

St. Peter's is celebrating

St. Peter's School will celebrate its 20th anniversary next Saturday, June 26.

An outdoor mass will be held at the school at noon with a barbecue picnic — complete with games and

activities — set to follow.

A collection of memorabilia will be on display.

All current and former students are welcome to attend.

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June 26th, 1999



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Check program daunting

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"Let's concentrate the program where children are most vulnerable." Different student course loads and lunch times were also cited as obstacles to having secondary school absence checks.

The board originally described it as a 'safe arrival' program, but even the name proved complicated.

Superintendent Al Greyson said board legal staff advised changing the program name to absence check.

"We don't want to imply any guarantee about this," he noted. "It's a reactive procedure."

He said parents should be informing schools if their children aren't coming to class. "It should not be expected that schools are upping the ante of caring for students," noted Mr. Greyson. "It's

assumed students are in the care of parents until they arrive at school."

There was some suggestion of using computer-automated calling machines. But Mr. Greyson noted someone still has to enter absence data before calls are made.

More work

The superintendent said more policy work will be done, then the board will be consulted further on the issue.

Board chair Ethel Gardiner said trustees should be prepared to spend board money if they support the program.

"Our secretaries are already loaded up with new duties," she noted. "I don't know how they can take this on as their sole responsibility." It has been suggested the program be established on a volunteer basis.

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