



St. Patrick Catholic School

The Shamrock Times



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I would first like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, parents and volunteers for helping to make our events in March such a huge success! It is hard to believe that another month has already gone by. Students were able to participate in yoga sessions, winter carnival activities, spirit days, basketball events and Lenten observances. Our Little Caesar's Fundraiser was also a success! Altogether, students sold over \$5500.00 of product and raised over \$1300.00. The monies will be disbursed amongst the classes and will go towards classroom activities and year end trips. Once again, your continued support is much appreciated!



The criteria for this month's **Student of the Month** is as follows:

A student who is creative in their written work and their thinking. A reflective, creative, holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.

Student Absences and Lates:

Just a reminder that a great deal of learning occurs first thing in the morning. In most classrooms, this is the **Literacy or Mathematics Block**. In order to maximize opportunities for learning, it is crucial that students arrive at school **on time** and that absences are kept to a minimum!



Appropriate Dress for Upcoming Months:

With the warmer weather approaching, students are reminded that coats/sweaters are still to be worn outside! In addition, once the warmer weather arrives, students are reminded that **beach wear and flip flops** are not permitted at school for safety reasons. In addition, **all** shorts and skirts must consistently be at finger tip length and all shirts must **cover** the midriff and navel. Shoulder straps must also be at least **2 fingertips** wide.



Congratulations to all of the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams for an excellent 2016 Season. A special thank you to our coaches: Mrs. Larocque, Mr. Cull and Mrs. Fleury for taking the time to run our practices and organize our tournaments. Your dedication is much appreciated!



APRIL CURRICULUM FOCUS

In Mathematics, students will begin focusing on Data Management and Probability (probability experiments). They will also explore Geometry and Spatial Sense (3D shapes) and Measurement (time, temperature). In Reading, students will focus on point of view, responding and evaluating texts and in Writing students will focus on the persuasive writing form (poster, letter, advertisement, editorial).

If you have not already done so, please return your child's **assessment folder** so that the student work can be placed in your child's learning portfolio!





April Birthdays!

- April 1st – Jason M.
- April 2nd – Lucian M.
- April 4th – Jayden N.
- April 5th – Faye C. and Jesse N.
- April 10th – Emma B.
- April 23rd – Sylar B.

connectedness. This month, the **Temiskaming Health Unit** invites you to enter their April contest and take the **Family Pledge Challenge**. Families are encouraged to set a goal (see the attached flyer) and then track their progress! The tracking sheets are due in to the school on Friday, April 29th.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gilboe’s JK/SK class for being the top seller in the **Little Caesar’s Fundraiser**.



The entire class has won a pizza party! The following students were also the top sellers in their classes and have each won a prize: Bianca L., Landon L., Sean A., Nick B., and Kelly A. Note: the expected date for the pizza delivery is April 18th!

We are on the web @ <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>
Click on “Our Catholic Schools” and select St. Patrick Catholic School!
Go to the **Parent Corner** to find our latest updates!



During the month of April, we continue to work on the virtue of **HOPE**. Hope is the second of the three theological virtues (faith, hope and charity) which prepare each person to participate in the divine nature of God. As the foundation of all Christian moral activity, theological virtues give Christian life its special character!



Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library!



Want to take the **FAMILY MEAL PLEDGE CHALLENGE?**
Family meals are the

perfect time to connect with each other and share stories about the day. Research shows that families who eat together tend to create healthy habits and feel a sense of

A Prayer in Springtime

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage
'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.'

Springtime is a season of optimism and hope and a Christian lives a faith centered on hope.

Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond.

We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us.

Thank you, Lord, for the hope that you bring and for the renewal that you bring - both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

Amen

L. Hurtubise, Principal

