

St. Patrick Catholic School

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April Newsletter

Easter Prayer

Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ. Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sunrises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colours of promise in your word. Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always. And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you! Amen.

School Staffing and New Registrations

We have begun to submit registration information and projections for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have not completed a registration package for a new student or know of a potential new student, registrations must be completed using the online registration link on our school website. If you know that your child will not be attending St. Patrick Catholic School in September 2022, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Kindergarten Registrations

St. Patrick Catholic School is now accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten programs next year. If your child already attends JK at St. Patrick, 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 the full day basis.

Requirements for registration are a Catholic Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate or Birth Registration and Immunization Records. All registrations must be completed using the online link on our school website.

St. Pats Winter Games

It was a beautiful day for St. Pats Winter Games on Friday, March 4th. Thanks to Ms. Williams/Mr. Nadeau's Gr. 8 class and Ms. Hurley's Gr. 7 class for helping to organize the day. Students were able to get outside and enjoy the winter weather through a series of stations and fun activities. Hot chocolate was served and we even had a visit from a special guest, Barrack the Bear, who is the mascot of the Kingston Frontenacs.

Lenten Activities

Shrove Tuesday - It was a pancake feast on Tuesday, March 1st, to mark Shrove Tuesday, the day before the beginning of Lent and Ash Wednesday. In past times, Shrove Tuesday, also referred to as Pancake Tuesday, served as a convenient way for Christians to use up their flour, sugar, and eggs before fasting for Lent. Each student was provided with a pancake or two with syrup to mark the occasion. Thank you for all the donations that went towards Fr. Bills retirement. Together, we raised \$579.03 for Fr. Bill, which has been passed along to the Parish.

Lenten Prayer Services – Ms. Forster’s Kindergarten class began our Lenten Prayer Services, while Ms. Williams/Mr. Nadeau’s Gr. 8 class have been leading our weekly Lenten prayers services on Mondays.

Stations of the Cross – Ms. O’Brien’s Gr. 6 Class and Ms. De Sa’s Gr. 5 Class are planning to lead the school in the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week, which is the week before Easter.

Lenten Food Drive – During Holy Week, we will also be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food bank and families. More details to come as we get closer to Easter.

Support for Ukraine - In support of Ukraine and the events taking place, Ms. Williams/Mr. Nadeau’s Gr. 8 class is spearheading our school’s donations to go towards the Voices of Children Charity which gives psychological and psychosocial support to children who have suffered as a result of war operations. For more information on this charity, please visit <https://voices.org.ua/en/> . Whatever money is donated to the school will be passed along to the Voices of Children Charity. Donations can be made online at SchoolCash Online at [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://SchoolCashOnline.com>Welcome) or by accessing SchoolCash Online through our school’s website at [St. Patrick Catholic School - St. Patrick Catholic School \(alcdsb.on.ca\)](https://St.PatrickCatholicSchool.alcdsb.on.ca). We are suggesting a donation of \$2 per Spirit Day, although donations are optional (more info below). Below are the remaining Spirit Days for April:

April 1st – Backwards day

April 8th – Dress like your favourite occupation

April 13th – Blue and yellow day (colours of the Ukraine)

April 14th – Dress Canadian

Cheesecakery Fundraiser

Thank you to our School Council for organizing this year’s Cheesecakery Fundraiser. Thanks, as well, to everyone who made purchases in support of our school. Once we have the delivery information, we will be sure to pass it along to everyone.

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Covid Updates

As Covid restrictions continue to ease and we can resume more school activities, we ask that everyone remains vigilant around ensuring students remain at home if they are symptomatic.

Fortunately, we can resume school sports, buddies, classroom helpers, field trips, etc, which is fantastic news. We have just restarted many of those activities in the past couple of weeks. At this time, Community Use of Schools activities like music lessons and karate are still not permitted by our school board, but we will let everyone know once we can resume those activities.

Once again, we thank everyone for your patience, understanding, and cooperation over the past year as we work our way through the pandemic!

Kiwanis Club/Staples Chromebook Donation

We offer a great big thank you to the Kiwanis Club and Staples for a recent donation of 6 Chromebooks to St. Pats. The donation was part of an annual community initiative in which the Kiwanis Club was able to set up a donation table in the local Staples stores with the funds going toward Chromebook purchases for a handful of local schools. Thank you very much!

Hot Lunch

Good news! We have been able to resume our hot lunches for the remainder of the school year. Hot lunches will take place on Tuesdays and all orders must be made online. If you wish to purchase hot lunch for your child, please visit SchoolCashOnline at SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome . Participating food providers include, The Pizza Place, Gino's Pizza, Subway, and The Point.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, April 1	Backwards Day
Monday, April 4	World Autism Awareness Day
Monday, April 4	Lenten Prayer Service
Friday, April 4	Dress Like your Favourite Occupation Day
April 10-16	Holy Week
Monday, April 11	Lenten Prayer Service
Tuesday, April 12	Gr. 7 Science Fair
Wednesday, April 13	Blue and Yellow Day (Colours of Ukraine)
Thursday, April 14	Dress Canadian Day
Friday, April 15	Good Friday (No School)
Sunday, April 17	Easter
Monday, April 18	Easter Monday (No School)
Tuesday, April 19	Grade 7 Easter production: "A Word on the Resurrection"
Wednesday, April 20	School Council Meeting
Friday, April 22	Earth Day
Friday, April 29	PA Day

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May 1-6
May 2-6

Catholic Education Week (Rebuild, Renew, Restore Together)
Children's Mental Health Week