

End of Year Celtic update

St. Patrick's School, Caledonia

A message from the school...

It is hard to believe that it is already almost June and that this school year is drawing to a close. This has been an exceptional year at St. Patrick's. Before we know it, we will be saying farewell to our graduates and goodbye to our classmates for the summer.

The board theme for this school year was 'Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together' and that is exactly what we did. We came back together to in person learning- supporting each other through the successes and challenges. We were able to play together, learn together and grow as a community. We saw a return to in person assemblies and sports teams which allowed us to celebrate everybody's gifts. We are even getting to go on some class trips again!

To those students who are leaving to places of higher learning, remember to share your God given gifts with your new classmates. To those students who are returning next year, continue to share these gifts among our school community as it not only makes you better; it makes our school better!

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.

PD Day

June 6



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.

A big shoutout to our Volleyball Team, Junior Soccer Team, Intermediate Soccer Team and Track Athletes for their hard work and dedication...it has been so much fun watching our students enjoy athletics again!

Congratulations!

To our Catholic Character Award winners for the month of April- these students demonstrated exemplary 'Forgiveness!' For the month of May we are working on demonstrating 'Reflective Thinking' and 'Commitment' in June.

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 Up

Pizza Days

May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24

Sub Days

June 15

Hot Dog Day

June 23

Jump Rope for Heart

May 27

Welcome to Kindergarten

June 1

Save the Date...

Parents we have a fantastic opportunity coming up for you as a part of Parent Reaching Out funds provided to schools. On **June 5th** we are offering an opportunity for our parents to join virtually with parents from St. Mary's School in Hagersville for an evening with Paul Davis. Paul Davis will be presenting on the topic of 'Online Safety, Social Media, Privacy, Cyberbullying and Image Sharing'. This event will begin at 7 p.m.. Given the world we live in and the amount of time we know our children are engaging with apps and platforms online, we can't stress the importance of educating ourselves as parents around the ways to help keep our kids safe. **Check your inbox for a link to register for this very worthwhile presentation.**

End of Year Class Trips

Please make sure to have signed permission forms submitted well in advance of trip dates. Students will not be able to go on the trip if a signed form is not at school (we cannot accept verbal consent over the phone). Please message teachers with any trip related questions.

A message from Mrs. Becks...

Currently, staff and I are in discussions about placing students in classes for the 2022-2023 school year. It has been our practice that this important year-end procedure is best accomplished through a team effort to create the most dynamic classes possible – ones that include a variety of student learning strengths, needs, talents, and gifts. Please trust that staff and I put careful thought and a great deal of focused effort into the placement of each student.

If you feel that, due to extraordinary circumstances, you need to advocate for your child's needs, contact me via **email** by no later than **June 10th**. **Although I cannot guarantee that your request will be accommodated** (we have a number of factors to consider that you may not be aware of), I can guarantee that it will be seriously considered during our staff discussions. Please note that June 10th will be the final date for input to allow us to complete our draft school organization. Our staff always places children in the best possible class scenario for the coming school year, with their best interests at heart. There may be times when disappointment happens (e.g. not getting the teacher they want; not being with a certain friend) but we truly see this as a growth opportunity. In these situations, we work with our students to help them adjust and be able to move forward with the mindset that "everything will be okay if I allow it to be okay". As adults in their lives, we model this for them so that it helps them develop the necessary resiliency.

We are in an area of incredible growth which results in the possibility of many staffing and class organization changes happening late into August. As a result, we do not disclose class lists until the first day of school. At that time, students will be greeted by their classroom teachers and assisted in finding their classroom. Further information about this process will be sent home before the start of the school year.

Thank you!

Other important dates...

Superhero Day	June 3
Gr. 1, 1/2, 2/3, 3 Trip	June 10
Talent Show	June 15
Kindergarten Trip	June 16
Junior Trip	June 16
Beach Day	June 17
Grade 7/8 Trip	June 21
Year End Liturgy	June 22
Graduation	June 23
Report Cards	June 24
Class Colour & Play Day	June 27
Final Assembly & Last Day	June 29

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. The following are the absolute due dates for orders for the month:

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

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- **bylaw is ticketing!**
- 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, hats and extra clothes are recommended for all students in ensure that our time outdoors can be fully enjoyed.

Board wide dress code policy reminder...

Principles of modesty: All student attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings and beliefs, and reflect principles of modesty and shall not include the following:

- short shorts/skirts, bare midriffs, halter tops, tank tops (a good rule of thumb 1 straps should be about the width of 2/3 fingers), etc
- accessories such as spiked bracelets/necklaces or any externals not in keeping with the spirit of the dress code as determined by the local school
- language and/or representation on attire that indicates gang affiliation and/or depicts violence, profanity or discrimination of any kind whatsoever or that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group (policy also references sayings, pictures, and logos that address or display sexual content, substance abuse, violence, profanity, inappropriate references to nationality, race or gender)

Thanks for your ongoing support of this policy.

Congratulations to our Grade 8 Graduates

We wish you all the best as you continue your educational journey!

Estelle	Selena	Kate
Emily	Caden	Alexis
Mikayla	Caleb	Hunter
Madison	Ezekiel	Victoria
Aiden	Abbey	Kevin
Savannah	Cole	Robert
Solange	Nathan	Isabelle
Atorina	Osamudiamwen	Amelia
Oriana	Isabella	Daniella
Preston	Chase	Meadow
Cora	Zachary	

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.