



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

January 2018



Wishing You All the Best in 2018!

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 2018 as we work together to create a vibrant, faith-filled learning community!



As we begin this new year, how fitting it is that we also introduce our new virtue of the month for January and February – Forgiveness! The practice of forgiveness is an invaluable stepping-stone to peace. It is one means to healing one self and healing our relationships with others. Forgiveness can be characterized as: a choice to reconcile, as an attitude about setting things right, as a compassionate way of communicating, as a specific action, or as an ongoing, lifelong process. Above all, forgiveness expresses kindness. Otherwise, without forgiveness tremendous amounts of resentment or hurt can build-up within. Forgiveness is an important cornerstone of our faith as we reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made to forgive us all! In

our Catholic schools we work to honour and model forgiveness in everything we do!



JK/Kindergarten Registration for September 2018 will take place on **Tuesday, 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 2014 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 Tuesday, January 16th, 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 15th - Grace L. and Liam R.
- Jan 19th - Joel S.
- Jan 20th - Rex B. Jan 21st - Audrey W.
- Jan 28th - Avery L.



-While January brings the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. Why not have some WINTER FUN? The St. Patrick School Staff and Parent Council will be hosting a **Family Fun Night!** on **Thursday, February 1st from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** A hot meal 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!

Sacramental Preparation Dates:

First Communion – Parent Meeting on Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in New Liskeard.

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 705-531-3075 Extension 3511 or email: kmeunier@ncdsb.on.ca

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.



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 2018!
 L. Hurtubise, Principal