

February Celtic Update

St. Patrick's School, Caledonia

A message from the school...

February marks the half-way point of our school year and there is so much to look forward to in the coming months. There have been many changes and adjustments happening in the past month, but we are proud of how well our students have been coping.

A big thank you to our parent community for your commitment to doing the daily COVID screen and acknowledgement- we have had tremendous success with this. We know this adds another thing to your busy morning, but it is helping to keep all of our Celtic community safe and healthy.

On February 4th your children will be bringing home their first term report card. Please use this as an opportunity to talk with them about the successes of the past months. Next, take some time to discuss goals that they have for the remainder of the year. What are areas on their report card that they feel they can improve on? What are some things they will do to achieve their goal?

A special Valentine wish for all of you:

I'd like to hang a valentine
Upon the world's front door...
With hearts of love and peace entwined
To last forevermore.

With love to guide our daily path,
There'd be no one in need;
God's blessings would be shared by all
Of every race and creed.

Peace would come to all the world
As nations great and small,
Would put aside their selfish aims
To work for the good of all.

If I could have my wish today,
I'd wish for nothing more
Than to hang a great big valentine
Upon our world's front door.

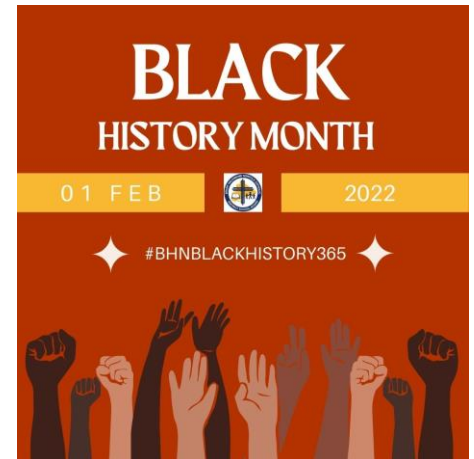
William Franklin Jr.

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.



Congratulations!

To our Catholic Character Award winners for the month of December & January- these students demonstrated exemplary choices! For the month of February, we are working on demonstrating 'Friendship'.

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 Sub Day

Feb. 4 Feb. 16
Feb. 11
Feb. 18
Feb. 25

Fun Sock Day Feb. 4
Red/Pink/White Day Feb. 14
Family Day Feb. 21
Pink Shirt Day Feb. 23
Vaccine Clinic Feb. 25

Looking ahead...



ONLINE
KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION JAN 3 - FEB 25
catholiceducation.ca

Kindergarten French Immersion Program Spots Limited

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Grade 8's Hold the Date

Graduation Photo Day is February 23.
More info to come!

Monday February 14, 2022

So excited to say that Valentine cards may be brought in to exchange with classmates this year. Please do not include/send anything edible as we can't share food/candy. Any questions please ask your classroom teacher.

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.

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

When dropping off/picking up your children from school please be careful- Orkney Street is extremely chaotic and we have had some close calls... do your part to keep everybody safe.

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

Self Reg Spotlight...



CO-REGULATION

- Self-Reg begins with us, the adults. Consider your own stress and dysregulation and how they affect you and your children.
- Co-regulation is when two individuals are in sync with each other allowing the other to up or down regulate to be calm and engaged. By understanding what someone is thinking by reading affect cues and gestures, you can figure out what the other individual needs.



Get your pink shirt ready for Wednesday February 23!

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

Calling all extra masks, water bottles, forks and spoons!

We continue to have students coming to school without these items and are asking your help with reminding your children to bring them to school. In the winter weather, masks need to be changed multiple times during the day as they get wet inside... you can never overpack. Water fountains are off limits- bottle fill stations are available but require a bottle.

Looking for information about school...

- Follow us on Twitter
- Check our school website
- Check your child's Brightspace home page
- Check your family email regularly