



St. Patrick Newsletter

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

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Father of all mercies
 We ask that you would bless
 the youngest and littlest of learners,
 the most helpless and powerless of persons,
 with Your infinite and loving mercy,
 granting them the strength to learn, concentrate
 and act appropriately towards their teachers
 and fellow students.
 We also ask that you would watch over them,
 at home and at school
 and grant them proper direction so that they
 may learn
 of Your wonderful virtues.
 We ask this in the name of Your Son,
 Jesus Christ
 Amen

Principal's Message

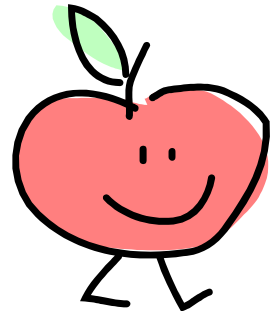
I'd like to welcome everyone back to school and extend a special welcome to all those new to St. Patrick Catholic School.

A huge thank you to our School Council for organizing our Meet the Staff Bar-B-Q. Your time is appreciated! Thank you to all the families who were able to come out for this evening as well.

St. Patrick school is a K-8 school of approx. 280 children with a Pre-K program, as well as a sports academy for Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

The key ingredient to any successful year is to be involved in your child's education. We ask that you set up a routine at home in which children are being read to or reading for at least 10 minutes every night.

Establishing a good relationship between home and school will also help you work with your child and challenge them to reach their maximum potential. If at anytime you have concerns or questions, please contact me at the school.



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The Sower

Welcome to our new school year! What a blessing it is to begin a new school year and this year we begin a new three year theme entitled "Sowing Seeds of Justice." Over the next three years, it is our hope that all of our students and staff will gain a better sense of what justice is and how to model justice in our daily lives.

Each of the three year themes will have a specific focus and our first years' theme will focus on "The Sower". The image of the Sower is that of Jesus himself and is taken from the parable of the Sower, particularly found in the gospel of Mark (Mk.4 1-20). In this parable, the Sower is one who wants to sow and share the seeds, one who wants to be generous, one who keeps faithful with unwavering hope and confidence in spite of unfavorable conditions and possible difficulties.

Our hope is that as we journey to learn and discover more about the Sower is that we too may become the Sower in our daily circumstance, whether it is in the classroom, hallway, on the school bus or in the office. May God richly bless our desire this year to become Sowers in our schools, homes, towns and cities and indeed, the whole kingdom of God.

Staff of St. Patrick Catholic School

1A Mrs. Patricia Brushett
 1/2 Mrs. Carrie Sutton
 2A Mrs. Evelyn Canavan
 3A Mrs. Joanne Adair/Mrs. Jennifer Thome

 4A Mrs. Valerie Beilman
 5A Mrs. Cathy Morin
 5B Mrs. Gerri Leslie/Mr. Darren Redl/Mrs. Kelsey Urban
 6A Mrs. Amanda Lux
 6B Miss. Lexi Morrison
 7A Mrs. Lori Mott
 7B Mrs. Shawna Bulger
 8A Mr. Darren Redl
 8B Mrs. Nancy Maxsom

Jr. K Mrs. Chelsea Lizotte
 ECS Mrs. Kristy Noseworthy
 Music Mrs. Mary St. Hilaire
 Sports Mr. Chris Watson
 Academy Mrs. Gerri Leslie
 CST Mrs. Kelsey Urban
 Principal Mrs. Shelley LaCroix
 Secretary's Mrs. Christine Murphy, Mrs. Marg Popek
 Librarians Mrs. Marcelle Velve, Ms. Eileen McCollum

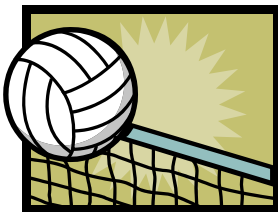
 EA Mrs. Tara Pike
 Mrs. Christine Fugleberg
 Mrs. Wendy Thornton
 Mrs. Anita Scarborough
 Mrs. Nancy Bickford

 Custodian Mr. Leo Cardinal

VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

Our volleyball teams have been chosen and games are underway! Thank you to Mr. Watson, Mr. Redl and Mrs. Mott for coaching the teams.

Games are on Tuesdays!



Boys Team

Justin Kirkeby
 Matthew Gordon
 Jared Larson
 Dylan Glaser
 Matthew Crnogorac
 Justin Rudyk
 Patrick Stacey
 Gavin Olito
 Brayden Shkwarok

Girls Team

Payton White
 Talia Lafferty
 Janessa Boisvert
 Katie Buck
 Sam Primeau
 Brittany Sweeney
 Tanis Courtoreille
 Ceara Smith
 Lexie Reding
 Chantal Escobar
 Cali Richardson
 Kate Winterford
 Ashley Welder
 Breanne Kilmer

PARENTS!

Please ensure that the office has the current address and phone number for each parent.

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!

DID YOU KNOW?

