



The Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

April 2017

St. Patrick School – a great little school to believe in!

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, parents and volunteers for helping to make our events in March such a huge success! It is hard to believe that another month has already gone by. Students were able to participate in spirit team activities, the Cobalt Marsh kick off assembly, winter carnival day, spirit days, basketball events and Lenten observances. Our Pepperette Fundraiser was also a huge success! Altogether, students sold close to \$10 000.00 of product and raised almost \$3000.00. The

funds raised will be disbursed amongst the classes and will go towards classroom activities and year end trips. Once again, your continued support is much appreciated!



April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of **Fortitude - Courage**. Fortitude allows us to overcome our fear and remain resilient in the face of obstacles. Prudence and justice are the virtues through which we decide what needs to be done and fortitude gives us the strength to do it. As Catholics we look to Jesus as our model. He always did what was right, even when it cost Him his life. During the upcoming month

HE IS RISEN
Forgiven
For God so Loved the World
LAMB of God
love
He is Risen indeed
CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY
HALLELUJAH
Eternal Life
Redeemer
my savior



we will celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection. We will continue our Lenten observances and will be attending the weekly Wednesday masses at St. Patrick's Church. In addition, our Grade 7/8 class invites you to join us **for the Stations of the Cross** on Holy Thursday. The entire school will also attend Mass at the church on **Wednesday, April 26th at 10:30 a.m.** All are welcome to join us!

The criteria for this month's **Student of the Month** is as follows: A student who is creative in their written work and their thinking. A reflective, creative, holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.



Student Absences and Lates: A reminder that a great deal of learning occurs first thing in the morning. In most classrooms, this is the **Literacy or Mathematics Block**. In order to maximize opportunities for learning, it is crucial that students arrive at school **on time** and that absences are kept to a minimum. Regular attendance is critical to academic achievement and overall student wellbeing. When a student misses school or is late for class regularly, this has a direct and serious impact on learning. We want to work with families to ensure each student is getting the most from his/her school year. Should you or your child require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Attendance Counsellor Kim Meunier at 705-531-3075 extension 3511.



Appropriate Dress for Upcoming Months:

With the warmer weather approaching, students are reminded that coats or sweaters are still to be worn outside! In addition, once the warmer weather arrives, students are reminded that **beach wear and flip flops** are not permitted at school for safety reasons. In addition, **all** shorts and skirts must consistently be at finger tip length and all shirts must **cover** the midriff and navel. Shoulder straps must also be at least **2 fingertips** wide.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1st – Samuel B. and Jason M.
April 2nd – Lucian M.
April 5th – Faye C. and Jesse N.
April 9th – Felix G.
April 10th – Emma B.
April 23rd – Sylar B.

APRIL CURRICULUM FOCUS

In Mathematics, students will begin focusing on Data Management and Probability (probability experiments). They will also explore Geometry and Spatial Sense (3D shapes) and Measurement (time, temperature). In Reading, students will focus on point of view, responding and evaluating texts and in Writing students will focus on the persuasive writing form (poster, letter, advertisement, editorial).

St. Patrick School continues to hold JK/Kindergarten Registration for September 2017. If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year 2013 and would like further details, please contact the school at 679-5575.



Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library!

Want to take the **FAMILY MEAL PLEDGE CHALLENGE**? Family meals are the perfect time to connect with each other and share stories about the day. Research shows that families who eat together tend to create healthy habits and feel a sense of connectedness. This month, the **Temiskaming Health Unit** invites you to enter their April contest and take the **Family Pledge Challenge**. Families are encouraged to set a goal (see the attached flyer) and then track their progress! The tracking sheets are due in to the school on Thursday, April 27th!



A Prayer for Spring

Springtime!

Your message of hope
to a world tiring of winter's starkness,
longing for that first crocus
to push through snow's icy blanket
and spread its leaves,
like arms outstretched,
to its creator.

Springtime!

Our yearly reminder, if we needed one,
that to a world that was dark and cold,
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth,
you sent your Son
to break through sin's icy blanket,
and, arms outstretched
on a cross,
he brought us
hope.

Happy Easter!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

