



St. Patrick Newsletter

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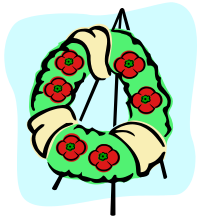
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"We shall build a student focused education by living and sharing our faith."

REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen



Principal's Message

Students have been very busy this month at St. Pat's. There were Thanksgiving and Halloween theme events through out the school. Students and teachers have been very busy working through themes, lessons, activities and outcomes.

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our Family HOJA Concert and our Family Halloween Dance! Both evenings were a lot of fun! It was great to see so many smiling faces!

We were also fortunate enough to have Sigmund Brouwer present to all of our students this month. His presentation was hilarious and inspiring. If your kids are asking to read his books, that's why!

We are looking forward to another busy month with Remembrance Day, New Report Cards (going home on November 18th) and Parent/Teacher interviews (November 22nd & 23rd; a schedule will be attached to your child's report card). We will have on display the traveling art exhibit, "Out on a Limb" in our hallways through the month.

We strongly encourage you to attend your child's interview time. This is a time where you can discuss your child's progress so far this year. It is also an opportunity to discuss how to help your child improve in any areas they may be struggling with. If you are unable to attend during the scheduled time please contact the school to reschedule.

We look forward to seeing you throughout this busy month!



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Attributes of the Sower

"One of the most amazing attributes of Jesus as the Sower is that Jesus not only teaches us with words, he teaches us how to be a Sower in his lived example.

When Jesus is mocked and humiliated in front of crowds, he offers kindness and compassion in return.

When Jesus is set up for choices of picking one group to be better than another, he offers us to consider the gifts within every person.

When Jesus speaks to a whole crowd and realizes one is missing and being left out, he searches out the lost one so that everyone is included.

When Jesus feels abandoned and discouraged, he turns to the one who provides him with hope and comfort.

When Jesus hears of failure and sin, he forgives and encourages one try again.

In our humanity, Jesus is our companion, in our divinity Jesus is our inspiration.

Let us pray in this month of November, as we look at how to become more like the Sower, we may positively model to others the example Jesus gives to us each and every day.

Award Winners: EMPATHY

- 1A Talon Belcourt, Trevor Voight
- 1/2 Alexis Sheridan, Kobe Brown
- 2A The entire class
- 3A Daylan Beaudoin, Caleb Arias, Hayley Snow
- 4A Tyrese Hawrylenko, Elizabeth Thomas
- 5A Eryn Wathen, Heidi Voight, Nadine Guerrero
- 5B Aleah Klien-Gebbink, Dalton Butz
- 6A Malcolm Wilmot, Jenna Garret
- 6B Hayley Watson, Troy Mercier
- 7A Talia Lafferty
- 7B Brady Therrien, Emily Ouelette
- 8A Kate Winterford, Samantha Primeau
- 8B Chantal Escobar



Our Award Winners!



ST. PATRICK PARENT EMAIL LIST



We are working on creating a Parent email list. This will help us to better communicate with our families. If you could take a few minutes to update your email information on the form that comes home with your child in the next week or just contact the office it would be greatly appreciated. We will continue to hand out paper copies of our newsletters as well. Thank you!

PARENTS!

Please call the office if your child is absent or late.

780-539-7434

Thank you!



Crosswalk:

Remind your children to **always** use the crosswalk in front of the school. We have a number of students who are crossing at random spots. This is very dangerous.

We want our students to be safe!

WHAT ARE WE DOING ON OUR PD DAY?

Our November 25th PD day will be a technology based day . We will learn how to better integrate technology into our classrooms, lessons and instruction. We will also have an opportunity to collaborate with other staff members from around the district.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PILOT PROJECT

This year, St. Patrick Catholic School will be one of over 200 schools in the province to participate in a pilot of the new “Inclusive Education Planning Tool” (IEPT) for students in Grades 1-9. This will be an opportunity for teacher to develop new instructional practices so they are better able to meet the needs of ALL students. The IEPT is a digital resource for teachers developed by Alberta Education, which offers a new way to think about and plan for classroom instruction.

We are excited that the teachers at St. Patrick Catholic School are making a commitment to this project. During the first two months of the school year, St. Patrick teachers will be busy gathering information about the students in their class. They will collect information on how they learn best (i.e. through listening, the use of visuals), their interests, and if their students perform better individually or in a group. Teachers will, also, be collecting information on their students’ strengths and weaknesses. Once all the data collection is complete, the Planning Tool will use this information to identify strategies that will be of benefit to each student. The tool also provides information and strategies on how to best support students with various medical conditions and disabilities. As we begin the work with this Planning Tool, students who have been on an Individual Program Plan (IPP) in the past will have a learner profile, instead. The one major difference is that, rather than developing individual student goals, teachers will use the language arts program of studies as a starting point of instruction, and will identify supports and strategies that will ensure the student has successful learning experiences. The Inclusive Education Planning Tool is a teacher planning tool so only teachers will have access and no parent signatures will be required. They will, however, be discussed at regularly scheduled reporting periods throughout the year. This new planning process continues to recognize and value parent input and participation. You may already have received a form asking you to “tell us about your child”. You continue to be an important member of your child’s learning team!

NEW REPORT CARD INFORMATION!

This year, GPCSD, will be using a new Report Card format that utilizes PowerSchool, an information system that manages student attendance, schedules and achievement. The new report card provides parents with an accurate picture of student progress and will enable all schools in our District to report on student achievement in a consistent way. In the near future, this system will give teachers the ability to directly align assignments and assessments with outcomes from the Alberta Program of Studies.

