



SPX Bulletin
March 13, 2025

A Note from Miss Francis

On behalf of the SPX Staff, we would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Spring Break. For those families travelling over the break, we wish you each a safe journey and return!

For the Remainder of this Week...

Friday, March 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnaval • Intermediate Skating (please refer to the notice sent home for more details) • Noon Dismissal
Saturday, March 15th to Sunday, March 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break – school closed

Once School resumes...

Monday, March 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School reopens @ 8:50 am
Tuesday, April 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions
Thursday, April 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot lunch: Subway

Upcoming Dates

Monday, April 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSL Update #2 sent home
Wednesday, April 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lice Check
Friday, April 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student-Led Conferences
Monday, April 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-house Readers are Leaders competition
Thursday, April 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Thursday – dismissal at noon
Friday, April 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good Friday – school closed
Sunday, April 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Sunday
Monday, April 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Monday – school closed
Tuesday, April 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seminarian Mite Boxes due
Sunday, May 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Holy Communion @ 2 pm
Tuesday, May 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 7 Confirmation @ 7 pm
Friday, May 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPX Family Fun Night 5-8 pm

Information & Reminders

Carnaval 2025

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Bienvenue au CARNAVAL!

As part of our cross curricular connection to our Canadian French culture, we will be celebrating Carnaval in our own SPX way. This year, while the intermediate grades go ice skating, the primaries will be back at the school CELEBRATING! This year we have a lot to celebrate. We are celebrating our FAITH (this year's school theme), the Catholic Jubilee year, and the 60th anniversary of our National Canadian Flag! We will celebrate with our FRIENDSHIP mix snack, marshmallow structure making, a Canadian flag tattoo station, mini carnival games, and lots of BALLOONS! In class, we studied that the word CARNAVAL means "*farewell to meat*", and as practicing Catholics during lent, we again witness that Jesus is the reason for every season, sacred or secular.

Please celebrate our last day of school before spring break, wearing the proud Canadian colours of RED, WHITE, DENIM or PLAID appreciating our complex Canadian history on the blessed indigenous land where we reside, learn, and respectfully honour. Especially during these times, we show our unity. Notre langue, notre culture, notre fierté!

Library Update

All books borrowed from the library should be returned prior to spring break. Notices have gone home to students who have books to bring in. Parents, thank for your 'home' help.

Read-a-thon Update: Challenge Accepted, Challenge Met (and then some!)

Congratulations to our Guardian School community for not only attaining a goal of reading at home for 20,000 minutes, but for surpassing it!

44,380 MINUTES!!!!

Indeed, the power of reading can take one to new heights! Many thanks to Mrs. Fischer and Madame Byrne for organizing the school-wide Read-a-thon. A special thank you to Madame for creating enthusiasm for reading each day by dressing up as a literary character and proving that reading can literally take one to *new heights* with the recent "roof-top reading."

Readers Are Leaders Update

447: a significant number of students are involved in Readers are Leaders across CISVA this year!

All our RaL members are doing an impressive amount of reading, re-reading, and writing questions and answers for their selected books. Well done, readers!

A reminder to the students to continue to read, write questions, and study the answers over spring break. The in-house competition will be on Monday, April 14th, and you want to be as prepared as possible.

The advancing team will attend the regional competition at Holy Trinity School at the start of May.

News from the Parent Standing Committee (PSC)

CANCELLED - Spring Fair (May 24)

We have made the decision to change things up this year and we will **not** be holding the traditional Spring Fair on Saturday May 24. However, there is still a fun family event coming...see below for details.

NEW: SPX Family Fun Night (Friday May 23 - 5pm to 8pm)

We are excited to announce that we will be holding an evening of fun springtime activity for all St. Pius families to participate in and enjoy. Taking some of the best parts of the Spring Fair (yes, the cake walk, cotton candy and snow cones...), adding in the Vera's burgers food truck, as well as some new family games.

We have listened to families and believe that holding an event on Friday evening will free up everyone's weekend as well as require a smaller volunteer commitment. We will still need help putting the event on, but the commitment will be less than the Spring Fair.

More details to come after Spring Break, but for now block the evening of **May 23rd** in your calendar.

Hot Lunch

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

April 10th – Hot dog

April 24th – Presto

Student-Led Conferences

Student-led conferences will be held on Friday April 11th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Students and parents will meet in their child's classroom for a 30-minute conference. All students are to wear their full school uniform on this day. Please note there are no regular classes scheduled for this day...students and parents only come for their scheduled conference time.

Scheduling forms will be sent home with your child on Monday March 31st.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thank you to our Guardian community for its support of Chalice, for which \$241.25 was raised from our Pancake Breakfast on Shrove Tuesday.

Thank you also for raising \$316 for cancer research through Student Council's "Dress as a Scientist" spirit day.

Basketball

Congratulations to all of our teams for a successful basketball season! It is amazing to see not only the levels of play our student athletes showed over the past two months, but also the sportsmanship and teamwork that was displayed. Although we are proud of all of our teams, we wish to give shout-out to our teams that advanced to the basketball play-offs, specifically the Grade 7 Girls, Grade 6 Boys, and the Grade 6 Girls teams, as they played at the Richmond Oval this week. We are very proud of having these three teams reach the Quarter-finals, and two of those teams making it to the Semi-finals: The Grade 6 Boys team earned 4th place overall, and the Grade 6 Girls team earned 3rd place. Congratulations, girls, for earning those bronze medals.

Most importantly, though, we are proud of the composure and grace our students demonstrated on the court.

Respectfully, we ask that athletes return their jerseys (washed). to their coaches. Thank you to all of the coaches for their hard work and commitment to the SPX basketball program.

Athletic Practices

Monday, March 31st	GIRLS SOCCER: Juvenile Girls from 3:15 to 4:15 pm (turf)
Tuesday, April 1st	GIRLS SOCCER: Senior Girls from 3:15 to 4:15 pm (turf)
Wednesday, April 2nd	GIRLS SOCCER Juvenile Girls from 3:15 to 4:15 pm (turf)
Thursday, April 3rd	GIRLS SOCCER: Senior Girls from 3:15 to 4:15 pm (turf)

	TRACK: Grade 3 and 4 running practice only 3:15 - 4:15 pm
Friday, April 4th	TRACK: Grade 3 and 4 running practice only 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Students are expected to attend all practices unless a parent note is provided to the coach. Students are also expected to be punctual for all practices.