

November Celtic Update

St. Patrick's School,
Caledonia

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
**WE ARE
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WE ARE
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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 4th you received 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 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 in person, virtually via Teams or phone. Please use the information sent home via email about how to book an interview with the classroom teacher(s). 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 a few things we seem to be dealing with often. **Please remind your children to bring water bottles, spoons and forks to school daily- we get daily requests for all of these items.** We do not have plastic cups or cutlery at the school to distribute.

Welcome to St. Patrick's!

Mr. Stowe

Student teacher in the Gr. 2/3 class

Miss Lapoint

Student teacher in the Gr 2 class

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.

Coming this month...

Pizza, Milk & Hotdog Day

Pizza Days

November 4
November 18
November 25

Hotdog Day

November 9

Milk

November 1 – December 2, 2022

Parents must screen each child daily before sending them to school using the online screening tool at:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment>

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...

- 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 cannot be dropped off until that time**
- We continue to reinforce no students or parents on the hill between the parking lot and the school for safety reasons- please do not let your children walk on the hill during drop off or pick up.
- 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.
- Orkney Street is extremely busy at the start and end of our day. There is no parking on Orkney Street directly across from the school- please respect the parking rules and the driveways of our neighbor's.

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 very disruptive to the class and your child's learning.

SAC Update

Thank you to the following members of our School Advisory Council who have been selected for the following positions:

Chair
Ian Haynes

Vice Chair
Jennifer Mark

Treasurer
Nataley Hyttenrauch

Secretary
Thea Wiggins

Next Meeting

November 16th @ 6:00

SAVE THE DATE!

SAC Fundraiser

"Breakfast with Santa"

Saturday December 17, 2022

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.

Please check our webpage and class Brightspace pages daily for important updates. Following us on Twitter is another great way to keep informed.

Not anyone's favourite topic but...

Head Lice Reminder

It's that time of the year again. Please check your children's hair at least twice a week, remind them not to share combs, hair bands, hats, scarves, and call the school if you notice a problem.

Remember too, that if head lice is detected, you also need to treat your entire house - bedding, upholstery, any clothing that is pulled over the head, and anything that comes in contact with the hair. It's a big job, but it's necessary!

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.

STSBHN is pleased to offer another app to our community which will allow users to track their child(ren)'s bus relative to their bus stop location.

The app is called "**Chipmunk**" and is accessible in both the [Apple App Store](#) as well as the [Google Play Store](#).

For details on use of the app, please download the [Chipmunk PDF User Guide](#).

REMINDER:

November 11, 2022 – PA DAY

Please support our first school fundraiser

Christmas Poinsettias!

Info coming soon!

We will be recognizing Remembrance Day on Nov. 10th with a Liturgy in the church. Poppies will be available for students to purchase at school that day. Please consider sending loose change in with your child on November 10th to help support the Legion 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

