



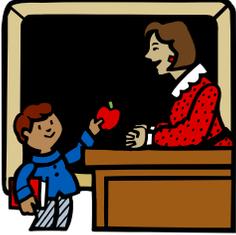
St. Patrick School

"Educating hearts and minds"



Welcome Back!

September 8, 2011



Welcome back to our returning families and we extend a warm St. Patrick welcome to our many new families. Our St. Patrick School Family is excited to have you here with us this year. We hope the year will be filled with exciting learning opportunities. Our fabulous teachers are dedicated in providing quality education and are committed to each and every student. We are continually striving to help our children develop academically, socially and spiritually through our English and French Immersion Programs. We have a devoted support staff, who work tirelessly to promote an environment conducive to learning. I am very pleased to introduce to you our St. Patrick

School staff for this year:

Teaching Staff:

Isabelle Boulet, Lynne deMontigny, Debby Oldaker, Natalie Lanthier, Shari Rusnak, Pierre Dube, Kelly Piche, Angelina Tremblay, John Casonato, Joelle Casonato, Anne Montreuil, Guy Lessard, Peggy Sirosky

Support Staff:

Educational Assistants: Susan Blanchard, Doriana Smokowich, Kevin Stewart

Child and Youth Worker: Nadine Trottier

Librarian: Margaret Courville

Secretary: Paulette Clinton

Custodial Staff: Barry Shadd, Cindy Guenette

Hot Lunch Program: Melissa Ward, Lynn Sanford

Weekly Communication Folders:

We will once again be using the weekly communication folder system so that critical information and newsletters make it home. Each Wednesday, your child's teacher will send home information from the office, permission forms, newsletters, community flyers, tests to sign, completed work, etc. The total number of items each week will be indicated on a coloured piece of paper (communication tracker). Simply complete your part of the tracker, sign items which need to be returned to school, remove all other items and send communication folders back to school on Thursday morning.

Parents and visitors must sign in

We are excited that we have many parents available to drop by the school during the day. However, for the safety of our students, we need ALL guests to sign in at the office. If you are not a registered student at school, you will need to sign in.

As part of our commitment to ensuring student safety, the doors remain locked during the school day; guests need to be buzzed in with our buzzer system and report to the front office.

In order to eliminate confusion and to increase safety and security for your children we will continue the same end of day pick up procedure used last year. All children who are not walking or taking the school bus will need to leave the school via the front lobby doors. Parents/guardians will be met each day by the principal/staff member outside the front doors.

Your child's safety is our # 1 priority. Thank you for your cooperation.

Registration Forms



Registration forms that were sent by mail must be returned to the school so that our records reflect your child's current information. Thank you.

Supervision/Bell Times

Please note that there is no supervision in our school yard until 8:20 a.m. Our morning bell rings at 8:40 and classes begin at 8:45. Morning Recess 10:05, Lunch Recess 11:20-12:20, P.M. Recess 1:40 and dismissal bell is at 3:15.

Hot Lunch Program

Our hot lunch program will be offered again this year with healthy options. A menu will be sent home next week and our program will begin on September 19. Thank you for continuing to support this program.

Agenda

For students in grades JK to 6, agendas have been given out. These agendas are very important to keep the lines of communication open as well as to record important dates at school. The agenda is a great tool to develop organizational skills. The agendas are \$8.00. It would be appreciated if you would send \$8.00 to the school to help offset the cost of these agendas.

Meet the Teacher BBQ

Our Catholic School Council and Staff would like to invite all families to our 8th Annual Open House Barbecue on Thursday September 22nd. Classrooms will be open to families from 4:00-5:00. This year we are planning on having a Passport to Math Challenge as part of our open house. Afterwards, families and staff will enjoy hot dogs and drinks in the gazebo area at the back of the school from 5:00-6:00. Details will be sent at a later date.

Catholic School Council

Please consider a position on our Catholic School Council. Elections if necessary will take place at our BBQ on September 22nd. Details to follow.

Terry Fox Walk

Again this year we are planning our Terry Fox Walk to raise money for Cancer research. We will have a planned walking route on September 28th from 12:30-1:30. We are asking each child to bring a Toonie for Terry as a donation. Volunteers are needed to walk with us. If you can help we would appreciate it if you would contact your child's teacher by way of the Agenda.

As Acting Administrator this year, I am VERY excited to work with you and your child. On behalf of the staff at St. Patrick School, we wish you and your child(ren) a great year! If you have any questions, please contact the school during school hours.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Christine Bergeron
Acting Administrator