

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Fri. Jan. 17

Subway lunch

Tues. Jan. 21

Province-wide OECTA teacher strike. School is closed to students.

Wed. Jan. 22

Grilled cheese orders and money due today

Fri. Jan. 24

Grilled cheese lunch

Tues. Jan. 28

JK Registration and Open House 9:00-4:00 (all students born in 2016)

Wed. Jan. 29

Community service trackers due

Thurs. Jan. 30

School-wide writing sample today

Fri. Jan. 31

Professional Activity Day—No school for students

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

St. Patrick School—“Educating hearts & minds”

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From the Principal's Desk

Kindergarten Registration

If your child was born in 2016, Kindergarten registration is now available by visiting our website at www.ncdsb.on.ca. Simply click on the “online Registration Request” button to begin. Our School’s annual Kindergarten Open House is scheduled for **Tuesday January 28th**. You and your child are invited to visit our school. Where possible, please complete the registration process on-line before visiting the school. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday January 28th from 9:00-4:00.



Student Drop Off & Pick Up

Please remember to use our school parking lot when you are dropping off or picking up your children. We encourage all our students to go directly to the school yard (using the gate between the Church and the School). We continue to have many parents park on the road which is causing problems with traffic flow. We also have a number of bus drivers who have had close calls when students are running across the road (being dropped off at Baptist Church or along the road). Let’s all work together to keep our children safe.



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OECTA Province-Wide Strike

Our school board has been advised that the Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Associate will engage in a one-day province wide full withdrawal of services on **Tuesday January 21st**. School safety remains a priority, as such, we would not be able to safely operate our schools. St. Pat’s will be CLOSED to students on Tuesday January 21st, unless a strike is averted. We will keep you updated on our School Facebook Page (St. Patrick School—Kapuskasing).

Community Service Trackers

- Please submit by the end of the month!



Yours in Education,
Mrs. Gretchen Morgan

School Cash On-line



We have great news! There is a new method for playing for school activities, placing orders and paying for special events and activities. School Cash Online will help us move away from having cash and cheques flow through schoolbags and classrooms. The best part: no more looking for order forms! We are very excited and we hope that you are too!

If all families could please take 5 minutes to register, it would be very much appreciated. Although there isn’t anything available for purchase just yet, we would ask that you register. Thank you to those of you who registered before Christmas. Congratulations to Shaylee Irvine who was the winner of a prize for early registration. Everyone who registers before the end of the month will be put into a draw for another prize.

Please follow the instructions that were sent home in green folders on Wed. Jan. 8, 2020. You can also use this link: <https://northeasterncdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Note: A child can be linked to up to four different adults as long as the email address is different. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the school 705-335-3241

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.

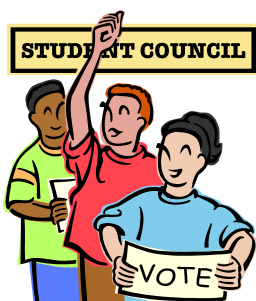
Simply complete your part of the tracker, sign items which need to be returned to school, remove all other items and send communication folders back to school on Thursday morning. As the year progresses, we hope to decrease the amount of paper sent home; we are planning to have information available 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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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.

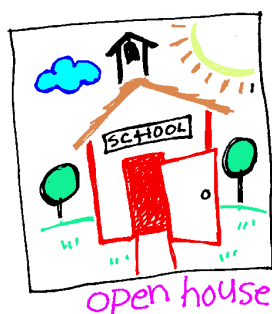
This is a great opportunity to have your child show you their classroom and to dis-

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.