



Tuesday, September 6, 2005

***St. John Community School travels back to 1955
to mark its 50th Anniversary***

Rolled up jeans, poodle skirts and ponytails will be all the rage this afternoon at **St. John Community School (1205 Avenue N South)** as staff and students celebrate their school's 50th anniversary by heading to class in 1950's era costumes.

Just for the afternoon, the school will operate as it did in 1955, right down to students singing God Save the Queen and having their teachers inspect their hands for clean fingernails!

Staff and students will gather at **1:00 p.m.** on the front lawn of the school for a group photo and to admire each other's retro threads.

The day's celebration starts with a mass at St. John Bosco Church. A free barbecue supper for current and former staff and students and their families is planned for tonight. It will be followed by a short ceremony that will include Premier Lorne Calvert, who is the neighbourhood's MLA. This evening up to 500 people are expected to attend a family dance with a 1950's theme.

St. John is a Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8 community school located in the Holiday Park neighbourhood. It opened on Sept. 6, 1955. About 200 students attend the school. It has 31 full-time and part-time teachers, service and support staff.

"It's important to recognize 50 years of Catholic education in the Holiday Park neighbourhood," said principal Dave Knowles. "The fact that the school and the community remain vibrant is a real testament to the strength and commitment of all our staff and students, past and present."

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