Parents will notice the General Learner Outcomes in all core subjects will be visible for all reporting terms. Thank you for your patience as we make this change throughout the 2011/2012 school year.

We are pleased to be able to offer such a flexible reporting and assessment tool and we are confident that it will serve our students well.

Reminders!

Labels for Education

We are continuously collecting Campbell's Soup, V8 Splash Beverages and Pepperidge Farm Crackers Label's



St. Patrick School BASE Fees for 2011-2012

Junior Kindergarten	\$50.00
Kindergarten	\$50.00
Grade 1—6	\$65.00
Grade 7 & 8	\$75.00

All fees are due on or before September 30, 2011

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Thank you to Tim Horton's for sponsoring: "Salute a Teacher!"

One staff member will receive a prize package from Tim Horton's between October and December!

Thank you so much!

Nitehawk will be hosting our Annual Ski Swap
Saturday November 5th, 2011
between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm
at the Evergreen Park Tec Center

Equipment drop-off is between 4:00 pm and 8:30 pm Friday
November 4th, 2011 at the Tec Center.



This is the last chance for discounts on season passes.

Log on to www.gonitehawk.com for details or call 780-532-6637.



NOVEMBER VIRTUE: CONSCIENCE

This month I will listen to my conscience:

- I will listen to the "little voice" that tells me what's right and what's wrong
- I will ask the Holy Spirit and my Guardian Angel to guide me

THANK YOU

THANK YOU!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

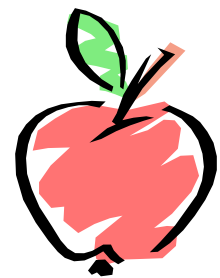
**Our next meeting is:
November 17th @ 7PM
Child Care is Provided**

**Thank you to the parents who
organized our Family Hallow-
een Dance!**

**A great time was had by all who
were able to attend!**

SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE FOR 2011/2012:

**Chair: Ron O'Flaherty
Vice-Chair: Cindy O'Flaherty
Secretary: Helen Beaulieu
Treasurer: Leigh Roberts**



Classroom Reps:

AM ECS—Shauna Osorio

PM ECS— Trudy Headon

1B—Dani Belcourt

1/2S -

2C—Rhonda Carroll

3A—Trudy Headon & Shauna Osorio

4B—Jenn Hensen

5M—Lorie & Erik Ashworth

5L/R—Rick & Tanis Butz

6M—Jenn Doucette

6L—Buffie Hanes

Junior High—Rick & Tanis Butz

Thank you for volunteering! If you see a class without a representative and you would like to help, let us know!

November 2011



Kids' Health

Keep their smiles intact

Mouthguards key for kids

Do you and your children have smile protection when playing all sports?

Mouthguards work like shock absorbers. They help prevent painful and costly mouth injuries.

Thousands of people every year suffer from injuries to teeth, lips, tongue and cheeks.

Where can you get a mouthguard?

A mouthguard made for you by your family dentist gives the best protection and comfort.

Sporting Goods stores sell pre-formed mouthguards for you to fit at home.



If your children play sports, be sure to get proper mouth protection for them. Mouthguards can help prevent painful—and costly—mouth injuries.

Maintaining the energy

Children need meals or snacks throughout the day

To give your child energy and nutrients throughout the day, encourage them to eat a meal or snack every 3-4 hours. Snacks can be very simple to make, and healthy too.

When making a snack, choose foods from at least two of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide. The four food groups are: Vegetables and Fruit, Grain Products, Milk and Alternatives and Meat and Alternatives.

Some easy snack ideas include:

- Berries and yogurt
- Apple and peanut butter
- Whole grain crackers and cheese
- Red and green peppers with hummus
- Half a sandwich and milk
- Fruit salad and almonds

To make a healthy snack the easy choice keep sliced veggies and fruit in the fridge!

Here's a simple recipe:

Yogurt Parfait

- ¾ cup (175 mL) low fat yogurt
- ½ cup (125 mL) fresh fruit or berries
- ½ cup (75 mL) high fibre cereal

Directions: Mix together or layer in a cup



Consult Canada's Food Guide for ideas on snacks for your kids. But you can never go wrong with an apple...

For more information and snack ideas please visit

www.albertahealthservices.ca/SchoolsTeachers/if-sch-nfs-healthy-snacking.pdf

Dancing and exercise: Natural partners

Here are some dance-related activities that can give you and your friends a workout while having fun...

- Start the music and move around the room to the beat.
- Mirror the movements of a partner.
- In a big group, all members of the group can try to follow the movements of one leader.

- Each leader can choose how the others will move for 16 beats of music.
- Move in a way that works out your heart.

Is your face red?

Are you breathing heavy? Are you having a hard time holding a conversation? These are all signs you are working hard!

www.albertahealthservices.ca

kidshealthnewsletter@albertahealthservices.ca

November 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
 6 Day Light Savings Catholic Education Sunday! 	7 Remembrance Day Celebration @11AM Early Dismissal @ 2:35	8	9	10 Day off in lieu Of Parent Teacher Interviews	11 Remembrance Day No School 	12
13	14	15	16	17 School Council Meeting @ 7PM	18 Report Cards go home! 	19
20	21	22 Parent Teacher Interviews 5-8PM	23 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-6:30PM	24	25 PD Day No School	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 	28	29 Awards Assembly 12:40PM	30			