



Shamrock Times

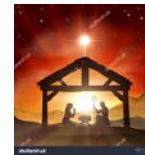


St. Patrick Catholic School

December 2021



Wishing you a Merry Christmas! St. Patrick School a great little school to believe in!



It is hard to believe that we are now in the month of December! I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and parents for all of the hard work, patience and perseverance these past few weeks have demanded! We are grateful for the opportunity to continue learning face-to-face and we very much appreciate that our families and community are following the safety protocols in place!

Understandably, our **Christmas Concert** will have to look much different again this year! Nonetheless, the staff and students at St. Patrick School are committed to ensuring that our families do not miss the Christmas Concert! We are very much looking forward to presenting "Have a Very Merry COVID Christmas - PART 2!"



Each class

has plans to share their presentations with you and the "show" is scheduled to be streamed on December 20th! More information is to follow!

As we are now in the Season of Advent, we will be gathering virtually each Monday morning to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. The word "Advent" means "coming". During this season, we prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus when He comes. Of course, He does not come just once a year. He comes when we are in trouble, when we rejoice, when we pray, when we celebrate, and when we love one another in His name! Wishing you all a blessed Advent Season!



-Our next **Virtual Parent Council Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, December 7th, at 6:00 p.m. New members are always welcome! Call the school if you are interested in attending!

-A reminder that our **Christmas Wish Theme Week** begins Monday, December 6th. In addition, Student Council will be selling Reindeer "Poop" for \$1.00. Order forms will be going home shortly and must be returned by Friday, December 10th. Treats will be delivered to classrooms on Friday, December 17th.



-With the nasty road conditions and cold weather now upon us ... be sure to sign up for bus cancellations and delays. You can have emails sent **directly to you** each morning by signing up with the Northeast Tri-Board Student Transportation office! Go to www.netribus.ca and click on "Subscribe to receive email notifications on delays and cancellations".



December Birthdays!

Dec 7th – Aubrey N. Dec 9th – Hudson H.
Dec 13th - Caleb N. Dec 16th - Jayda H.
Dec 17th – River R. and Cain C.
Dec 20th - Bianca N. Dec 21st – Jada S.
Dec 26th – Hailey H.
Dec 27th – Alix M.
Dec 31st – Owen J. and Caleb and Carson S.R.



Top 10 COVID-19 Basic Rules for Safe Schools

- 1. The best way to protect schools and support a successful school reopening is to keep COVID-19 out of our communities.** Now, more than ever, we need to recommit to COVID-19 prevention. Follow the guidance set out by your local health unit.
- 2. Make COVID-19 symptom screening part of your daily routine.** Just like brushing your teeth every morning, checking for COVID-19 symptoms and using a COVID-19 self-assessment tool (e.g. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>), are essential parts of your daily habits.
- 3. Got symptoms? Stay home!** Now is not the time to “tough it out” when you are under the weather. No one will thank you for showing up to school sick. When in doubt, wait it out—and let your school know!
- 4. Have a “plan B”.** Things can change quickly with COVID-19. You know your “plan A”. Have a back-up plan so you can deal with unexpected changes caused by COVID-19 in your school, like needing to stay home and being prepared to shift from in school learning to distance learning, or a combination of both.
- 5. Talk to each other.** Discuss different age-appropriate scenarios and role play them to support kids in how to handle them safely. Examples include situations in the school or classroom related to masks, distancing, touchless greetings, or handwashing, and getting to and from school.
- 6. Stay informed.** School boards and public health units post valuable information on their websites and on social media. It’s also available by phone. School boards are required to post COVID-19 case information and share any real-time impacts on their schools, such as class dismissals or school closures.
- 7. Be prepared.** This year back-to-school supplies include non-medical masks. Follow your school’s policies on what to bring and what they will supply.
- 8. Get involved.** As we work through this together, we will face unknowns and unexpected situations. Be solution oriented and know that we all have the same aim. Share your observations and your suggestions with your school.
- 9. Take care of yourself.** You may feel alone as a student or someone who cares for a student. Unsettling feelings at school re-entry are very normal—and even more so right now with a global pandemic in our midst. You are never as alone as you feel. Whether you need clinical information or mental health supports—reach out for help when you need it.
- 10. Be COVID kind. Practise kindness, patience, and gratitude—we are all in this together.**

