

# St. Patrick Catholic School

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## February Newsletter

Holy God,

Thank You for the precious gift of love that You have given to us. Thank You for blessing us every day with Your love and the power and strength that we find in You. Your love sustains us. It's like food and medicine for our souls.

Lord, some people are harder to love than others. Help us to be able to express and share the gift of love with those around us. Forgive us for the times we have not done so ... and continue the work You are doing in our lives so that we might have the heart of Christ.

We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **Family Day**

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is Family Day. All schools and Board sites will be closed as we observe this holiday. There is no school for students that day.

### **Kindergarten Registrations**

St. Patrick Catholic School is accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten programs for the 2024-2025 school year. If your child already attends 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, 2024.** Both Junior and Senior Kindergarten are offered on a full-day basis. Requirements for registration are a Catholic Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate or Birth Registration, and Immunization Records. Registration will be done electronically again this year by going to the following link: - [Algonquin & Lakeshore \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](http://Algonquin & Lakeshore (alcdsb.on.ca))

Registration information can also be found using our school website at [St. Patrick Catholic School - St. Patrick Catholic School \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](http://St. Patrick Catholic School - St. Patrick Catholic School (alcdsb.on.ca)). We are also accepting new registrations for all other grades for next year.

### **Term 1 Report Cards**

The Term 1 Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. These reports highlight your child's learning skills, work habits, and achievement in subject areas. Please follow-up with your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns about achievement to date. All parent-teacher interviews are by request and can be done by telephone, virtually, or in person. Working in partnership with your teacher is always important to the Faith and Learning of our students. Thank you for your ongoing support!

### **Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Valentine's Day**

This year, Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent, happens to fall on Valentine's Day. As Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of a time where we practice prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, we will be moving our Valentine's celebrations to Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, which is also Shrove Tuesday. We will be able to serve pancakes to our students again. More details coming soon regarding Shrove Tuesday. Students will be able to exchange Valentine's Day Cards and packaged treats, as usual on the 13<sup>th</sup>, but we ask that families refrain from sending homemade treats (cupcakes, cookies, desserts) to school. Our students will travel to the church for our monthly school Mass to receive ashes this year on Ash Wednesday. Thank you for helping us out on Valentine's Day again this year. For more information on Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lent, please visit [What is Lent? | USCCB](#) and [Shrove Tuesday | The Catholic Weekly](#).

### **Bus Cancellations**

Please 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, please drop-off after 8:50 and pick-up by 3:35.** You can also check with Tri-Board Transportation website at [www.triboard.on.ca](http://www.triboard.on.ca) for up-to-date cancellations.

### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition**

We were very pleased to be able to resume the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition again this year on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. This is the first year since the pandemic began that we have been able to hold the event. The competition is open to our students in Gr. 4-8 and was able to happen due to the generous donation of the Knights' time and talents. Congratulations to all our winners and best of luck in the next level of competition.

### **Movie Night**

We are very excited for our upcoming Movie Night on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 in our gym. Our School's RISE Club as well as our School Council have been busy getting ready for the event, which features popcorn, hot dogs, and other treats. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the show!

### **French Café**

Our gym was transformed into a French bistro on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> as students were treated to our French Café. Our gym space was decorated with table and chairs set up, much like a restaurant. Thanks to our French teachers who brought in lots of French treats and drinks to offer our school a taste of French culture.

### **Eco News**

February 1 is WWF National Sweater Day at St. Pat's Catholic School! We will be turning down the heat so please have your child dress in a warm sweater, if possible. Since 2010, more than a million Canadians have shown their support for limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by turning down their thermostats by the same amount (or more) and wearing their favourite sweaters to stay warm. National Sweater Day is an opportunity to

raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation, and show how together – classroom by classroom, school by school – we can be a part of the solution.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Thursday, February 1	National Sweater Day
Thursday, February 1	Movie Night @ 5:30
Friday, February 2	PA Day
Tuesday, February 13	Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday, February 13	Valentine's Day Celebrations
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday (1 <sup>st</sup> day of Lent)
Wednesday, February 14	School Mass (10:00 at the Church)
Wednesday, February 14	Valentine's Day
Monday, February 19	Family Day
Tuesday, February 20	Report Cards Go Home
Tuesday, February 20	Sr. Boys' Basketball Tournament (at Holy Cross)
Wednesday, February 21	Board Ball Hockey Tournament
Friday, February 23	Sr. Girls' Basketball Tournament (at Holy Cross)
Monday, February 26	Jr. Boys' Basketball Tournament (at Duncan McArthur)
Tuesday, February 27	First Reconciliation @ 6:30
Wednesday, February 28	Jr. Girls' Basketball Tournament (at Duncan McArthur)
Wednesday, February 28	Pink Shirt Day

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