

April Celtic Update

St. Patrick's School, Caledonia

A message from the school...

Spring has arrived and hopefully warmer weather is soon to follow. As we continue our journey through Lent students and staff are reminded that Jesus Christ is the only begotten son of God, the Creator, our Savior, and the perfect example of who we should try to be. We pray we will continue to feel the joy of the presence of Jesus. We want to take this opportunity to wish all of our Celtic families a blessed Easter season.

As we move through April and look ahead to May we are grateful for the gift of Catholic Education and for the opportunity to honour and celebrate it during Catholic Education Week (May 1- 6). This year's theme is 'Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together'. Watch for further information coming soon about what is happening during this special week.

Spring is most definitely a busy month at St. Patrick's School, please look closely at upcoming events and mark your calendars. Teachers are in the process of planning end of year events which will be very exciting for all. Wishing you a joyous spring month ahead.

Don't forget to check our website regularly and follow us on Twitter for important and timely updates. The website subscription alert challenge continues to exist while our central IT department works to update school websites. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE VERSUS RELYING ON GETTING AN ALERT WHEN SOMETHING IS POSTED.

Thank you for your patience with this as the problem is addressed. Teachers will also post news items to classroom Brightspace pages.



God of Grace,
Help us to rediscover how to be side
by side
in rebuilding our communities of
faith and learning.
Help us restore harmony and
balance in our relationships,
and renew our desire to approach
challenges confidently and with
peaceful hearts.
May we always rejoice in recognizing
the blessings our lives hold.

Amen.

April Spirit Days

Friday April 1
Celebrate the Spectrum

Wednesday April 13
Hat Day

Congratulations!

To our Catholic Character Award winners for the month of March- these students demonstrated exemplary 'Belief!' For the month of April we are working on demonstrating 'Forgiveness'.

To our Shoutout winners who were awarded Shoutouts when they made great choices, used kind words and/or actions and are living out our gospel values.

Coming this Month

Pizza Days
April 1, 8, 29

Sub Days
April 20

PA Day
April 22

Self Reg Spotlight...

RETHINKING POWER NEEDS

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POWER IS NOT LIKE A REMOTE CONTROL WHERE ONLY ONE PERSON HAS ALL THE POWER AND CONTROL.



POWER IS LIKE A CANDLE. YOU CAN GIVE A CHILD POWER WITHOUT GIVING AWAY ANY OF YOUR OWN POWER.



YOU DON'T HAVE A SET AMOUNT OF POWER - LIKE A BUCKETFUL. THERE ARE WAYS TO GIVE A CHILD POWER WITHOUT LOSING ANY OF YOUR OWN.

KIDS DON'T WANT YOUR POWER. THEY WANT THEIR OWN.

RICHARD LAVOIE



WHEN A STUDENT FEELS THEY HAVE

POWER WITH THE ADULTS AS WELL AS

POWER WITHIN THEMSELVES

THEY'LL HAVE LESS NEED TO SEEK

POWER OVER OTHERS

A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF POWER CAN HELP WITH THIS



"SEE A CHILD DIFFERENTLY... SEE A DIFFERENT CHILD"

STUART SHANKER

6 WAYS TO HELP KIDS MEET THEIR POWER NEEDS



1. OFFER CHOICE, NOT ORDERS
2. GIVE RESPONSIBILITY
3. START WITH STRENGTHS
4. EXPRESS INTEREST RATHER THAN PRAISE
5. ASK FOR THEIR OPINION
6. ASK FOR THEIR HELP

6 POINTS TO REMEMBER

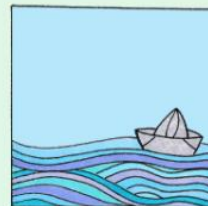


1. AVOID POWER STRUGGLES
2. AVOID MAKING THREATS
3. GROWING POWER NEEDS ARE A HEALTHY PART OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT
4. RESPECT BOUNDARIES
5. THE RULES (NOT THE ADULT) SHOULD BE OBEYED
6. REFLECT ON YOUR OWN NEED FOR POWER & CONTROL

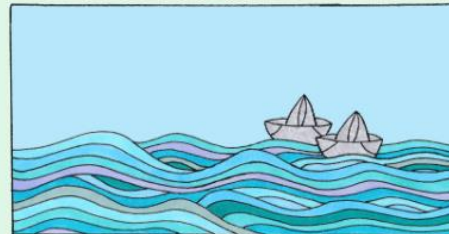
"THE REALITY IS THAT NO ONE WINS A POWER STRUGGLE" ROSS GREENE

WHEN THEIR STORM

MEETS OUR CALM



CO-REGULATION OCCURS



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Please remember...

We are **no longer** able to accept late orders for hot lunches. As we grow in size, it is becoming increasingly difficult to track orders that are not placed through School Cash Online and/or placed late. School Cash Online is open for all orders between now and June. You can choose to order all days in advance or continue doing so one month at a time. The following are the absolute due dates for orders each month:

May orders due by May 1 (Pizza) and May 15 (Subs)

June orders due by May 29 (Pizza) and June 12 (Subs)

Parents must screen each child daily before sending them to school using the online screening tool at:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

If the screen advises against sending your child to school please adhere. Also, please read and follow the next steps section on the lower half of the 'do not go to school' screen.



Next steps

A few reminders...

- Supervision on our yard does not begin until 8:30 a.m.- students can not be dropped off until that time
- School starts at 8:45 a.m., please ensure to have your children to school by 8:45 a.m.- we have many students arriving late to school in the mornings- arriving on time and ready to learn sets all of our students up for success
- We continue to reinforce no students or parents on the hill between the parking lot and the school for safety reasons.
- Orkney Street is a very busy area at the start and end of each day. Please try to use the parking lot at the church up the road for safety. If you have to cross Orkney, please do so from the front or end of the entire bus line (not in between busses). Additionally, our neighbours would greatly appreciate it if parents at pick up do not block the ends of their driveways
- If driving/picking up your children, please do not park along the side of the church in the 'no parking' area.
- We are regularly reminding our bus students about appropriate bus behaviour- especially staying in their seats, no eating on the bus, using quiet voices so as not to distract the driver and sitting in their assigned seat/area if applicable- please help us with these reminders to keep everybody safe

Dress for the Weather

Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather and field conditions. Classes continue to spend as much time outdoors as possible so dressing for the changing temperatures across the day is important.

Most days students will be outside twice a day for nutrition breaks and some days for outdoor learning during instructional time. Layers, spring boots and extra clothes are recommended for all

Congratulations to our students celebrating their First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation this month- we are very proud of all of you!

Prayer for Easter

May the glory and the promise
Of this joyous time of year
Bring peace and happiness to you
And those you hold most dear
And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour,
Always be there by your side
To bless you most abundantly
And be your loving guide.

Amen

School Hours

Start of Day 8:45 a.m.
First Nutrition Break 10:25- 11:10 a.m.
Second Nutrition Break 12:50- 1:35 p.m.
Dismissal 3:15 p.m.

Supervision begins at 8:30 a.m.

Please avoid late arrivals as it is disruptive to the class and your child's learning.