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January Newsletter

New Year's Prayer

Dear Lord,

We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You.

May we take the time to get to know You.

Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us

and use them to serve You and spread Your word,

May we also see and love you in all the people we meet,

so that in turn, they can see You in us.

In Your name, we pray.

Amen

Advent Food Drive

Our thanks to all the families that supported the St. Patrick's Food Drive, which was part of our Advent giving and sharing. Your generosity with non-perishable foods was outstanding and helped many families in our community enjoy Christmas!

Winter Weather is upon us!

Students are outside for recess for 20-30-minute intervals throughout the day, so it is important to dress accordingly. Children need the activity time that recesses provide. These breaks assist learning as children are better able to concentrate when they have regular exercise and fresh air. Please make sure students have extra socks, pants, mitts, etc. so they have dry clothing to change into. With the colder weather, it is very important that students are not dropped off at times when supervision is not available. **Please remember that our morning supervision starts at 8:50 a.m.**

Bus Cancellations

We strongly advise all our families to sign up for Tri-Board's bus cancellations (www.triboard.on.ca) and to 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, then you must pick them up by 3:35 pm.** You can also check with Tri-Board Transportation website for up-to-date cancellations.

Eco-News

Throughout the month of January, the Eco Team would like to encourage students to bring waste free lunches whenever possible. A waste-free lunch may include reusable food and drink containers, washable cutlery, and cloth napkins instead of prepackaged foods, single-use plastic baggies, juice boxes and pouches, paper napkins, aluminum foil, and disposable

utensils. When you go waste-free, you are helping to reduce the environmental impacts caused from the unnecessary transportation, production, and disposal of packaging products. Take action by tackling the first of the 5 Rs by *reducing* the amount of waste generated at your school!

Christmas/Advent Activities

December was a busy month at St. Pats with all that was happening around Advent and Christmas. Thank you to our School Council for putting on a delicious Christmas lunch for our school. It was such a nice way to begin the Christmas Break. We were also able to continue our Christmas Concert tradition, which was very well attended. It was so nice to be able to share in our larger school community all the great work that our students had done in preparation for the concert. Congratulations to Ms. Gee's Gr. 3 classroom for winning our Christmas Door Decoration Contest. Thank you to all the classes who led our weekly Advent Prayer Services. Happy New Year everyone!

Cyber-Bullying Resource

The newest form of bullying that your children are experiencing is cyber bullying. If you would like advise on how to talk to your kids about online safety or if you would like to know what emerging issues they may be exposed to, please feel free to use the link below.

<https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/>



ProtectKidsOnline.ca

Online safety information to help parents keep their children safe while online.
protectkidsonline.ca

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, January 8

Tuesday, January 16

Wednesday, January 24

Friday, January 26

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Friday, February 2

Classes Resume After the Christmas Break

School Mass @ 10:00 at the Church

School Council Meeting @ 6:00

Family Literacy Day

Pajama and Stuffy Day

PA Day

All the best in 2024!

Mr. Minutillo
Principal

Mr. Wells
Vice-Principal

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