

December Celtic Update

St. Patrick's School, Caledonia

A message from the school...

It is hard to believe that December is already here. The past three months have been busy as we worked to come together again as a community. We have experienced successes and challenges as everybody has tried to remember how to learn, play and grow together again. Through it all, we continue to persevere and succeed. Moving forward, we ask our families for their help in reinforcing things like using our words to solve problems, appropriate school yard play and focus during lessons and work periods. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support and flexibility as we strive to make St. Patrick's School a place that supports the academic, social and emotional needs of everybody in our community.

The season of Advent is upon us and is a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. Advent is a time to slow down, to enjoy time with friends and family, and to reflect on the true reason for the season. We wait in expectation and hope for the coming of our Lord. Our hope is that you will take time with your family to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and to enjoy time together. We wish you joy and peace during this Advent season.

During the next few weeks, as we head towards Christmas vacation, we will be marking both the spiritual and secular significance of this glorious time of year. as well as have opportunities to spread a little cheer to others in our community.

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season!

Don't forget to check our website regularly and follow us on Twitter for important and timely updates.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
**REBUILD
RESTORE
RENEW
TOGETHER!**



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.

Don't forget
Poinsettia Fundraiser
pick up is Dec. 2
(gym door) between
2 and 5 or Dec. 3
(main door) between
8:30 and 3.

Congratulations!

To our Catholic Character Award winners for the month of November- these students demonstrated exemplary 'Peacemaking'! For the month of December, we are working on demonstrating 'Contributing'.

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.

To our Grade 1 class and K2 class as the top sellers in our Poinsettia Fundraiser.

Coming this Month

log in to School Cash Online to purchase

Pizza Days **Sub Day**

Dec. 3
Dec. 10
Dec. 17

Dec. 15

Looking ahead...

ONLINE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION JAN 3 - FEB 25
catholiceducation.ca

Kindergarten French Immersion Program Spots Limited



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ALL FAMILIES WELCOME
 GRADE 8 STUDENT & PARENT

OPEN HOUSE
JAN 12



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 College School

assumptionlions.com/futurestudents

A few reminders...

- Supervision on our yard does not begin until 8:30 a.m.- **students can't be dropped off until that time**
- Kindergarten parents- we need to keep working on the 'kiss and go' process in the morning. We still have many parents hanging around in the morning which is considered 'congregating'. Also, we have other students who need to pass through the courtyard area to get to the school yard and the path for them needs to be cleared. Thank you for helping us with this so that we can continue to have kindergarten parents on the school yard
- We continue to reinforce no students or parents on the hill between the parking lot and the school for safety reasons.
- The hill on Nairn Street is very steep and when cars park along Nairn Street at drop off/pick up it is very hard for drivers to see- we have had calls about safety concerns. Parents, please do not park on Nairn Street and instead use the parking lot at the church up the road
- Orkney Street is extremely busy at arrival and dismissal times. Please remember that there is no parking on Orkney Street across from the school. As well, it is very hard for our busses to pull in and out with all of the parked cars and people crossing the street. We want to ensure the safety of everybody!
- As soon as Spirit Wear is here and sorted we will send it home and/or notify you about any Christmas gifts

St. Patrick's School presents our third annual...
12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

St. Patrick's School is pleased to bring back the 12 Days of Christmas. This wonderful lead up to our Christmas celebration is meant both the liturgical and secular significance of the season and the idea of giving back to our community. Each day, for 12 calendar days leading up to Christmas, we'll have an activity or event that will bring us together as a community while enjoying the most wonderful time of year. We can't wait to hear and see the joy of the season on our hill and elsewhere.

Date	Event
December 1	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 2	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 3	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 4	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 5	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 6	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 7	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 8	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 9	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 10	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 11	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...
December 12	St. Patrick's Green Book Day 2021 - Each Classroom brings in a one-page of notes to discuss...

Mark these important events on your calendars to join in the fun.

We wish everybody a wonderful and blessed holiday season!
 See you in 2022!
 The Students and Staff of St. Patrick's School

Make sure to check your family email for information about our '12 Days of Christmas' events.

PLEASE AVOID LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL AS IT IS DISRUPTIVE TO THE CLASS AND YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING.

We understand that sometimes this can't be avoided but please minimize as much as possible. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help with this challenge.

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.

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

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment>

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.

Do not go to school/child care



Next steps

Self Reg Spotlight...

Reframing your child's behaviour can have the most extraordinary effect on parent-child interactions. The instant you recognize that your child isn't willfully misbehaving but rather, that his heightened impulsivity or argumentativeness are signs that he's under too much stress, your own stress suddenly drops.

-Dr. Stuart Shanker



Being a detective and asking the questions to find the root of the stress!

Reframing: Learning to see and interpret children's behaviour in a different way and learning the difference between misbehaviour and stress behaviour.

When a child "misbehaves," ask Why? and Why now? • Look for hidden stressors (strong smells, bright lights, sitting still too long, hunger, hard chairs etc.).

Dress for the Weather

Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather....winter is here! At a minimum, students will be outside twice a day for nutrition breaks and need to be dressed warmly. Winter hats, mitts/gloves, snow pants, boots and coats will ensure that your children can enjoy their time

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Our Poinsettia Fundraiser was a huge success. We set a goal of raising \$2000 and we exceeded that goal by almost \$500 dollars. Can't wait to show you the new books and math games that we are able to purchase for our classrooms. Thank you to our families for your amazing support!



Popcorn \$2.50/ bag

Popcorn sales have been a huge success! Gr. 8's will continue to sell while supplies last. Thank you for supporting our Gr. 8's!

Prayer for Our Advent Journey

Dear Jesus,

We prepare for our own journey to the stable by listening more carefully for your presence around us. This Advent, may we weave our prayer and our service into a suitable cloth to swaddle you.

May the fabric of our lives comfort and hold the sacred gift. May we serve you faithfully and joyfully all the days of our lives.

We pray in Your name.

Amen