

# St. Patrick Catholic School

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## May Newsletter

### Catholic Education Week Prayer:

**We are many, we are one; we all form one body in Christ. Lord, when we see the one before us, let us reverence your presence within; When we listen to one another, let us hear with our hearts; When we reflect on each encounter, may we discern to understand; When we learn from those around us, let us respect our differences with joy; And when we act, may we be kind and generous to all, for each person is a member of your body, with all that they are. We are many, we are one. Amen**

Catholic Education Week will be taking place from **May 1-5** in our school board. This year's theme is "We Are One. We Are Many." Classes have received the Catholic Education activities package and will be integrating the themes and activities into the Religion and Family Life program. Each year, the ALCDSB celebrates the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations challenge our students to articulate in society those fundamental values that underpin Catholic education. This year, our Gr. 6 students will be attending a Witness Faith Day on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Kingston.

### Lenten Follow-Up

As an Easter tradition, our school was led by Ms. Rand's Gr. 4/5 Class in The Stations of the Cross on Thursday, April 6th. As always, it is a meaningful time where students are able to retell and consider the events around Jesus' crucifixion, which is a cornerstone of our faith.

Thank you for all the non-perishable food items and hygiene donations for our local food bank. All the donations have been dropped off and the food bank was very grateful for the donations. Please visit <https://www.stpat-stmary-railton-odessa.com/copy-of-bulletins> for more info on our donations.

### CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

We are presently in the process of organizing classes for next year. If you know that your child will not be attending St. Patrick Catholic School in September, please let us know as soon as possible.

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS**

St. Patrick Catholic School is now accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten (as well as all other grades) for next year. If your child is already attending 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 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. [St. Patrick Catholic School - St. Patrick Catholic School \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](http://alcdsb.on.ca)

## **Earth Day**

We thank our school Eco-Team for leading our Earth Day Prayer Service on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. All our students were able to gather in the gym to consider how we call all be caring stewards of God's creation. Afterwards, our students went outside to participate in a schoolyard and neighbourhood clean-up to collect any garbage and debris that may have accumulated over the winter months.

## **EQAO**

This year, the province is continuing the EQAO testing that takes place for all students in Gr. 3 and Gr. 6. No dates have been set aside yet for the assessment days, but we will advise our families about that once we are organized. The assessment will take place in late May or early June. EQAO assesses students in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.

## **Gr. 8 Graduation**

This year's Gr. 8 Graduation will be taking place on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Fr. Amato will lead us in the Liturgy of the Word, followed by the distribution of the graduation packages and special awards. Our grads will then be able to enjoy a grad cruise with a few other schools from our board before returning home with their parents after the cruise.

## **Cross-Country Meet**

Our board's Cross-Country Running Meet will take place on Monday, May 8th, at Fort Henry. The rain date is Tuesday, May 9th. Students should wear proper footwear, bring lots to drink, and dress appropriately to the weather (it's almost always windy at Fort Henry!). If you wish, there will also be a canteen present to purchase lunch and snacks. More details to come.

## **School Track and Field Meet**

Our school's Track and Field Meet is set for Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year, our Gr. 3-8 students will be travelling by bus to CaraCo Field (Invista Centre) in Kingston. Students who are successful at our school meet will be able to compete at our Board Track and Field Meet on June 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. More information about the event will be coming shortly. Please note that if May 23<sup>rd</sup> happens to be rained out, we will host the meet at St. Pats on a later date.

### **MacMillan Food Fundraiser Pick-Up**

Thank you to everyone who purchased items for our MacMillan Foods Fundraiser. It looks like our total profit will be somewhere over \$2,200! Fantastic! Those who purchased items are welcome to pick them up from the school on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:45-5:00. Thank you to our School Council as well for organizing the fundraiser. Well done everyone!

### **Gr. 6 Krispy Kreme Fundraiser**

Our Grade 6 class will be participating in a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser with a pick-up date of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All money raised from the fundraiser will go to their end of the year field trip to the Toronto Zoo, overnight Serengeti Bush Camp experience. Look for your chance to purchase donuts soon. More details to come.

### **Upcoming Dates**

May 1-5	Catholic Education Week
May 1-5	Mental Health Week
Monday, May 1	MacMillan Fundraising Order Pick-Up
Wednesday, May 3	Gr. 7/8 Immunizations
Thursday, May 4	Gr. 6 Witness Faith Day
Friday, May 5	Kindergarten Class Trip to the Kingston Gymnastics Club
Monday, May 8	Board Cross-Country Meet
Tuesday, May 9	Board Cross-Country Meet Rain Date
Wednesday, May 10	School Lockdown Practice
Friday, May 12	Gr. 6 Krispy Kreme Donut Pick-Up Date
Tuesday, May 16	School Mass (at the church)
Wednesday, May 17	Queen's Science Quest Visits Select Classrooms
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day
Tuesday, May 23	School Track and Field Meet
Wednesday, May 31	Confirmation
Friday, June 2	PA Day

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