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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I watched Dragon's Den last evening on CBC TV. They were reviewing some of their favourite pitches. Hope Blooms was a community initiative launched by a local dietician that inspired the youth of North Halifax, Nova Scotia. The youth group used an empty city lot to grow herbs and produce for local families and they also developed salad dressings that they sold to local restaurants and stores, using the proceeds for their own and other community initiatives. It has been a very successful social enterprise, bringing the community together in ways that no one could have predicted. During the pitch to the Dragons, one young girl stated, "When you change the way you look at things, you change the ways things look." I still marvel at the wisdom expressed by that young girl who was probably 12 years old. I see similar wisdom expressed by our own students, your children, every day. As teachers, this is what really inspires us to reach for higher goals and to ensure we are creating an environment where all children can experience the joys of learning, expression, and accomplishment.

With Spring Break just around the corner, the students are working hard to get assignments and projects completed. There have been many presentations in class recently and I have enjoyed them immensely.

The first of the weekly neighbourhood meetings concerning Mount Edwards Court will be held at the school at 5:00pm Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are meant to provide ongoing feedback to Cool Aid about their operation. Also, they are a vehicle for recording and conveying information to the City (a City of Victoria Councillor will be in attendance), to the Province through BC Housing, and to VIC PD, who will have an officer in attendance. The School will be represented as well as the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association. Anyone is welcome to attend and I encourage parents to do so, if you are interested. One more thing, I will not be sending updates as often as I have been, although I will communicate significant news and updates in the weekly newsletter as necessary.

Stuart Hall

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**Weekly Calendar** For detailed listings, see: <http://cathedralschool.ca/about-cccs/school-calendar/>

Thursday, February 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boys grade 6/7 volleyball game at St. Patrick's 3:20 - 4:20pm</li><li>PSG Meeting tonight 7:00pm at the Penny Farthing</li></ul>
Friday, February 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boys grade 4/5 basketball game at Brentwood Elementary 3:20 - 4:20pm</li></ul>
Monday, February 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boys grade 7/8 volleyball jamboree at John Stubbs Elementary 3:45 - 5:30pm</li><li>Community Meeting 5:00pm at CCCS auditorium</li></ul>
Tuesday, March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Girls grade 6/7 volleyball jamboree at GNS 3:45 - 5:30pm</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Girls grade 7/8 volleyball jamboree at GNS 3:45 - 5:30pm</li><li><b>Early Dismissal at 2:00pm</b></li></ul>
Thursday, March 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boys grade 6/7 volleyball jamboree at Royal Oak Middle School 3:45-5:30pm</li><li>Purdy's Chocolates Orders Due</li></ul>

## ***News, Upcoming Events & Important Information:***

**PSG Meeting Tonight:** 7:00 pm at The Penny Farthing

**Tax Receipts:** Today your child may be bringing home an envelope with a charitable tax receipt you can use for income tax purposes. A note of explanation is included with the receipt. If your child was in Lux Mundi during the 2015 calendar year, a letter stating the amount paid will also be included. Lux Mundi fees can be submitted as child care expenses for tax purposes. If you had a child attending the JK, there will be a separate letter with those fees which can also be claimed as child care expenses. Lastly, if your child was in a Tech Camp over the summer, there will be a receipt which can be used as a "children's art credit". Please look carefully in your envelope as there may be several receipts. Should you have any questions about your receipts, please get in touch with Liisa in the office.

**Fruit & Veggie Donations:** A big thank you for your generous contributions of fruit and veggies yesterday to help those in need in Victoria. We carried just over 100 lbs of donations to St. Vincent de Paul on View Street yesterday. Our next fruit and veggie collection dates are Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.  
~ The grade 8 class

**Grade 4 International Luncheon:** The delicious lunch celebrating all the different countries studied in Grade 4 was a huge success, so a big thank you to all the families for making it so enjoyable.

**Purdy's Fundraiser:** See the PSG Post. Deadline for orders is Thursday, March 3. Get your Easter orders in soon.

**Green Day— Thursday, March 10:** Come join the Green Team at lunch recess on the playground for games, face painting and more! Don't forget to wear something green over your uniform.

**Lux Mundi Spring Break:** If you will require care for your child during Spring Break and have not yet registered, please get in touch with Todd to see if there are any spaces available. Registration is also open now for the Lux Mundi **Summer Program**. Forms are available from the office or you may download them from the website.  
<http://cathedralschool.ca/programs-admission/spring-summer-day-camps/>



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