

St. Pat's Pulse

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Wed. October 2,
2019

Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Wed. Oct. 2

-IPRC meetings in room 112
-McDonald's Lunch orders
and money due today

Fri. Oct. 4

-McDonald's Lunch fundrais-
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Wed. Oct. 9

-Grilled cheese money &
orders due

Thurs. Oct. 10

-Immunizations today
-Brittany Counter here

Fri. Oct. 11

Grilled Cheese Day

Mon. Oct. 14

Happy Thanksgiving—No
School

Wed. Oct. 16

-Breakfast Club Starts 8:15-
8:45 (every Monday,
Wednesday & Friday)
-Term 1 IEP's go home

Wed. Oct. 23

MADD assembly for Grade
7/8 students @ 9:30 (gym
not available all morning)

Mon. Oct. 30

-Catholic School Council
meeting @ 6pm

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

TERRY FOX FUNDRAISING

Thank you so much for
your generous donations,
we were able to raise
\$400 for the Terry Fox
Foundation.

Snacks & Meal Time

Please note that children
have the opportunity to
have 2 snacks each day.
We have a growing num-
ber of students who are
coming to the office in the
afternoon to get a snack.
Please ensure your child
has enough snacks to last
during the day.

At meal time, please
make sure that your child
has everything they need
including; spoon, fork,
bowl. If using our micro-
waves, try to have items
that will take between 30
seconds and 2 minutes,
as children will not have

enough time to eat if they
take longer.

Peanut & Tree Nut Products

Please do not bring pea-
nuts, peanut butter or tree
nut products to school.

We have students who
have life-threatening aller-
gies if they come into con-
tact with

them.
Thanks so
much for
keeping our
students safe.



Fresh From the FARM

Our school is participating
in the Fresh From the
Farm Fundraiser this
year. Our school will be
able to keep 40% of the
sales. This fundraiser not
only helps us raise money
for student activities but
also supports Ontario

farmers. **There will be a
prize for the student
who sells the most!**

Bundle A—5lbs potatoes,
3lbs carrots, 3lbs sweet
potatoes and 3 lbs onions
for only \$14.00.

Bundle B is an 8lb bag of
Empire apples. Orders
are due no later than

Wed. Oct. 9th.
Deliveries will be made in
November.

Bus Drop Off

We are waiting for some
changes to the gates and
hope to be opening this
area soon.

Student Agendas

A reminder that your \$8 is
currently due to the office
if you have not paid.
Thanks to all who have.



Yours in Education,
Mrs. Gretchen Morgan

Catholic School Council

This year, we were not required to hold elections for our parent representatives. Here is the list of acclaimed Catholic School Council members for 2019-2020: Danielle Beau-
lieu, Kathy Blondeel, Cheryl Bugler, Cindy Card, Stacey Habel, Margarete Lalonde, Tam-
my Stanbury. The teaching representatives are Pierre Dube and Joelle Casonato. If you
have any concerns that you would like your Catholic School Advisory Council to discuss,
please contact one of the parent representatives. Our first Catholic School Council
meeting is on Monday October 28th, 2019 at 6pm

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/st.patskap/>



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

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.**

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.