

St. Patrick Catholic School

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February Newsletter

Dear parents/guardians

Saint Valentine (patron saint of happy marriages, love) Feast day: February 14
Known for the popular holiday St. Valentine's Day, the real Saint Valentine is the patron saint of happy marriages, love, and young people. Despite the holiday, Saint Valentine was actually a martyred priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14th in Rome. Very little is known about Saint Valentine and it is believed that the traditions of Valentine's Day developed in England inspired by the work of Geoffrey Chaucer. In 1969, the feast of Saint Valentine was removed from the Roman Catholic Calendar of Saints because so little is known about his life and with the common practices associated with the holiday today.

Family Day

Monday, February 20th is Family Day. All schools and Board sites will be closed as we observe this holiday. There is no school for students that day.

Kindergarten Registrations

St. Patrick Catholic School is accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten programs for the 2023-2024 school year. If your child already attends JK at St. Patrick's, you do not need to register them again for SK. **Junior Kindergarten Eligibility: 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2023.** Both Junior and Senior Kindergarten are offered on a full-day basis. Requirements for registration are a Catholic Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate or Birth Registration, and Immunization Records. Registration will be done electronically again this year by going to the following link: [- Algonquin & Lakeshore \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.alcdsb.on.ca/Algonquin-Lakeshore)
Registration information can also be found using our school website at [St. Patrick Catholic School - St. Patrick Catholic School \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.alcdsb.on.ca/St-Patrick-Catholic-School). We are also accepting new registrations for all other grades for next year.

Term 1 Report Cards

The Term 1 Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, February 21st. These reports highlight your child's learning skills, work habits, and achievement in subject areas. Please follow-up with your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns about achievement to date. All parent-teacher interviews are by request and can be done by telephone, virtually, or in person. Working in partnership with your teacher is always important to the Faith and Learning of our students. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is fast approaching on Tuesday, February 14th. Students will be able to exchange Valentine's Day Cards and packaged treats, as usual, but we ask that families refrain from sending homemade treats (cupcakes, cookies, desserts) to school. Thank you for helping us out on Valentine's Day again this year.

Extracurricular Clubs

To provide additional opportunities to our students over the recess and lunch periods, St. Pats is offering a variety of clubs to our students. Our staff are sharing their talents in a variety of areas to offer regular sessions for students, such as Art and Crafts Club, Dance Club, Band, Board Games Club, Homework Club, Reading Club, Choir, and Intra-Mural Sports.

Family Literacy Day

In celebration of Family Literacy Day, some of our classrooms invited guest mystery readers to read a story to the class. Our older students also visited classrooms to read with our younger students. Our reading buddies shared some stories back and forth as well with their buddies. We also hosted a Pajama/Comfy Clothing Day in support of Family Literacy Day. Lots of literacy fun!

Bus Cancellations

Please listen to the radio in the event of inclement weather. Please remember that when buses are cancelled in the morning, they will also be cancelled in the afternoon. **If you bring your child to school, please drop-off after 8:50 and pick-up by 3:35.** You can also check with Tri-Board Transportation website at www.triboard.on.ca for up-to-date cancellations.

Upcoming Dates:

School Council Meeting	Wed, Feb 1
Sweater Day	Thurs, Feb 2
Ms. Hurley' Class Goes Cross-Country Skiing	Thurs, Feb 2
PA Day	Fri, Feb 3
Board Ball Hockey Tournament	Tues, Feb 7
Kindergarten Class Trip to Paddington Bear Performance	Thurs, Feb 9
Valentine's Day	Tues, Feb 14
Gr.8 Holy Cross Information Night	Wed, Feb 15 @ 6:30
Family Day	Mon, Feb 20
Report Cards Go Home	Tues, Feb 21
Sr. Boys' Basketball Tournament	Tues, Feb 21
Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins	Wed, Feb 22
Lenten Prayer Service/Ash Distribution	Wed, Feb 22 @ 10:00
Pink Shirt Day	Wed, Feb 22
Sr. Girls' Basketball Tournament	Fri, Feb 24
Jr. Boys' Basketball Tournament	Mon, Feb 27
Jr. Girls' Basketball Tournament	Tues, Feb 28

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Loyola is an accredited secondary school supported by the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, where adult students can obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, advance their basic literacy skills and to acquire English as a Second Language skills.

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Now offering evening English as a Second Language classes on Mondays and Thursdays in Kingston and Wednesdays and Thursdays in Belleville. Learn more about our ESL program [here](#).

Have questions? We have answers. Get in touch!

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