

St. Patrick Catholic School

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January Newsletter

A Wish for the New Year

Dear Lord, please give me...

A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;

A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer;

A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;

An understanding heart;

A sense of humour;

Time for quiet, silent meditation;

A feeling of the presence of God;

The patience to wait for the coming of these things,

With the wisdom to recognize them when they come.

Advent Food and Clothing Drive

Our thanks to all the families that supported the St. Patrick's Food and Clothing Drive, which was part of our Advent giving and sharing. Your generosity with non-perishable foods and clothing items was outstanding and helped many families in our community enjoy Christmas!

Winter Weather is upon us!

Students are outside for recess for 20-30-minute intervals throughout the day, so it is important to dress accordingly. Children need the activity time that recesses provide. These breaks assist learning as children are better able to concentrate when they have regular exercise and fresh air. Please make sure students have extra socks, pants, mitts, etc. so they have dry clothing to change into. With the colder weather, it is very important that students are not dropped off at times when supervision is not available. **Please remember that our morning supervision starts at 8:50 a.m.**

Bus Cancellations

We strongly advise all our families to sign up for Tri-Board's bus cancellations (www.triboard.on.ca) and to 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, then you must pick them up by 3:35 pm.** You can also check with Tri-Board Transportation website for up-to-date cancellations.

Front Door Safety Measures

We are sending out a friendly reminder to everyone in our school community about the buzz-in procedures for those who may wish to enter the school. As you know, we have a buzzer at our front main entrance that is used to contact the office for those who may need to pick-up students or come into the school. The buzzer is in place for reasons of student safety as all the external doors remain locked throughout the day. Please continue to use the front door main entrance when visiting the school. We also ask that you ensure that you buzz in to speak to Ms. Miller, our secretary, instead of following someone else into the school who may have already been given permission to enter. We very much appreciate everyone helping us out so that we may keep everyone here at school safe.

Christmas/Advent Activities

December was a busy month at St. Pats with all that was happening around Advent and Christmas. Thank you to our School Council for putting on a delicious Christmas lunch for our school. It was such a nice way to begin the Christmas Break. We were also able to revive our Christmas Concert, which was very well attended. It was so nice to be able to share in our larger school community all the great work that our students had done in preparation for the concert. Congratulations to Ms. LaPierre's Gr. 7/8 classroom for winning our Christmas Door Decoration Contest. Thank you to our Gr. 4 students who offered us a student-led rendition of "Elf" and to all the classes who led our weekly Advent Prayer Services. Happy New Year everyone!

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, January 11
Tuesday, January 17
Tuesday, January 24
Wednesday, January 25
Friday, February 3

Holy Cross Parent Information Night @ 6:00
Class Photos
School Mass @ 10:00 in our Gym.
School Council Meeting @ 6:30
PA Day

All the best in 2023!

Mr. Minutillo
Principal

Mr. Wells
Vice-Principal