

# January Celtic Update

St. Patrick's School, Caledonia

## 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.

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MANY,  
WE ARE  
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Breakfast with Santa was a huge success. Thank you to all our volunteers for your help in organizing this magical event for our students.

## Congratulations!

To our Catholic Character Award winners for the month of December—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	Hot Dog Day
Jan. 13	Jan. 18
Jan. 21	
Jan. 28	<b>Milk Days</b>
Dec. 23	Jan. 16 – Feb 3



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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!

**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.*