

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Sept. 8

-School Mass @ 9am

Sept. 17

-IPRC meetings today
-Welcome Back BBQ & meet the teacher & Catholic School Council nominations 4-6pm

Sept. 24

-Catholic School Council meeting and Elections (6pm)
-Terry Fox Walk (bring \$2 for Terry)

Sept. 25

-Professional Activity (No School)

Sept. 27

Family Mass @ 10:30

Sept. 30

-Winit Celebration

Daily Schedule:

8:20—Yard Supervision begins
8:45—Classes Start
10:15-10:30—Recess
11:30-12:05—Recess
12:05-12:25—Lunch
12:25-12:30—Announcements
12:30—Afternoon classes start
2:00-2:15—Recess
3:15—Dismissal

Welcome Back!

The year 2009, marks St. Patrick's School 50th Anniversary. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our current staff and students to showcase how amazing our school is. Over the course of the school year, we will create meaningful ways to celebrate this important milestone. We hope that you will join us in celebrating "50 years of excellence" here at St. Patrick's School.

I am very excited and thrilled to be the principal at St. Patrick School. I look forward to working with you and your children over the next year.

We have numerous wonderful opportunities awaiting the children of St. Patrick School. Teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms and programs over the past few weeks. There will be a con-

tinued focus on student achievement, literacy, numeracy, catholicity, professional learning communities, classroom management and communication between school and home.

If there is anything that I can do for you or your family this year, please do not hesitate to contact me. For your information, here is the staffing for St. Patrick school:

Teaching Staff:

Isabelle Boulet, Michael Caruso, Lynne deMontigny, Debby Oldaker, Christine Bergeron, Natalie Lanthier, Shari Rusnak, Pierre Dube, Kelly Piche, Angelina Tremblay, John Casonato, Joelle Casonato
Special Education: Anne Montreuil
Music Teacher: Natalie

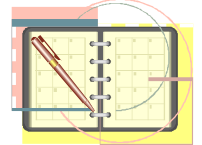


Lanthier
Core French & Drama/Dance Teacher: Guy Lessard
Science & Technology Teacher: Peggy Sirosky

Support Staff

Educational Assistants: Susan Blanchard, Dorian Smokovich, Kevin Stewart, Danah St. Amand (Nadine Trottier) and Lanette Grimm
Library Technician: Peg Heon
Child and Youth Worker: Leonie Dagenais
Secretary: Paulette Clinton
Custodial Staff: Barry Shadd and Cindy Guenette.
During the month of September, we will focus on "RESPECT". I am looking forward to a wonderful year of shining the light on 50 years of excellence.

Mrs. Gretchen Morgan



Weekly Communication Folders

After the wonderful success of last year's Wednesday's communication folders, we will once again be using this system so that critical information and newsletters make it home. Each Wednesday, your child's morning teacher will send home information

from the office, permission forms, newsletters, community flyers, tests to sign, etc. The total number of items each week, will be indicated on a coloured piece of paper (communication tracker). 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. Be sure to check your child's bag each Wednesday. Thank you for your support!

Parents and visitors must sign in



We are excited that we have many parents available to drop by the school during the day. However, for the safety of our students, we need ALL guests to sign in at the office. If you are not a registered student at the school, you will need to sign in.

As part of our commitment to ensuring student safety, the doors remain locked during the school day; guests need to be buzzed in with our buzzer sys-

tem and report to the front office.

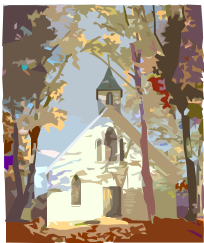
In order to eliminate confusion and to increase safety and security for your children we have adopted a new pick-up procedure for this school year, for the end of the day. All children who are not walking or taking the bus will need to leave the school via the front lobby doors. Parents/guardians will be met each day by a staff member (principal) outside the

front doors. The adult picking the student up will be required to sign children out daily. Parents are reminded that school does not finish until 3:15pm. Children will not be able to be signed out until the end of the school day unless prior arrangements have been made.

Your child's safety is our # 1 priority.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at St. Patrick School.

*We need you on the
4th Sunday of each
month.*



Monthly Family Mass

On the 4th Sunday of each month, St. Patrick's School family members have been invited to attend a "family mass" at 10:30 at St. Patrick's Church. Students and their families will have the opportunity of helping to animate the Mass. We will be responsible for bringing gifts to the altar, greeting members at the door and even doing the singing in the Choir and even

collection. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our faith and to socialize with family and friends at Mass.

Every student, friend and family member is invited to join us on the 4th Sunday of each month, for our family Mass at 10:30.

Be sure to mark your calendar with the following dates: September 27, October 25, November 29, December 27, January 31, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30 and June 27.

If your family is interested in bringing up the gifts at Mass, please call the school at 335-3241.



Meet the Teacher BBQ

Our Catholic School Council and Staff would like to invite all families to our 6th Annual Open House Barbecue on **Thursday, September 17th**. Classrooms will be open to families from 4:00-5:00. This is a great opportunity to have your child show you their class-

room. Afterwards, families and teachers will enjoy hot dogs and drinks in the gazebo area at the back of the school (from 5:00-6:00). Please note that this is NOT a parent/teacher interview but simply a **Welcome Back Open House** to meet the teachers and celebrate the

start of a new school year. An official invitation will be included in next week's communication folder. Please sign it and return to school by September 11th.

We can't wait to see you at the school on September 17th.