

St. Pat's Pulse

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Wed. Sept. 18,
2019

Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Fri. Sept. 20

Hat day Terry Fox fundraiser (\$1.00)

-Heritage Day (wear Camo)

Tues. Sept. 24

-Picture day. Bring your smile

Wed. Sept. 25

-Rowan's Law day—wear PURPLE

-Welcome back BBQ and Meet the Teacher night 4:00-6:00

-Catholic School Council Elections (if required)

Thurs. Sept. 26

Terry Fox Walk—wear GREEN & YELLOW or Terry Fox shirt (if ordered last year). Tootie for Terry (\$2.00)

Friday Sept. 27

Every child matters—ORANGE shirt day

Mon. Sept. 30

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



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From the Principal's Desk

HERITAGE DAY

Is an official day set in federal law to respect and recognize hunting, trapping and fishing as part of Canada's national heritage. Everyone is invited to wear camouflage to school on Friday September 20th, 2019

TERRY FOX FUNDRAISING

We will be having another “HAT DAY” on Friday September 20th. Bring \$1.00 so that you can wear your hat all day in school. We also encourage you to make a donation “Toonie for Terry”.

PICTURE DAY:

We are excited that Life-touch photography will be at our school on Tuesday September 24th. We hope to have all pictures taken in the morning. Be sure to bring your smile!



ROWAN'S LAW DAY

Is a day to increase awareness about concussions and to share Rowan Stringer's story. Feel free to wear purple, which was her favourite colour on Wednesday September 24th.

TERRY FOX DAY SCHOOL RUN

We will be joining thousands of students across Canada on Thursday September 26th at 12:30. If your child is present at school, they will be walking 2.5 km. Be sure to wear school colours (yellow and green). We would love for you to join us. Our student leaders will be doing Super Mario activities in the gym from 2:00-3:00. Feel free to bring a toonie for Terry.



Yours in Education,
Mrs. Gretchen Morgan

Orange Shirt Day—Is a nation-wide event aimed at recognizing Truth and Reconciliation, particularly bringing awareness to the history of Residential Schools in Canada. This day grew out of one woman's account of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school. Orange shirt day takes place on September 30th each year. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Wear your ORANGE SHIRT to school on Friday September 27th, 2019.

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 discuss 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. September 25th, 2019, from 4:00-6:00. Please complete the RSVP form.

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.

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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.