

December Celtic Update

St. Patrick's School, Caledonia

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

**WE ARE
MANY,
WE ARE
ONE**



A message from the school...

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

We are blessed with many things in our world today, and the Advent season, culminating in the celebration of Christmas, is one way we can recognize these blessings. St. Patrick School has been a busy place this year, and December will be no different. We are fortunate to be able to return to a greater sense of normalcy this year, allowing us to come together to celebrate the Christmas season with our families at our Christmas Social on Wednesday, December 21. As well, our School Action Committee (SAC) will be hosting a "Breakfast with Santa" on December 17 in the church basement (tickets are still available through Schoolcash online). We will also be celebrating a "Twelve Days of Christmas" countdown, starting December 8. One component of this season is our recognition that not all families have the same means of support. Please take a moment to consider contributing to our Tree of Warmth, organized by our Early Act club, with the donations going towards St. Patrick's Catholic Woman's League Tree of Warmth initiative.

Finally, we will be saying farewell, for now, to our Grade 6 teacher Mrs. Olmstead effective December 2. Mrs. Olmstead is expecting the imminent arrival of a new addition to her family. We wish her well and look forward to her return at some point in the future. A new teacher will be hired shortly.

God Bless

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

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our Poinsettia fundraiser was a success. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Coming this Month

HOT LUNCH

Pizza Days

Dec. 2
Dec. 9
Dec. 16
Dec. 23

Hot Dog Day

Dec. 15

Milk Days

Dec 5th – 23rd

ONLINE
KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION JAN 9 - FEB 24
catholiceducation.ca



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board

GRADE 8 STUDENT & PARENT
OPEN HOUSE
JAN 18
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

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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!

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

St. Patrick's School is pleased to bring back the 12 Days of Christmas. This wonderful event is our Christmas season's highlight and a great opportunity for the season and the time of giving back to our community. All the 12 children that work up to Christmas morning, our community will be back to work for a day. We will be able to bring us together as a community and working together to make our 12th day of year. We can't wait to see and hear from you again in our halls and classrooms.

Date	Event
December 8	St. Patrick's Day of St. Patrick's Day, Family and Carols
December 9	Christmas Carol Singing to the Schoolyard
December 10	St. Patrick's Day
December 11	Christmas Carol Singing to the Schoolyard
December 12	Christmas Carol Singing to the Schoolyard
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December 25	Christmas Carol Singing to the Schoolyard

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

We wish everybody a wonderful and blessed holiday season!
See you in 2023!
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.

Health and Social Services
Halifax and Norfolk

Let's get moving!



Physical activity has been shown to have a positive impact on academics, cognition, emotional regulation, social behaviours, physical health and over all quality of life



A healthy 24 hours includes:
SWEAT: At least 60 minutes per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity
STEP: Several hours of a variety of light structured and unstructured play
SLEEP: 9 to 11 hours per night for children 5-13 years of age
SIT: No more than 2 hours per day of recreational screen time

<https://cswgguidelines.ca/guidelines/children-youth/>

Work towards these guidelines together by choosing activities that everyone enjoys

Activities to get everyone moving this winter

- sledding, skiing, skating
- trail walks, outdoor scavenger hunt
- build a snowman or snow fort
- blow bubbles and watch them freeze
- snow soccer
- indoor dance party night
- indoor obstacle course
- floor is lava competition

St. Patrick's School
Cordially invites your family to

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 17th, 2022

Seating 1: 9:00 am
 Seating 2: 10:15 am
 Seating 3: 11:30 am

Held at St. Patrick's Church (beside the school)
107 Orkney St. E, Caledonia ON

Hot breakfast, basket raffles and photo opportunity with special guest Santa!

Price: \$10.00/person (Children under 2 are free)
 Tickets go on sale November 23 – December 4, 2022,
 on School Cash Online



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

St. Patrick's School staff cordially invites you to our

Family Christmas Social

Wednesday December 21, 2022

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bring the family out to the school for some wonderful Christmas cheer and fun!



As a family, you will have a chance to travel around the school and join in a variety of different Christmas themed activities. Sing carols, make a craft, enjoy hot chocolate, play BINGO or try your hand at a Christmas STEM themed challenge- to name a few! Our evening is designed to be flexible around your schedule- come when you can between 5 and 7:00 p.m. and stay as long or as little as you like.

We are so excited to welcome our families into our school to celebrate this most wonderful time of year!

Looking forward to seeing everybody on December 17th!