, March 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot lunch : pizza</li> </ul>
Friday, March 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grandparents' Mass (Grade 1 preparing)</li> <li>• Grandparents' Reception to follow</li> <li>• Reading Log check for the Read-a-thon</li> </ul>

## Upcoming Dates

Thursday March 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading Log submission for the Read-a-thon</li></ul>
Friday March 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carnaval</li><li>• Intermediate Skating (please refer to the notice for more details)</li><li>• <b>Noon Dismissal</b></li></ul>
Saturday, March 15th to Sunday, March 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Spring Break – school closed</b></li></ul>
Monday, March 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>School reopens @ 8:50 am</b></li></ul>
Tuesday, April 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confessions</li></ul>
Monday, April 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CSL Update #2 sent home</li></ul>

## Information & Reminders

### 70s Disco Spring Fundraiser & Social: Saturday, March 1st

*The disco ball is calling!  
The excitement is building!*

Put on your disco duds and enjoy an evening of delicious food by *Catering Visions*, 70's music entertainment, live and silent auctions, 50/50, Square Boards, and dancing the night away to everyone's favourite tunes.

Doors open at 6:00 pm. LIVE Entertainment starts at 6:15 pm.

**Calling all volunteers.** There are opportunities to volunteer before, during, and after the event. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the volunteer sign-up link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FADAF2CABF94-55219011-spring>

### Get Ready for Scientist Dress-Up Day - Mon. March 3rd

#### **Mad Scientists Wanted! Science Spirit Day**

Calling all Einsteins, Marie Curies, and Jane Goodalls! On Monday, March 3, students are invited to dress up as their favourite scientist or type of scientist—astronaut, chemist, paleontologist... the possibilities are endless! Prizes will be awarded for the most creative costumes. A \$2 donation from all participants is expected. The money collected will go towards **cancer research**. Classes will also participate in simple hands-on science activities throughout the day. Don't miss out—grab your goggles, style that crazy hair, and let's celebrate science!

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch – Tues. March 4th

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake meal will be held on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating with a traditional pancake lunch throughout the late morning/early afternoon in the gym. The donation of \$2/child will be going towards *Chalice*, a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family, and community development.

## Grandparents' Mass – Wed. March 7th

On Friday, March 7th, the Grade 1 class will be hosting the 9:15 a.m. Mass in honour of all grandparents. Following the Mass, grandparents, who RSVP'd to the invite sent home last week, are invited to the school gym for snacks and refreshments.

## The Importance of Reading – Let's Make It Fun!

Reading is one of the best things you can do for your child, and it's never too early or late to start! When children read regularly, they do better in school, expand their vocabulary, and get better at thinking and solving problems. Over the past few years though, it has been noted intermediate and high school students aren't reading as much as they used to. There are many distractions these days—extra-curricular activities, phones, social media, video games, and screens. All these things take up time that could be spent reading.

Reading doesn't have to be something your child or tween does alone—involvement by parents can make a big difference, too. You can read with your child, tell stories together, or just share a favourite book for fun. When children see parents reading for pleasure, they are more likely to pick up the habit themselves.

Here's a fun idea: **DEAR**—*Drop Everything And Read*:

Spend just **15 minutes** each day reading together. Drop the phone, the TV remote, the game controller, or even take a break from the steering wheel (if you're not driving, of course!). Make reading a fun part of your family routine.

Reading can happen anywhere—while you're in the car, waiting for a game to start, or snuggling up before bed. Audio-books are a great alternative, and there are many formats available at the library, and there is always Libby.

By making reading a regular part of the day, your child will develop stronger skills and grow to love books. Let's work together to keep reading fun and exciting for everyone!

So, let's **DEAR**—**Drop Everything And Read**!

## Join us for Our First Annual School Read-A-Thon

March is “I Love Reading Month”, and what better way to celebrate than with a week-long Read-A-Thon starting on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. It’s time to get the children to grab their books, get cozy, and read like never before! No fundraising, no stress—just pure reading fun. Each day will bring new surprises, from wacky reading days to mystery guests. Every minute your child reads **at home** will help us reach our school-wide reading goal of 20,000 minutes! (Hint: This is attainable if each student reads 15 minutes a day). Students will log their minutes in the reading log provided to them (see *sample* attached to this bulletin) and return it on Thursday, March 13th to make them count. We are excited to work together and soar to *new heights* with reading as our vehicle.

## News from the Parent Standing Committee (PSC)

### Crossing Guard for March

Thank you to the Grade 2 families for stepping up and covering almost all the crossing guard spots for February, hopefully a Grade 2 parent can step in today (Thursday), as we are without a volunteer.

Now it is Grade 4 parents turn 'again' to take on crossing guard duties. Grade 4 parents are lucky enough to cover the 2 short months (December and March). Please see the Sign-Up Genius below and thank you in to those Grade 4 parents who were quick to sign up already <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FADAF2CABF94-55338907-mar2025#/>

### Hot Lunch

In an effort to be environmentally- friendly, we ask that students please bring their own reusable eating utensils from home for hot lunch days that may require them (ie. Presto, Edo)

March 13th – Edo

## **Athletic Practices**

Stay tuned, as we are still waiting on results for some of our teams.

## **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you**

The Grade Two class extends their gratitude to our school community for coming out and supporting its *Compassion Project* Bake Sale. We wish to especially thank our Grade Two families for generously providing the delicious treats for this day and for staying to assist, as needed. The students were able to raise \$400! As a class, the decision was made to share the wealth: \$200 will be donated to the *Pacific Salmon Foundation* and the other \$200 dollars to

*The Children's Foundation.* We are proud of the compassion the children have shown. Way to live out the 3 Rs!