Every year as a school we create a School Plan. This plan highlights our accomplishments from the previous year and indicates areas of improvement. This year we have three areas of focus as a school:

- 1. To improve student writing*
- 2. To improve student understanding and use of higher order thinking skills*
- 3. To improve student engagement (interest) in learning.*



SCHOOL CLOTHING ORDER

Coming home with this newsletter is a School Clothing Order form. We are going with the same company as last year with an assurance that our items will be to us in a timely manner.

The sales rep will be at St. Pat's on September 28th and 29th from 3:15-4:15 with samples and sizes.

Orders are due by October 7th.



Coats for Kids Campaign

“Whatever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto me.” - Matthew 25: 44-46



Once again, we will be collecting coats for the “Coats for Kids” campaign. Please bring in your new or gently used coats, toques, mittens, etc. by September 30th.

Thank you for your support!

Reminders!

USE OF PREMIER SCHOOL AGENDA

Part of the fees paid by parents includes a "Student Agenda." This is a very valuable device and one which we will use at school. We encourage you to hold your student accountable at home through the use of this planner. It is no secret that those who organize themselves properly achieve better. The student planner is to be used for recording due dates of assignments, tests and examinations as well as communicating through home and school.

As a staff we are committed to three specific uses of the agenda:

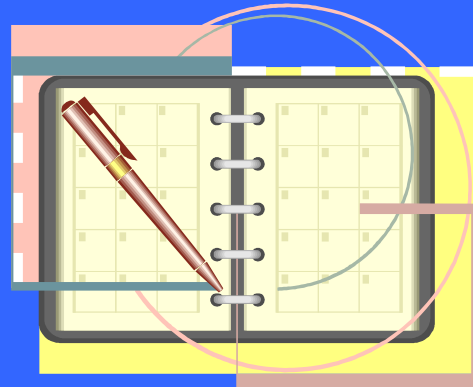
1. Consistent communication between the home and school
2. Encourage student accountability
3. To track homework, quizzes and tests

We expect students to:

1. Carry their agendas at all times
2. Record all homework, assignments and tests
3. Review their agenda daily with parents

We request parents/guardians to:

1. Monitor the use of the agenda by the student



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	\$65.00
Grade 2&3	\$65.00
Grade 4&5	\$65.00
Grade 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

PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION

Junior High Parents!

You are now able to access your child's grades, attendance and other information through PowerSchool's Parent Portal. You can link from our St. Patrick's web-page or you can type the direct address:

<https://powerschool.gpcsd.ca/public>

A letter will be mailed home this week!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Our next meeting is:
 October 20th @ 7PM
 Child Care is Provided**

SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

We are looking for new parents to take on an active role with School Council. We currently are looking for all positions for our executive, which include:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

And if you don't feel you want to commit to an executive position that's ok. Just come out to our meetings, your input is needed.

FUNDRAISER

We will be holding a:

"Mom's Pantry"

**Fundraiser in the near future.
 Watch for more information to
 come home.**

SEPTEMBER VIRTUE: FAITH

This month I will be faithful:

- Faith is what I know is true. I will learn the truth about God.
 - I will share God's truth with others.



September: School Lunches

New school year, new lunch menu! It's time to shake things up and try something new!

Involve your kids. Letting your child choose the foods they like will increase the chance of them eating the foods you send.

Switch up bread options. Try using whole grain wraps, pitas, small bagels, English muffins, buns or a different type of bread.

Add excitement to vegetables and fruit. Send fruit such as bananas, pineapple or apples with a yogurt dip or vegetables like carrots, cucumbers or celery with hummus dip. Keep in mind; kids are more likely to eat vegetables and fruit that are already cut up!

Offer a variety of meat and meat alternatives. Use leftover meat from supper or make a homemade egg salad mixture for sandwiches.

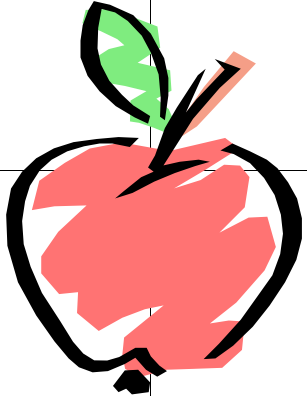
Include milk and milk alternatives. Have a carton or container of milk with lunch. Add cheese to your child's sandwich or some yogurt to round out the meal

Aiming to include a food choice from *each* of the *four* food groups (Vegetables and Fruit, Grain Products, Milk and Alternatives and Meat and Alternatives) makes for a balanced and healthy meal.

For more information and lunch ideas please visit: [http://
www.albertahealthservices.ca/SchoolsTeachers/if-sch-nfs-whats-for-
lunch.pdf](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/SchoolsTeachers/if-sch-nfs-whats-for-lunch.pdf)



September 2011

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					<p>Wear Green!</p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	<p>School Picture Orders Due!</p>		<p>Terry Fox School Fun Run!</p>		<p>Wear Green!</p>	