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March Newsletter

Lenten Prayer

*Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.*

Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, February 22nd, St. Pats marked Pink Shirt Day as a reminder to all of us to be our best person everyday. Our focus was on being kind to one another and to treat others the way you would like to be treated.

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, February 21st was Shrove Tuesday, also referred as Pancake Tuesday, which marks the final day before Lent. As is tradition on Shrove Tuesday, we provided each student with a pancake and syrup in our gym. Thanks to all our older student volunteers for helping with plates, cutlery, syrup, cutting up pancakes, and the clean up.

Ash Wednesday

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter (April 9th). Fr. Amato was able to lead our school in an Ash Wednesday Mass as well as the distribution of ashes following our Mass. Thank you to our school choir for the lovely music that always brightens our Masses and prayer services and to Ms. Choquette/Mr. Nadeau's class for preparing the Mass for us this month.

Milk Cards

Milk cards are purchased in \$10.00 or \$20.00 increments with this CashOnline link:

<https://alcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/23885/187/False/True>

Beacon of Hope Award

On behalf of the St. Patrick School Community, we would like to congratulate Mattie Hennick for being selected our “Beacon of Hope” Award recipient for the 2022-2023 school year. This award is presented to a student who is known to be an unsung hero and has made a significant contribution to the life of the school through his lived experiences. The recipient comes to school each day to give his best to add to the positive climate of our school while giving witness to the virtues. Congratulations Mattie!

National Sweater Day

National Sweater Day is celebrated on February 4th. It is celebrated to bring awareness around the importance of saving energy by switching off the heat and wearing sweaters during the cooler times of the year. The day celebrates the usefulness of sweaters and the consumption of energy. This year's Sweater Day was part of the awareness efforts of our EcoTeam.

Ball Hockey Tournament

A team of our Gr. 6 students travelled to Our Lady of Lourdes to represent St. Pats at our board Ball Hockey Tournament on Tuesday, February 7th. It's an annual invitational tournament that provides a bonus sport for our hockey players to enjoy. Our team played well, showing great teamwork and encouragement, but most of all having fun. Well done!

Winter Games

Our Gr. 7 and 8 students are currently busy organizing and preparing a Winter Games afternoon for our younger students on Friday, March 3rd. It will serve as a winter fun day where we can get outside, enjoy some physical activity, and celebrate the last bit of winter.

School Skating Trip

Just a reminder that our school skating trip takes place at the Frontenac Arena in Godfrey on Monday, March 6th. Our younger classes will skate first while our older classes will skate afterwards. Don't forget to bring your skates to school on Monday as well as your helmet. Have fun!

French Café

Our French teachers are busy preparing for our upcoming French Café on Thursday, March 9th. The café offers our students a taste of French culture while learning about foods, language, and what they may see at a French restaurant. It's going to be delicious!

Beyond the Classroom

Ms. Rand's Gr. 4/5 Class has been fortunate enough to be accepted as a participant in the Beyond the Classroom Program. From March 20-24th, the class will be at Kingston City Hall instead of their regular classroom to tour the building and learn about the many things that happen there. It's a unique experience that allows students to get a first-hand look at how the information that they are learning about in their classroom applies to what is happening in the workplace. For more information about Beyond the Classroom, please visit

<https://www.beyondclassrooms.ca/> .

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First Reconciliation

Fr. Amato and Ms. Johnston are busy preparing our Gr. 2 students for First Reconciliation. The date is scheduled for the school on March 21st @ 10:00. Parents and members of our community are welcome to join us for slight refreshments to follow the Sacrament. More details coming soon.

Parish Report

For weekly church bulletins and mass times, please see the new parish website at:

<https://www.stpat-stmary-railton-odessa.com>

Children from the school will be decorating paper bags to be filled for the food bank, these will be on display at the front of the church throughout Lent, donations welcome.

There will be homemade soup and a bun served in the church hall after Mass during Lent, by the Knights of Columbus (K of C) and Catholic Women's League (CWL). All proceeds from donations will go to charitable needs supported by the K of C and CWL. Please join us on these dates: Feb. 26, Mar. 5, Mar. 19, and Mar. 26.

Lenten Confessions: Tuesday, March 28th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and then from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, March 1	Ms. LaPierre's Class Visits the Frink Centre
Thursday, March 2	Gr. 8 Graduation Photos
Friday, March 3	Winter Games Afternoon
Monday, March 6	School Skating Trip
Wednesday, March 8	School Council Meeting
Thursday, March 9	French Café
March 13-17	March Break
March 20-24	Ms. Rand's Class Participates in Beyond the Classroom
Tuesday, March 21	First Reconciliation
Tuesday, March 21	Grad Photo Retakes/Sibling Photos/Team Photos
Monday, March 27	Gr. 7/8 Class Trip to Like It Or Not
Tuesday, March 28	School Mass (in our gym)

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