

St. Patrick Catholic School

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December Newsletter

Prayer for Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Advent News

Donations

Once again, during this season, we will be collecting socks, winter hats, mittens, masks, and any non-perishable food items.

We know many families in the community will benefit from your generosity. All donations will be displayed in our front foyer under our Christmas Tree and decorations.

Advent Prayer Services

We will be hosting school-level Advent celebrations in a virtual setting on November 29th, December 6th, December 13th, and December 17th. Ms. Seaton, Ms. Choquette, Ms. Gauthier, and Ms. Williams' classes will lead our classes in prayer for each of our four prayer services.

Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Thank you for all your support during this year's Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Thank you to our School Council, who organized the event!

Together, we raised \$405.80 for our school. Well done!

Door Decorations

To help us get into the spirit of Christmas, we are hosting a classroom door decoration contest. Each class can decorate their door as best they can.

Once we get closer to the Christmas Break, we will award prizes to classrooms. Prizes are still to be determined.

Advent Calendar

Some of our classrooms have worked together to create an Advent Calendar display just outside of our gymnasium. Each day, we look forward to seeing what is in store on the calendar as we move towards Christmas.

Parish News

Father Bill would like to announce to the school community that families are welcome to attend Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Railton in person. Those wishing to attend Sunday Mass need to call him to book their place in advance, as all names need to be recorded for contact tracing. Masks and distancing are required, and it is held in the church and the church hall for spacing. TEL: 613-376-3001 EMAIL: saintpatrick100@gmail.com

St. Patrick Parish is collecting milk bags again this year. The bags are woven into blankets and donated to those who may need them in other countries. Families are invited to bring in your clean milk bags to the school so that we can pass them off to our Parish.

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, then you must pick them up at 3:35 pm. You can also check with Tri-Board Transportation website at www.triboard.on.ca for up-to-date cancellations.

Kingston Frontenacs Night

On Friday, December 3rd, the Kingston Frontenacs are hosting a St. Patrick Catholic School Night at their 7:00 game against the Oshawa Generals. Some of our Kindergartens from Ms. Forster/Ms. Hazel's class will be singing our National Anthem before the game begins as well. For each ticket purchased, \$2 is being donated back to the school. If you could not purchase tickets through the order form and would still like to go, you may be able to do so at the gate by mentioning that you are with St. Patrick Catholic School. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the game! To purchase last minute tickets online, please use the link below:

<https://frontenacs.isportstix.com/order/group/StPatrick2021>

Volleyball

Due to covid, we haven't been able to participate in board-wide sports tournaments this year, but that hasn't stopped us from playing soccer and volleyball. We have coordinated some ongoing in-school practices and games, being mindful of all of our covid measures to keep our students and staff safe. We are very much hoping to resume regular sports throughout the board at some point this year.

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. We also remind students that throwing snow or snowballs is an unacceptable activity at school.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to our Gr. 8 class, who led our school in a virtual prayer service for Remembrance Day. We also give special thanks to Ms. Forster's Kindergarten class, who sang a lovely rendition of O' Canada for us during the service. The prayer service accompanies the many

activities and discussions already happening in classrooms and the student work donations made to Legion on behalf of the school. Student work, such as poppies, was displayed throughout Wilton's community for their Remembrance Day activities.

Staffing Updates

Ms. Williams, our Gr. 8 teacher, has moved to a half-time model in which she teaches the class in the mornings each day. Mr. Nadeau, who currently teaches Gr. 4 in the mornings, now teaches the Gr. 8 class each afternoon once he completes his time with our Gr. 4s. We welcome Ms. S. O'Brien to our school who has begun to teach one period of planning time for each of our Kindergarten classes each day.

Congratulations to Ms. Stockermans who begins her retirement on December 1, 2021. We wish Ms. Stockermans all the best in the next chapter of her life! We welcome Ms. R. Hurley to St. Pats as our new Gr. 7 teacher.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, December 3	Kingston Frontenacs Night
Monday, December 6	Advent Prayer Service (Ms. Choquette's Class Leads)
Monday, December 13	Advent Prayer Service (Ms. Gauthier's Class Leads)
Friday, December 17	Advent Prayer Service (Ms. Williams' Class Leads)
December 20-31	Christmas Break
Saturday, December 25	Christmas
Monday, January 3	School Resumes

Merry Christmas!

Mr. Minutillo
Principal

Mr. Wells
Vice-principal

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Businesses, Groups, and Families
are invited as a parade participant or as a spectator.

Harrowsmith & District Social & Athletic Club's

"PARADE OF LIGHTS"

Drive-Through in Centennial Park

December 11th, 2021

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

****Please enter via Colebrook Rd. to Notre Dame St.****

*If you would like to do a 'Light Up' Christmas themed display, please contact
the Club by email 'harrowsmithsanda@gmail.com' ATT: Parade Committee.*

PARADE PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BE SET-UP NO LATER THAN 4:30 PM.

**It is recommended that residents not park on the streets
to allow for cars to line up to see the parade.**

**Non-perishable food donations will be collected along route by SFCSC.
Monetary donations to the Club would be most welcome as well.**

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