



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

October 2019



Happy Thanksgiving!



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

It has been a busy first month here at St. Patrick Catholic School! Staff and students have settled nicely into routines. A big thank you to students, staff and parents for such a great transition back to school! Students have already had a chance to participate in a number of events. First, we had our **Commissioning Ceremony** where staff and students promised to do their very best work! Then, in the following weeks, we had the opportunity to gather to sign the **St. Patrick Catholic School Peace Creed** as well as participate in **Pinwheels for Peace**. We also had a chance to get out and get active for the **New Liskeard Fall Fair**, the **Toonie for Terry Fox Walk** and of course our **St. Pats Amazing Race!** A special thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, volunteers and community partners who assisted us! These events in September give staff and students an opportunity to come together to get to know each other and it helps to build community! We certainly have a lot of great things to celebrate!



October Birthdays!

Sofia O. Oct 1 st	Jason M. Oct. 4 th
Summer T. Oct 19 th	Xavier M. Oct. 19 th
	Daniel M. Oct 23 rd
Liam Mc.C. Oct. 24 th	Liam D. Oct 27 th
Axton B. Oct. 30 th	Sophia B. Oct 30 th
	Jayden N. Oct. 30 th

This year, St. Patrick School has teamed up with **Chartwells** to offer St. Pat students and families more nutritional options for hot lunch meal deals! Please stay tuned for more information regarding Meal Deals which we hope to begin in November!



Back to School BBQ



St. Patrick School will be hosting its annual **Open House and FREE BBQ on Thursday, October 10th from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** We hope to see you there! Note: there is no cost to attend! Come out and check out the classrooms! In addition, Mrs. Shillinglaw, our Resource Teacher, will be available to answer any questions you may have about **Individual Education Plans** that go home on October 15th!



A reminder that due to **Safe School Policies**, it is necessary that we be extra vigilant about having visitors sign in at the office and have parents remain at the front of the school when dropping off or picking up their child. Also, a friendly reminder that if you do plan to pick up your child, please **call before 2:00 p.m.** or provide written notice so that the message can be communicated to the classroom or itinerant teacher in time. Thank you!

The JK/SK class and the Grade 1\2 class will be going to the Pumpking Patch on Monday, October 21st!





We will be celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass** with Father Wayne on Wednesday, October 9th at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome to attend.

-OCTOBER CURRICULUM FOCUS - In Mathematics, students will begin to focus on Geometry and Spatial Sense (2-D shapes, attributes, symmetry, angles, lines, circles). In Reading, students will focus on retelling and summarizing ideas in order to demonstrate meaning and in Writing students will begin to focus on the recount and procedural writing form.

St. Patrick School has once again continued its partnership with the **Red Cross and Breakfast for Learning** to help provide a healthy snack program for all children! **Healthy breakfast snacks** are delivered to all students in each of the classrooms every morning.



Picture Day

We are pleased to announce that **Photografiks** will be our school photographer again this year. School photos will take place on **Wednesday, October 2nd** in the gym. Note: all students will be photographed and then in a few days they will receive a card with their online code so that you can check out their proofs online! For more information you can check out www.photografiks.net

Our first official school wide fundraiser wraps up in a few days! **VESEYS** order forms are due in on **Wednesday, October 9th**! All of the proceeds will go towards our Inflatable Fun Day and student activities/year end trips!



Parent Council:

Nomination Forms were sent home in September. A big **THANK YOU** to those who have signed up! There will be no need for elections! Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 8th**. Together, we will work to improve the educational experiences of all of our students!



Sacramental Preparation Dates:

If you have a child who wishes to receive the sacrament of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion, or Confirmation, please contact Fr. Wayne at 705 647-5035.



Our PALS (Playground Activity Leaders) are back on the job beginning October 7th! A big thank you to Angela Labonte from the Timiskaming Health Unit and our Child and Youth Worker Ms. O'Shea for training our leaders! They are a great group!



A Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious God in this busyness of my day, I sometimes forget to stop and thank you for all that is good in my life.

My blessings are many and my heart is filled with gratefulness for the gift of living, for the ability to love and be loved, for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creation, for sleep and water, for a mind that thinks and a body that feels.

I thank you too for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Things that seem challenging, unfair or difficult.

In the silence of my soul, I thank you most of all for your unconditional and eternal love.

Amen

Have a wonderful October ... and Thanksgiving!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

