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February Newsletter

Dear parents/guardians

The Virtue for February is love. This means that we endeavour to develop in ourselves the habit of thinking, speaking and acting from an attitude of care and positive regard in all our encounters and circumstances. We become aware of our negative moods and choose not to act out of them. We choose to set aside the harsh word. We refuse to allow our anger to inhibit our compassion or capacity to forgive. We deliberately search for ways to be helpful to others in our families, in our classrooms, in our social gatherings, and in extracurricular events.

Thank You!

We wanted to thank everyone in our community for all their support as we continue to navigate our way through this time of Covid 19.

We appreciate your vigilance, understanding, and screening that you do each day. Please continue to notify us of any health concerns that we need to be aware of in your family. Stay well, everyone!

Family Day

Monday, February 21st 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 2022-2023 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, 2022.** 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 \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.alcdsb.on.ca) Registration information can also be found using our school website at [St. Patrick Catholic School - St. Patrick Catholic School \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.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 Wednesday, February 16th. 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 their achievement to date. All parent-teacher interviews are by request and can be done by telephone or virtually. Working in partnership with your teacher is always important to the Faith and Learning of our students. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is fast approaching on Monday, February 14th. Students will be able to exchange Valentine's Day Cards and packaged treats, as usual, but we ask that families refrain from sending homemade treats (cupcakes, cookies, desserts) to school. Thank you for helping us out on Valentine's Day again this year.

Absence Reporting

Please see the attached memo about a convenient way to notify the school about your child's absence. We encourage everyone to use SchoolMessenger (phone, website, or app) as it saves Ms. Miller lots of time in the morning when she is taking the school attendance. Thanks for helping us out!

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 for up-to-date cancellations.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, February 2 nd	PA Day
Monday, February 14 th	Valentine's Day
Wednesday, February 16 th	Report Cards Go Home
Monday, February 21 st	Family Day
Wednesday, February 23 rd	Virtual School Council Meeting @ 6:30
Wednesday, March 2 nd	Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)

Take care and stay safe...