

November Celtic Update

St. Patrick's School,
Caledonia

A message from the school...

It is hard to believe that another month has passed and November has begun. We continue to work hard at St. Patrick's school, reinforcing good choices and actions, academically, socially and emotionally. On November 6th you will be receiving a Progress Report for each of your children. This progress report is meant to provide you with insight into how the return to school has been. Educators will be highlighting strengths observed to date and next steps for your child's learning. Please take some time to review this progress report with your child and set goals moving forward. As well, each of you will have an opportunity to participate in an interview with the classroom educators to discuss your child and their progress. These interviews will be via phone and further information will be coming soon about how to book those with classroom teachers. Please use the progress report and the interview as an opportunity to celebrate hard work and success and set goals for the remainder of the term and year.

Parents, we are looking for your help with reinforcing a very important message at home. We continue to work very hard with the expectations around physical distancing at school-specifically outside during nutrition breaks. We know that the new protocols and expectations are challenging but we also know that the better we get at following them the more likely it will be that they can be relaxed. Help us by reinforcing with your children the importance of leaving space and not touching others. Thank you for your support with this.

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Congratulations!

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

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 current grade 3's who will be celebrating the sacrament of First Communion at various times this month.

Coming this month... Pizza and Sub Days!

Order individually packaged pizza slices (Pizza Pizza) and Subs (Golden Spoon) through School Cash Online.

Pizza Days

November 20
November 27

Sub Day

November 26

PLEASE ASSESS YOUR CHILD DAILY for SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19. We are expecting families to complete a self assessment DAILY before sending your child(ren) to school. SELF-ASSESSMENT can be located online at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. Common symptoms include: fever, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat or difficulty swallowing, altered smell or taste, nausea/ vomiting, diarrhea/ abdominal pain, running nose, nasal congestion (unrelated to allergies). If your child has new or worsening or unexplained symptoms related to COVID-19: • Do not enter the school • Seek assessment and testing ASAP • Self-isolate while waiting results • If results are negative– self-isolate for 24 hours after symptoms resolve. • If results are positive, or test is not completed, self isolate for 14 days

For questions please contact your doctor or Tele-Health
If your child has an underlying condition, please share this info with the school.

A few reminders...

- School starts at 8:45 a.m., please ensure to have your children to school by 8:45 a.m.
- **Supervision on our yard does not begin until 8:30 a.m.- students can not be dropped off until that time**
- Board policy states that no parents or visitors are allowed on school property (unless an appointment has been made that can't be handled on the phone or virtually). Thank you to our parents dropping off who are saying good bye at the property edge- you are making it much easier for your children and us to follow protocols.
- **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.
- Parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles who are picking up children from the Nairn Street side of our school- please do not park along Nairn Street as it is extremely dangerous with cars coming up the hill. Also know that we will not be allowing students to run across Nairn Street to meet an adult on the other side- please cross and wait with other adults on the sidewalk.
- Please ensure your child knows their pick up/dismissal plan prior to coming to school in the morning- we are getting a lot of last minute questions from students that the office is dealing with at a very busy time of day. If you have to call the school with a plan change please do so as early as possible in the day to help us with getting the message to your child.

Back by popular demand...

St. Patrick's School Spirit Wear!

Spirit Wear sales are going great!
Remember that the last day to order Spirit Wear is November 6 through School Cash Online.

No late orders can be accepted!



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.

Thinking about getting involved? Join our S.A.C.!

Our next meeting is this month-
Wednesday November 25, 6:30 p.m. via
Teams.

If you want to join and were not able last month let the office know so we can get you on the list.

Agendas coming home are our 'gift' to your child(ren). They were already ordered and here so students may as well use them at home- please do not send them back and forth to school- we are not using them for communication

Dress for the Weather

Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather....winter is coming! Classes continue to spend as much time outdoors as possible so dressing for the changing temperatures across the day is important. At a minimum, students will be outside twice a day for nutrition breaks and need to be dressed warmly.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

The Brant Haldimand Catholic District School Board is committed to ensuring and promoting safe and accepting schools. In the spirit of the month (remembrance and peace), the Church preparing our hearts for Advent, and our Board theme (Hearts on Fire: Transform) our hope is to continue to foster and deepen the culture of belonging, hospitality and welcoming that is present within our schools. This year, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board's theme for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is "People of Transformation: Living as Joyful Disciples".

During the week of **November 15 – 21, 2020**, our school will be focusing on what it means to 'Transform' and to live as Joyful Disciples in a peaceful community; an inclusive community, a respectful community; and a community of kindness where **ALL** students feel welcome, accepted, and belong to the school community. Students will participate in Scripture, prayer and class activities that draws attention to the actions and consequences of bullying and highlight how we can choose to put our Board theme into action and Keep our 'Hearts on Fire'.

Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to allow treats to be brought into the school to share with classes (e.g. for birthdays), even if they are store bought and peanut/nut free. If someone forgets and does send, we will keep them safe and pack them up to take back home to enjoy. Thank you for adhering to this and helping us to help everybody stay healthy.

Please remember that we are a peanut/nut free school!

That means there should be NO tree nuts & peanuts in the ingredients. The item should also be made in a TREE NUT & PEANUT FREE FACILITY. The label can NOT say "May Contain Nuts" or made on equipment that also processes nuts, or anything similar. Peanut butter substitutes (e.g. Wow Butter) are not allowed either.



Transportation Delays/ Cancellations, are you getting notified?

Did you know that there are a number of ways to see if your child(ren)'s bus is running behind schedule or has been cancelled? Make sure you register at <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login> to receive notifications.

Watch your email inbox for information about using our new 'Bookings' online web tool to book a time for your Parent/Teacher interviews (being held next week). Information coming home with Progress Reports on Friday Nov. 6!

We will be recognizing Remembrance Day on Nov. 11th through a schoolwide virtual assembly. Poppies will be available for students to purchase at school that day. Please consider sending loose change in with your child on November 11th to help support the poppy campaign.

A Remembrance Day Prayer

God of all creation,
we thank You for Jean Vanier Catholic School
and our country, Canada.
We are so blessed to live in a country
where we have freedom, forests, food and farmland.
Bless our school, our country, Canada,
its leaders and its people.
Help us to take great pride in our school and country
and to keep them safe and happy places for all. Amen

