

St. Patrick Catholic School

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April Newsletter

Easter Prayer

May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide.
- *Author Unknown*

Lenten Activities

Shrove Tuesday - It was a pancake feast on Tuesday, February 21st, to mark Shrove Tuesday, the day before the beginning of Lent and Ash Wednesday. In past times, Shrove Tuesday, also referred to as Pancake Tuesday, served as a convenient way for Christians to use up their flour, sugar, and eggs before fasting for Lent. Each student was provided with a pancake or two with syrup to mark the occasion.

Stations of the Cross – Ms. Rand's Gr. 4/5 Class are planning to lead the school in the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week, which is the week before Easter (April 9th). The Stations of the Cross are an opportunity for us to consider the time around the crucifixion of Jesus as we approach Easter and to be mindful of the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. More details will be shared as the class planning becomes finalized.

Lenten Food Drive – Following the March Break, we have been collecting non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items for our local food bank and families. Thank you again for your ongoing generosity. You are welcome to continue to bring items to school up until Thursday, March 6th, which is just before the Easter break.

School Staffing and New Registrations

We have begun to submit registration information and projections for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have not completed a registration package for a new student or know of a potential new student, registrations must be completed using the online registration link on our school website

([http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/stph/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/stph/Pages/default.aspx#/=)). If you know that your child will not be attending St. Patrick Catholic School in September 2023, please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know.

Kindergarten Registrations

St. Patrick Catholic School is now accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten programs next year. If your child already attends JK at St. Patrick, 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 the full day basis. Requirements for registration are a Catholic Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate or Birth Registration and Immunization Records. All registrations must be completed using the online link on our school website.

School Skating Trip

Our school took part in a whole school skating trip on Monday, March 6th at the Frontenac Arena. Our younger students skated first followed by our older students in two shifts. Thanks to the many parent volunteers who helped with skates and helmets. We have some great skaters at St. Pats!

Basketball Tournaments

Basketball season finished up in March with all our teams representing our school very well at the board tournaments. All the hard work at practices paid off, culminating with our Sr. Boys' team making it all the way to the finals, defeating many of the larger board schools in the process. Congrats to all our teams for our teamwork, effort, and for representing St. Pats so well on the board stage.

Guitar Lessons

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY GUITAR? INTERESTED IN SINGING?

Contact local singer/songwriter Abby Stewart at abbystewart01@hotmail.com!

With 10 years of guitar experience, she'll help you get on the right track with learning basic chords, theory, and strumming patterns. With 15 years of vocal experience, she will help you find your voice with beginner exercises, pitch placement, and singing your favourite songs! For more information on Abby, please go to

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French Café

Everyone was treated to some delicious snacks, including eclairs, croissants, and cookies on Thursday, March 9th for our French Cafe. Our gym was transformed into a French Cafe, complete with servers, menus, and decorations. Thanks to Madame Murphy and Madame Trousdale for organizing the event. It was a delicious morning for everyone!

St. Pats Winter Fun Day

The incoming winter storm held off long enough for us to host our Winter Fun Day on Friday, March 3rd. The weather was perfect to an afternoon spent outside having a good time in the school yard. Our older students organized a variety of winter challenges for our younger students to participate in with their classmates. Students were also treated to hot chocolate with marshmallows as well as a pizza lunch donated by one of our local families.

First Reconciliation

Fr. Amato led our Gr. 2 students in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 21st. A short prayer service brought us into the Sacrament, which was followed by some treats. Congratulations to all of our students who celebrated the Sacrament.

Beacon of Hope

Congratulations to Mattie Hennrick for being selected as the St. Patrick “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 who has made a significant contribution to the life of the school through her lived experiences. The recipient comes to school each day to give her best to add to the positive climate of our school while giving witness to the virtues. We are fortunate to have you with us Mattie!

World Autism Day – Monday, April 3

World Autism Day is held annually on April 2. This year it falls on a Sunday and therefore, ALCDSB will recognize World Autism Day on Monday April 3, 2023, and will celebrate throughout the month of April. On Monday April 3, 2023, wear something that incorporates a spectrum of colours (e.g., tie dye) in support of understanding and acceptance of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as members of the neurodiverse community.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, April 3	Gr. 3/4 Classes Ugly Duckling Performance
Monday, April 3	World Autism Day (Tie Dye/Multi-Colour Day)
Friday, April 7	Good Friday (No School)
Sunday, April 9	Easter
Monday, April 10	Easter Monday (No School)
Wednesday, April 12	Pro Grant Parent Night (Planters)
Tuesday, April 18	School Mass @ the Church

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Friday, April 21 Earth Day Clean-Up
Saturday, April 22 Earth Day
Tuesday, April 25 Several Classes Go to The Lion King
Monday, May 1 MacMillan Fundraiser Pick-Up
May 1-5 Catholic Education Week (We Are Many. We Are One)
Tuesday, May 2 Catholic Education Week Mass @ 10:30 (Belleville)

Parish Report

Easter and Holy Week schedule.
April 6th - Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 p.m.
April 7th - Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m.
April 8th - Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.
April 9th - Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m. (regular schedule)

*Bienvenue
à la maternelle!*

*Welcome to
Kindergarten!*



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