

St. Patrick Catholic School

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October Newsletter

Dear parents/guardians:

Our school year is off to a great start and we have much to be thankful for as we approach Thanksgiving on Monday, October 11th. Thanksgiving is a time to grateful for being blessed in so many ways – where we live, our families and friends, and a caring community. It is a time to extend kindness to those around us and to be generous with our words, actions, and spirit. From all us at St. Pats, we wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

Absence Reporting

Due to the Covid restrictions, we require a reason for your child's absence. Whenever possible, send an email to Ms. Miller at flhpstph@alcdsb.on.ca with any absence notes. You will receive a message via school messenger if you have not notified the office or haven't provided enough detail.

Pick-Up at Dismissal Bell

Our 3:35 dismissal bell is a busy time at our school with buses and parents preparing to take our students home. You can help us out by ensuring that you are not walking between our buses at the front of the school by picking up your child near the portable. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe at bus time.

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Terry Fox Walk

Our Terry Fox Walk took place on Wednesday, September 29th with our whole school making good use of our track large school yard. To raise awareness and to build up some excitement as we approached our Terry Fox Walk, we held a few theme days at St. Pats. Wednesday, September 22 was Hat Day, Thursday, September 23 was Jersey Day, and Friday, September 24 was Crazy Hair Day. Thanks to so many students for getting into the spirit of the Terry Fox Walk by participating in our theme days. A big thank you to our school community for your generosity in supporting our fundraising goal of \$1800.00. Together we raised \$2,310.00 for cancer research this year! Fantastic!

Outdoor Learning Spaces



Thanks to a donation to our school, we have been able to create a couple outdoor learning spaces for our students. Pictured above is our outdoor learning space located in the shade near our portable. The other outdoor learning space is located in the Kindergarten yard. They are great spots to learn, especially when the weather and temperatures are cooperating.

Milk Purchases

For those families that may be interested in purchasing milk for their child(ren), you can purchase milk online anytime. The cost for chocolate or white milk is \$1.00 per milk. All milk purchases can be made through CashOnline at <https://alcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>. Milk cards can be purchased in \$10.00 and \$20.00 amounts. The school will track each milk card to ensure students who have milk cards receive milk at school.

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Upcoming Dates:

School Photos	Friday, October 8
Thanksgiving	Monday, October 11
Gr. 8 Holy Cross Visit	Wednesday, October 27
PA Day	Monday, November 1
Progress Reports Go Home	Tuesday, November 2
Photo Retakes	Wednesday, November 3

School Website

You are always welcome to check out our website at [St. Patrick Catholic School - St. Patrick Catholic School \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](http://St.PatrickCatholicSchool-alcdsb.on.ca) . It contains important dates (which can be synched to your smart phone), news about recent events, and all the notes home that we send to families. Take a look!

Team Sports

Good news! We are now able to resume practicing team sports at school. Soccer is the current sport on deck and some of our teams have started to get organized. We are not yet sure if the school board is able to host a board-wide tournament, but we have been given the green light to resume practices.

Head Lice Checks

Please check your children on a regular basis for head lice. This time of year, with the cooler weather approaching, nits may become present. Please let the school know if you are planning to keep your child at home if head lice arises.

Bus Cancellations and Delays

If you haven't already done so, it's a great idea to visit the Tri-Board Transportation website at [Delays and Cancellations - Tri-Board \(triboard.ca\)](http://DelaysandCancellations-Tri-Board-triboard.ca) to sign up for bus cancellations and delays. As the weather cools and the snow and ice approaches, signing up for bus notifications will keep you informed about what is happening with our buses.

Guitar lessons anyone? 😊🎸

Abby Stewart is offering online beginner acoustic guitar and vocal lessons for kids ages 6-15 again this year, so if you or someone you know is interested, please email abbystewart01@hotmail.com for the details! ❤️ For more info on Abby and her background please visit www.abbystewartmusic.com
Let's make some music!

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Twitter

For those that use Twitter, St. Pats Twitter handle is @alcdsb_stph . We tweet ongoing events at our school and retweet important board messages and health unit messages as they arise. Feel free to follow us!

Catholic School Council Elections

Each year, our Catholic School Council helps the school in many ways, including special events, fundraising, and supporting school-wide initiatives. We have been incredibly fortunate to have a School Council with many volunteers who have contributed much of their time and talents for the betterment of the educational experience for our students over the years.

As part of the mandate of Catholic School Councils, elections are held near the beginning of each school year. Our first School Council meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 6th at 6:30**. At our first meeting, we will look to elect our School Council for the current school year. The positions that are open for nominations include:

- Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer

If you are interested in serving in one of the above positions, you are welcome to let the school know or to attend the next meeting and express your interest in nomination. Likewise, you are able to nominate someone else who you feel would be able to serve on School Council as well.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please let the school know and we will ensure you receive an invite once we get closer to the meeting date. We would need your name and a valid email address.

Although we would prefer to meet in person at some point this year, our meetings will have to take place virtually for now. Our virtual meetings will take place using Microsoft Teams. More information will be sent out once we know about who would like to attend.

We look forward to meeting everyone on October 6th.