

St. Patrick Catholic School

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November Newsletter

Dear parents/guardians,

Prayer of Remembrance

God of love and justice,

This month, we remember all those who died in defense of our country and its freedom. Help us to honour their sacrifice through our prayers and actions for peace in our world. Send your Spirit to help us to let go of misunderstandings, hatred and prejudice so that we may grow together as one family.

Guide our steps in the way of peace

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

School Council Members

Thank you to all our past and present parents/guardians who have served on School Council. This year, our School Council has been busy preparing for our Halloween Fun Night as well as our Christmas Tree Fundraiser and Poinsettia Fundraiser. Our School Council executive for the 2023-24 school year is:

Chair	Shannon Jones
Vice-Chair	Emelia Cutrona
Treasurer	Heather Kemp
Secretary	Lindsay Devlin
Parish Rep	Emily Smith
OAPCE Rep	Greg Jensen

Remembrance Day Service

Staff and students of St. Patrick will gather as a Catholic School community to honor the contribution of Canadian veterans and all those individuals who have lost their lives in war and/or peace keeping missions. We will be having a Remembrance Day Ceremony in our gymnasium on Thursday, November 9th. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend. More information will be coming soon.

Student Pick-up, Drop-off, Parking, and Road Safety

In our efforts to promote safety, please be very careful as you navigate the parking lot or when you are pulling on and off the road. **We ask that parents only pick up or drop off students on the school side of Wilton Road.** This will prevent students from crossing over Wilton Road during the busiest traffic times. Thank you very much in advance for helping us out with drop off and pick up along Wilton Road.

Pick-up During the School Day

If you are picking up your child before 3:35 pm dismissal, please buzz in at the main front entrance and we will call your child/children down to meet you at the door while you wait outside.

End of day pick-up

We have two runs of buses; Buses that are here prior to day's end and those that come over from Harrowsmith Public School. When waiting for buses, all our students will be waiting in the parking lot on the west side of the school. Students are not permitted to walk to the parking lot or cut through the buses. If you are picking your child up, please meet them in that area. **Once again, please ensure you pick up your child on the school side of Wilton Road so that crossing Wilton Road is not required.**

Absence Reporting

Just a reminder that safe arrival phone calls will be made in the event of student absences.

Please use the SchoolMessenger App to inform the school of your child's absence. More information about the SchoolMessenger App can be found at

<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home> . Using the SchoolMessenger App instead of calling or emailing the school saves Ms. Kenwood, our secretary, many hours of work each week so that she can attend to other tasks. Please communicate any bussing changes in the agenda or in a note to the office. Please call before 2:30 pm if you are making changes to your child's end of day routine.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home on **Monday, November 6th**. These reports highlight your child's learning skills, work habits, and curriculum progress in certain subject areas. After viewing your child's progress report, you may choose to follow-up with your child's teacher to meet or discuss some next steps.

Donations for Tuk

In partnership with our Parish, our school collected items to send to the northern community of Tuktoyaktuk in The Yukon. This is a partnership that our Parish and the school have been involved with for many years now, which has been a way to foster a friendship with a faraway Parish while helping families who may need some extra support. Thanks to everyone for lending your support!

School Website

Don't forget to check out our school website anytime for dates, information on events, and any letters that have gone home that you wanted to review again. [St. Patrick Catholic School - St. Patrick Catholic School \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](http://www.alcdsb.on.ca)

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Halloween Fun Night

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for our Halloween Fun Night. There were plenty of laughs and plenty of scares in a fun night had by all. Thanks to our School Council for organizing the evening and for everyone who donated in some way as well. So many great costumes!

Queen's Tech N' Tinker Trailer Visit

Several of our classes were delighted to be able to do some very cool coding work with the visit of the Queen's Tech n' Tinker Trailer on Wednesday, October 11th. Students worked in pairs and small groups to work on their coding to create some animation projects.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, November 6	Progress Reports Go Home
Monday, November 6	Photo Retakes Day
Wednesday, November 8	School Council Meeting @ 6:00
Thursday, November 9	Remembrance Day Prayer Service @ 10:45
Friday, November 10	PA Day
Saturday, November 11	Remembrance Day
Monday, November 13	Jr. Girls' Volleyball Tournament
Tuesday, November 14	Jr. Boys' Volleyball Tournament
Wednesday, November 15	Jr. Volleyball Snow Date
Thursday, November 16	Holy Cross Visits Our Gr. 8 Class
Wednesday, November 22	Sr. Girls' Volleyball Tournament
Thursday, November 23	Sr. Boy's Volleyball Tournament
Friday, November 24	Sr. Volleyball Snow Date
Friday, November 24	School Mass @ 10:00 (At the Church)
Monday, November 27	Ms. Hurley and Ms. De Sa's Class Trip to the Grand Theatre
Wednesday, November 29	Ms. Summers and Ms. O'Brien's Classes Attend Kingston Frontenacs Game
Friday, December 1	Jingle Bell Walk @ 3:00

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