

St. Patrick Catholic School

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Dear Parents:

November 1, 2021

“God of caring and compassion, on this day, we remember the brave Canadian men and women who fought or are involved in conflicts today in faraway lands. We also remember ALL soldiers, those in uniform and those in everyday clothes, who fight on battlefields. We remember those who are not fighters, but instead are caught in the wrong place at the wrong time, civilians trapped between fighting forces. As caring family members, we remember members of our world family of many nationalities. We remember their losses and pray that all who suffer will know God’s comfort and compassion”.

Remembrance Day Service

Staff and students of St. Patrick will virtually 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 prayer service on November 11th

Student Pick-up, Drop-off, and Parking

Just a reminder, please be very careful as you navigate the parking lot or when you are pulling on and off the road.

1) Pick-up

If you are picking up your child before 3:35pm dismissal, parents will ring the bell attached to the safety camera and we will call your child/children down to meet you at the door and will take care of the sign out. Please wait at the door.

2) Morning Drop-off

We ask that any parents who are getting out of their cars are socially distanced and wearing a mask and move through this procedure as quickly as possible. As in the past we have asked that students not be dropped at the school **before 8:50 am**, as there is NO supervision available.

3) End of day pick-up

We have two runs of buses; those that are here prior to day’s end and those that come over from Harrowsmith public school. When waiting for buses, all students will be waiting in the parking lot on the west side(left) of the school. **Students are not permitted to cut through the buses or cross Wilton Road. Regardless of the age of the student, parents must come over to the school side of Wilton Road to meet their child. We also ask that parents refrain from cutting through the buses. It is very busy at the end of the day and safety is of utmost importance. Thanks!**

Safe schools reporting

Just a reminder that safe arrival phone calls will be made in the event of student absences. If you know in advance your child is going to be away, please call the office and speak to Ms. Miller or leave a message on our answering service. You can also email the school at flhpstph@alcdsb.on.ca to report an absence. Please leave the reason for your child’s absence with the school.

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Sacraments of First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation

Some families have been asking whether or not we know anything about if or when the Sacraments will be taking place this year. At the moment, we still are not able to schedule in any dates with our Parish due to covid restrictions. We are very much looking forward to being able to “catch up” on past Sacraments that were missed due to school and Parish closures as well as celebrating the Sacraments with those students who were looking to participate this year. Once we are able to begin to plan for these special events again, we will be in touch with all of our families.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home on **Tuesday, November 2nd**. 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 by phone to discuss some next steps. Please note that due to covid, all parent-teachers will be completed either virtually or by telephone by request.

Upcoming Dates:

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| Monday, November 1 | PA Day |
| Tuesday, November 2 | Progress Reports Go Home |
| Wednesday, November 3 | Photo Retakes |
| Thursday, November 11 | Remembrance Day and Remembrance Day School Service |
| Wednesday, November 24 | School Council Meeting |

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We collected a pile of food (literally!) for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you to our school community for your generosity once again. All proceeds will be donated to a local food bank to benefit local families.

Soccer Tournament

The weather was fantastic for our school's soccer skills tournament on October 22nd. We weren't able to have a board soccer tournament this year, so we decided to have our own. Our Junior and Senior students each had their own competitions. Thanks to our coaches and players for your dedication and time. Lots of great sportsmanship!

Donations for Tuk

In partnership with our Parish, our school collected items to send to the northern community of Tuktoyaktuk in The Yukon on October 25th. 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!

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United Way Theme Week

During the week of October 25-29, our school hosted a variety of theme days in support of this year's United Way Campaign. Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday was Hat Day, Wednesday was Camo Day, Thursday was Crazy Hair Day, and Friday was Orange and Black Day to get excited about Halloween. If you still haven't made a donation to the United Way and wanted to do so, please follow the link: www.unitedwaykfla.ca/donate

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)

Christmas Hampers

The Salvation Army will be offering Christmas Hampers again this year. The Salvation Army Christmas Hamper program partners with over 50 community-based organizations, groups and churches to ensure individuals and families throughout greater Kingston are supplied with the food needed to prepare a festive Christmas meal.

Throughout the month of November and the first week of December, qualified individuals may complete an application at one of the participating agencies, groups, churches or at our Community and Family Services office at 342 Patrick Street.

If you would like to donate, please visit the website: [Christmas Hamper Campaign \(sacfs.ca\)](http://www.sacfs.ca)

If you would like to apply for a hamper call: [613 - 507 - 4151](tel:613-507-4151)

Application Deadline: Friday, November 27, 2020

Access Locations

Amherstview: The Salvation Army CFS Kingston works together with Amherstview Social Services (Christmas Hampers are sponsored through The Amherstview Lions Club)

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Odessa: The Salvation Army CFS Kingston works together with Odessa Lion's Club (Christmas Hampers are being sponsored by The Odessa Lions Club)

Harrowsmith & Verona: The Salvation Army CFS works together with Southern Frontenac community Services (613-376-6477)

Sydenham: The Loughborough Christmas Committee 613-572-6004 (We still take applications for the Sydenham area but we cross reference them with this committee) Peter Stewart 613-376-1048

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Christmas Tree Fundraiser 2021

St. Patrick Catholic School Parent Council and The Christmas Tree Farm invite you to join in on our Christmas tree fundraiser.

Select a Balsam or Fraser Fir tree (ranging in size from 6 ft. to 12 ft.) or “U-Cut” your own tree!

Collect orders from your family and friends and then submit them via School Cash Online by November 12, 2021. A voucher will be sent home with your child to take to the farm. Please share this offer! **Our school will receive \$10 from every tree sold!**

NOTE: To ensure you get your choice of tree, you should be available to attend The Christmas Tree Farm during opening weekend (Nov. 27/28). You can choose your tree and take it home that day, or The Christmas Tree Farm can set it aside for you until you are ready to pick it up. If you cannot attend during opening weekend, a tree will be set aside for you, but it will be at the discretion of The Christmas Tree Farm and their available stock. Last year, trees sold out in one week, so we encourage everyone to attend on opening weekend for the best choice.

| Tree Size | Balsam (\$) | Tree Size | Fraser (\$) |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 6-7 ft. | \$55 | 6-7 ft. | \$65 |
| 7-8 ft. | \$60 | 7-8 ft. | \$75 |
| 8-9 ft. | \$70 | 8-9 ft. | \$85 |
| 9-10 ft. | \$80 | 9-10 ft. | \$95 |
| | | 10-11 ft. | \$110 |
| | | 11-12 ft. | \$165 |

*Colours denote approximate tag colour at The Christmas Tree Farm

| U-Cut | Price |
|----------|-------|
| Any Size | \$60 |

Be sure to bring your voucher with you on opening weekend!

Anyone entering the drive shed will be required to wear a mask

Reminder: For best choice of tree, please attend the farm on opening weekend (Nov. 27/28)

Create new memories or continue your Christmas tree tradition at:

The Christmas Tree Farm
3229 Forest Rd. RR3
Harrowsmith, ON, K0H 1V0
613-372-5443

If you have any questions, contact spcshparentcouncil@gmail.com

151 Dairy Ave, Napanee, Ontario K7R 4B2 Tel: 1 (613) 354.2255

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