

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Mon. Nov. 11

-Remembrance Day
-Grade 7&8 students to cenotaph

Tues. Nov. 12

Catholic School Council
Meeting 6:30-7:30

Wed. Nov. 13

-Progress reports go home

-Fresh from the Farm delivery date

Thurs. Nov. 14

-Pick up Fresh from the Farm orders today

Tues. Nov. 19

-School Mass @ 9:00

Wed. Nov. 20

-Student-Led teacher conferences 3:30-6:30
-Garage & Bake Sale fundraiser in the gym for Grade 7 & 8 educational trip

Mon. Nov. 25

Staff meeting 3:30-4:30

Wed. Nov. 27

Photo retake day (was originally scheduled for Nov. 13th)

BELL TIMES

8:45—School Starts
9:55-10:10—Recess
11:30-12:00—Lunch
12:00-12:25—Lunch Recess
1:50-2:05—Recess
3:15—Dismissal

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From the Principal's Desk

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Our Grade 7 & 8 students will be going to our local cenotaph for the Kapuskasing Remembrance Day parade and celebration. Be sure to dress for the weather as it is often quite cold! **LEST WE FORGET!**



STUDENT-LED TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Wednesday November 20th, we are hosting our annual student-led teacher conferences. Your child has been working very hard to prepare for this event. Our conferences will run from 3:30-6:30. **New this year:** there will be no set appointment times. We ask that you spend approximately 10 minutes with your child and their teacher to discuss their progress, their work and their goals for the remainder of the term. Our Grade 7 & 8 students will be hosting a garage sale and bake sale in the gym as a fundraiser for their educational trip. Be sure to bring your money!

FRESH FROM THE FARM

Thank you for your support. We have raised \$1052.20, which will be used for special events, activities and equipment to benefit all our students. Our delivery is scheduled for November 13th. We hope that orders will be ready for pick up on November 14th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Has your child been busy helping their community? We encourage our staff and students to live their faith by active service. All students are expected to participate in community service projects over the course of the school year. If your child has completed any community service hours, please send the completed track to school. If you would like additional tracking sheets, please contact the school. An update with your child's total hours will be sent home with Term 1 (Feb.) and Term 2 (June) report cards.

POPPY PROJECT

Be sure to check out our new bus turn around over the next few weeks to see our poppy project. You will see 31 hand-crafted poppies; each one represents one of the war heroes from Kapuskasing who died during combat. Each class will be responsible for 3-5 of these heroes—we will be researching them and offering prayers for their families.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

A reminder to make sure that your children are dressing for the weather – including jacket, hat, mitts, splash pants and boots. All students should also make sure that they have a full set of clothes to change into that is left at the school. Please make sure that your child does.

CELL PHONES

The Ministry of Education introduced a restriction on the use of personal mobile devices, such as cell phones, in the classroom. It's being referred to as a “cellphone ban” in the media. Exceptions are being made if cellphones are required for health or medical purposes—to support special education needs.

Please remind your child that cell phones that are brought to school need to remain off and in school bags/lockers (not on person). Cell phones that are being used on school property (recess, hallway, bathroom, classes, etc.) may be confiscated and can be picked up by a parent at the office. Thank you for continuing to keep our children safe.



Yours in Education,
Mrs. Gretchen Morgan

Curriculum Focus for November

In Mathematics, students will begin to focus on Data Management and Probability (attributes, graphs). In Reading, students will continue to focus on retelling and summarizing ideas in order to demonstrate meaning and in Writing students will focus on the recount, procedural and explanatory writing form.

We are thrilled to be able to offer healthy snacks and breakfast each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Thanks to our amazing parent volunteer **Kim Kirkby** who volunteers each week. Special thank you to the **Hersey family** who donate fruits and veggies twice monthly!



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.

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. As the year progresses, we hope to decrease the amount of paper sent home; we are planning to have information available on our Facebook page.

Be sure to check your child's bag each Wednesday. Be sure to "like" our Facebook page.

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Catholic School Council Elections

Our Catholic School Council is looking for you! We meet a minimum of four times throughout the year and support the school in promoting student achievement. A nomination ballot is attached to this newsletter for your convenience. We hope many parents will allow their names to stand for election, as it is an excellent forum to communicate your ideas and concerns. A term will run from September to September. No experience is necessary...just a willingness to make our school better. Elections will take place on September 25 (if needed). **The first meeting for our new council is on Monday October 28th at 6:00 p.m.**

Volunteer to help make your child's school a better place. Become involved in our School Council.

School Open House

Our Catholic School Council and Staff would like to invite all families to our 14th Annual Open House on Wednesday September 25th.

This is a great opportunity to have your child show you their classroom and to dis-

cuss classroom expectations and goals for the year.

Please note that this is not a parent/teacher interview, simply a **Welcome back open house** to meet the teachers and celebrate the start of the school year. We are eager to see you on Wed. Septem-

ber 25th, 2019. from 4:00-6:00

Check out next week's communication folder for the invitation and more details.



School safety reminders and volunteers

Parents & Visitors must sign in:

Parents are welcomed to the school throughout the year, however, for the safety of our staff and students, parents and visitors must use only the front door for entry and need to sign in at the office.

As part of our commitment to ensuring student safety, the doors remain locked during the school day; visitors need to be buzzed in with our buzzer system and report to the front office. Visitors are not entitled to go to the classrooms as this is a disruption to student programming.

If you need to go to the classroom, arrangements can be made in advance with your child's classroom teacher. Parent messages and deliveries (keys, lunches, etc.) are handled through the office. Student lunches can be left on the shelf outside the front office. Don't forget to label your child's lunch.

At the end of the day (3:15)

Students taking the bus will use the back door by the Church (until our bus turnaround is complete); students who walk or ride their bikes will use the doors by the gym. If you are

picking up your child at the end of the day, feel free to enter the school anytime after 3:00 to wait for your child in the lobby.

Volunteering @ St. Pat's

If you are interested in volunteering at the school you are required to present the school administration with an original copy of a valid vulnerable sectors check (criminal record). An application can be picked-up at the office. If you provided us with a copy in the past, you are asked to sign an offence declaration form which can also be completed at the office. We appreciate your help and involvement!



Your child's safety is our # 1 priority. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at St. Patrick School.

Virtue of the Month: Faith

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are focussing this month on the virtue of Faith. The quote from John's gospel reminds us, "Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe" John 20:29. We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. They are on your

What is faithfulness? Truth. Trustworthy. Believable. Loyal. Accurate. When we talk about faithfulness, we're talking about someone sticking by our side, being on our team, staying loyal to us. Someone who is faithful is someone you can count on. You know they won't tell you things that aren't true or try to hurt you.

side. On your team. In your corner. Faithfulness is the belief and trust and loyalty all rolled into one ball of comfort and strength. Being a Catholic is founded in Faith—Faith in the Lord. Remember that it is through our words and actions that our faith becomes evident. It is our Faith in God that brings comfort to our lives.



Agenda

Planners:

All students in JK-Grade 6 have been given an agenda planner. Please feel free to pay your child's teacher \$8.00. Payment prior to the end of September would be appreciated.