



St. Martin de Porres Catholic School

June Update

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are entering the final weeks of school. Over the next couple of weeks, students will be completing several assessments: Grade 2, 5, and 7 are in the process of completing the Canadian Achievement Test, version 4 (or CAT/4) and students in Grades 3 and 6 will be soon completing the EQAO assessments for 2010. Please ensure that your children are at school each day and on time to take part in these important assessments.

The big news over the past few days has been the results of our vote for a new school dress code. Well over 70% of our families responded with their ballots and, of these, over 88% offered support for the new school dress code. Beginning in September 2010, the new dress code will be part of school life at our school. The code in a simple chart form of "what" and "what-not" to wear is included with this newsletter. We are now in the process of setting up a "Uniform Day" for parents to visit the school, size their child, and select items for the new school year. More information will follow soon.

Finally, if you are not currently on our email list, please call the school and provide your email address. You'll get all the school news more quickly and on-time.

Lots O' Laps Fundraiser

Many thanks to all those students, parents, and staff who supported our Lots O' Laps Fundraiser. The tabulating of final numbers is still coming, but it appears we have raised in excess of \$2500.00 in our fundraiser.

There was certainly a good deal of excitement on the part of our students as they ran the course outside the school on Friday, May 28th. Jumping the barriers and diving under the low fence, all made for a lot of fun. Following the running, students enjoyed a BBQ lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers. Thanks to Mr. Lloyd for his "uber-chef" skills and all the Grade 8 helpers. Also a big thank-you to Mr. Nadon for setting up the running course.

In the afternoon, we had our final draw for the numerous videogame-gifts available for students to win. Congratulations to Jetro in Ms. Attard's class who took home the PSP, Noel in Ms. Knutson's class who won the Xbox, Keira in Ms. Donnelly's class who snagged the Wii, and, finally, Reanne in Ms. Ramey's class who captured the PS3. A final congratulations to Anton and Alex Clarke who were our top sellers and will share the Nintendo DS.

New School Dress Code

Our school has developed and now will adopt a parent-initiated uniform dress code policy. This policy was developed in consultation with our school community, staff and the Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC).

This is a mandatory dress code for all students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade Eight. All students are required to dress in white tops and navy blue bottoms on a daily basis and when representing the school. White tops and navy blue sweaters must display the St. Martin de Porres School Crest. When wearing a sweater, students may choose to wear any white top beneath the sweater. The dress code was established to enhance school spirit, student safety, and support a positive learning environment.

Parents may purchase their children's white tops (worn beneath a sweater) and navy bottoms at any department store or clothing store. St. Martin de Porres Crested items (white tops – long and short sleeve golf shirts and girl's blouses – and navy sweaters (including polo zip, vests, and cardigans) are purchased from our official uniform store, *InSchoolwear*.

The new dress code will not take effect until September 2010. Over the next month, we will have an opportunity for students to purchase items here at the school. Also, in late August or early September, we will offer parents a second opportunity to purchase the necessary uniform items. In order to make your choices easier, the committee has created a chart of "WHAT" and "WHAT-NOT" to wear. It is enclosed on the reverse side of this page.

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<p>White Tops Include:</p> <p>Outerwear – purchased through Supplier, and</p> <p>Beneath Sweater – purchased at any retailer (plain white is necessary with no logos, except the school logo)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When worn as the outside or viewable clothing piece, students must have the school crest on the left side of the shirt. Students may wear any item available from our uniform supplier, InSchoolwear When worn beneath a school sweater (polo, vest, or cardigan), students may wear any white top purchased at any retail store. Please note that students wearing sweaters must wear them for classroom and school activities, except Physical Education, physically intensive activities, or other circumstances deemed appropriate by the teacher.
<p>Navy Bottoms</p> <p>Includes: shorts, skorts, skirts, tunic dress, trousers, and cargo pants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking shorts are to be above the knee or longer Skorts are skirts with shorts sewn inside Cargo pants are ¾ length pants or full length pants that the bottoms can be zipped off to make them into shorts Skirts and tunic dresses need to be modest, knee or slightly above the knee in length Wearing shorts underneath skirts and dresses is recommended Tunic dresses are solid plain navy blue and worn with plain white tops underneath
<p>Other clothing items include:</p> <p>Tights & socks</p> <p>Shoes</p> <p>Belts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socks, that can be seen, can be solid white or solid navy blue. Tights must be navy blue No flip-flops, sandals, or open-toe shoes are to be worn. Shoes and sneakers may be any colour. Belts are optional. Belts, when worn, are to be black.
<p>What Not to Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denim/jeans, vinyl material like wind pants (outdoor wear) Clothing with visible labels, logos of any size, contrasting colours, coloured buttons or stitching, stripes or detailing Hats and sunglasses (outdoor wear) Flip flops and slip on sandals without straps Mini-skirts, halter-tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, t-shirts with vulgar sayings Clothing with tears/holes Oversized clothing (shirts to the knee, pants hanging low and off the waist) Shorts that are deemed too short or clothing that is too tight 	
<p>During the year dress down or non-dress code days will be planned. These days will be noted in the school calendar so parents and students can be prepared. Students have the option of wearing the dress code or regular clothes which may include coloured clothing, denim/jeans, and logos. All other guidelines for what is not included should be followed. Students should be modestly dressed in keeping with our Catholic values.</p>	