



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

January 2017



All the best to you in 2017! St. Patrick School a great little school to believe in!



On behalf of all of the staff and students at St. Patrick Catholic School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Happy New Year! We look forward to your continued support in 2017 as we work together to create a vibrant, faith-filled learning community!



While January brings the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. Do you want to beat the winter blues? The St. Patrick School Staff and Parent Council will be hosting a **Soups On! Family Fun Night!** on **Thursday, January 26th from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** Hot soup will be provided at no cost and there will be plenty of games to play! We hope that you will join us! More information is to follow!

JK/Kindergarten Registration for September 2017 will take place on **Monday, January 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The Kindergarten class will also have an **Open House from 9:15-10:15!** 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. Registration is also available online at www.ncdsb.on.ca

Our next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on Thursday, January 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Parents are welcome to attend!

JANUARY CURRICULUM FOCUS: In Mathematics, students will begin focusing on Measurement (length, height, width, distance, area, perimeter, and metric conversions). In Reading, students will focus on extending their understanding (making connections beyond surface information and determining important ideas). In Writing, students will focus on Explanatory writing (writing to explain an experience or event).



Jan 4th - Gryphon T. Jan 9th - Max C. and Gabrielle J. Jan 13th - Brice E. Jan 15th - Grace L. and Liam R. Jan 19th - Joel S. Jan 20th - Rex B. Jan 21st - Audrey W. Jan 27th - Malcolm P.



-St. Patrick School is once again pleased to continue its partnership with the Healthy Kids Community Challenge and Timiskaming Health Unit. This year, we continue to focus on the **Water Does Wonders Campaign!** Students will take part in the Sip Smart Ontario initiative and learn more about the importance of avoiding sugary drinks and making water and milk a more regular healthy choice! This month, students at St. Patrick School will also take the **Water Does Wonders Pledge!**

Sacramental Preparation Dates:

Confirmation – Small group sessions will run from January-March. More information is to follow.

First Communion – Parent Meeting on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in New Liskeard.



Confirmation

Dressing for Cold Weather! A reminder that students should come to school prepared to play outside in snowy and cold weather. A hat, mitts, snow pants and boots are required for all students who wish to play in the snow. Should the temperature fall below - 20° and depending on the wind chill, students may remain inside for an indoor recess.



Attendance Matters!

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. Please note that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board now has

an **Attendance Counsellor**. Should you or your child require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Meunier at 705-286-7443 extension 3511.



Inclement Weather/ Snow Days!

A reminder to listen to the radio, check out our school Facebook page or log into our board website (www.ncdsb.on.ca) with respect to bus cancellations on inclement weather days. The school will remain open (unless otherwise stated) but the programs available at school may be modified. Parents are asked to use their own discretion when deciding whether or not to drive their child to school (you and your child's safety comes first!) and are



reminded that once buses are cancelled, they are cancelled for the whole day. Therefore, parents are responsible for transportation at the end of the day.

The 60 Minute Kids Club Winter Challenge begins once again on February 1st! Good luck to all participants!

REMEMBER! ... 5, 2, 1, 0. Five servings of fruits and vegetables per day, two hours or less of screen time, one hour of physical activity and zero sugary drinks! More information is to follow!



This month's criteria for **Student of the Month**: A student who demonstrates **respectfulness** for self, peers and adults; **a collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work, which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.



A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one ...
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

(Anonymous)

Wishing you all the best in 2017!
L. Hurtubise, Principal

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