

St. Patrick Catholic School

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November Newsletter

Dear parents/guardians,

God of love and justice,

We remember all men and women who died in defense of our country and its freedom. Help us to honour their sacrifice through our prayers and actions for peace in our world. Send your Spirit to help us to let go of misunderstandings, hatred, and prejudice so that we may grow together as one family. Guide our steps in the way of peace. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

School Board Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)

We are pleased to announce the release of our MYSP Year 3. Visit our [MYSP web page](#) to view a video message and to learn more about all the amazing progress and achievements being made in the ALCDSB.

School Council Members

Thank you to all our past and present parents/guardians who have served on School Council. This year, our School Council has been busy preparing for our Halloween Night as well as our Christmas Tree Fundraiser and Poinsettia Fundraiser. Our School Council executive for the 2022-23 school year is:

Chair	Shannon Jones
Vice-Chair	Emelia Cutrona
Treasurer	Marah Monk
Secretary	Lindsay Devlin

Remembrance Day Service

Staff and students of St. Patrick will 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 in our gymnasium on Friday, November 11th. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend. More information will be coming soon.

Soccer Tournaments

Our soccer teams were able to resume playing in the board tournaments this year after a couple years off. Congrats to all our players for representing our school very well. All games were played at the Machin Fields in Kingston. Our next team sport is volleyball.

Student Pick-up, Drop-off, Parking, and Road Safety

In our efforts to promote safety, please be very careful as you navigate the parking lot or when you are pulling on and off the road. **We ask that parents only pick up or drop off students on the school side of Wilton Road.** This will prevent students from crossing over Wilton Road during the busiest traffic times. The school has been working with the Township over the past year to increase safety on Wilton Road. Flashing speed signs will also be present. Thank you very much in advance for helping us out with drop off and pick up along Wilton Road.

Pick-up During the School Day

If you are picking up your child before 3:35 pm dismissal, please buzz in at the main front entrance and we will call your child/children down to meet you at the door while you wait outside.

End of day pick-up

We have two runs of buses; Buses that are here prior to day's end and those that come over from Harrowsmith Public School. When waiting for buses, all our students will be waiting in the parking lot on the west side of the school. Students are not permitted to walk to the parking lot or cut through the buses. If you are picking your child up, please meet them in that area. **Once again, please ensure you pick up your child on the school side of Wilton Road so that crossing Wilton Road is not required.**

Absence Reporting

Just a reminder that safe arrival phone calls will be made in the event of student absences. **Please use the SchoolMessenger App to inform the school of your child's absence.** More information about the SchoolMessenger App can be found at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home> . Using the SchoolMessenger App instead of calling or emailing the school saves Ms. Miller, our secretary, many hours of work each week so that she can attend to other tasks. Please communicate any bussing changes in the agenda or in a note to the office. Please call before 2:30 pm if you are making changes to your child's end of day routine.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home on **Tuesday, November 1st**. 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 to meet or discuss some next steps.

Donations for Tuk

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

United Way Theme Week

Towards the end of October, our school hosted a variety of theme days in support of this year's United Way Campaign. Tuesday was Hat Day, Wednesday was Camo Day, Thursday was Crazy Hair Day, Monday was Orange and Black Day to get excited about Halloween, and Tuesday was Pajama Day. 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

Covid Screening

The Ministry of Health and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health announced updates to the School and Child Care Screening Tool and Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 at <https://www.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. Please ensure you are completing self-screening each day prior to sending your child to school. See the attached screener for more information.

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 \(alcidsb.on.ca\)](http://www.alcidsb.on.ca)

Fire Safety Prevention Week

The South Frontenac Fire Department was able to visit our school on Tuesday, October 11th to speak to our students about fire safety and fire safety plans. Our students were able to see a firefighter in full firefighter gear and ask lots of questions.

Roots of Empathy

Both of our Kindergarten Classes are running the Roots of Empathy Program again this year. Roots of Empathy develops empathy in children, reduces aggression, increases sharing, caring, and inclusion, and promotes resilience, well-being, and positive mental health. We welcome babies Stella and Evelyn and their moms into our Kindergarten classrooms to share their development, good times, and challenges with us!

Winter Clothing

Winter is coming fast and we want to make sure that all our students have access to warm winter clothing. Clothes for Kids is offering winter coats and snow pants to families. If you would like to apply to the program for a snowsuit for your child/children, please reach out to our Youth Worker - Connie Stewart at stewartc@alcidsb.on.ca.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, November 1	Pajama Day
Tuesday, November 1	Progress Reports Go Home
November 2-6	Treaties Recognition Week
Wednesday, November 9	School Council Meeting @ 6:30
Friday, November 11	Remembrance Day and Remembrance Day School Service
Tuesday, November 15	School Mass at the Church @ 10:00
Friday, November 18	Ms. Summers and Ms. Rand's Class Trip to the Museum of Health Care and Miller Museum
November 20-26	Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week
Friday, November 25	PA Day
Sunday, November 27	Advent Begins
Friday, December 2	Jingle Bell Walk

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