

# October Celtic Update

St. Patrick's School,  
Caledonia

## A message from the school...

Wow....where did September go? We continue to be very busy at St. Patrick's as we establish our routines and complete our educational plans for this school year. Thank you for your support during this busy time and for helping your students to adjust to the new look and feel of school. We continue to reinforce social distancing and hand hygiene at school. Please continue to remind your children of the importance of social distancing at school. We use terms such as 'leave space' and 'airplane arms' in order to remind them to keep the 2 metres of distance between them and their friends. We know that this is hard, especially for our older students who crave the social aspect of school, however, we all need to work together to keep everybody healthy and safe.

This month we have the opportunity to focus on gratitude as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Here at St. Patrick's school we are grateful for our school family and for the opportunity to be back together- learning and growing. As Thanksgiving approaches, please know how thankful we are for you, our families and for choosing us as educators for your children.

Let us pray to God, the source of everything that is good, in a spirit of genuine gratitude. *Gracious God, you sustain our living in every way, from the air we breathe and the food we eat; to the beauty and wonder of all of Creation; to the life-giving relationships we have with each other. May we express our thanks for all of these blessings through our willingness to serve and share with each other.*

*Amen.*

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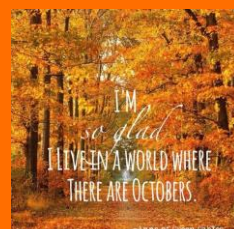
## Congratulations!

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

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 2020 Grade 8's who will celebrate their graduation finally on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

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



**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. and with our new entry protocols in place late arrivals make it very difficult for office and teaching staff. Please ensure to have your children to school by 8:45 a.m.
- 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 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. The hill is dangerous and we do not want anybody to get hurt. Please use the stairs or walk around to the path.
- 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.
- Check your child's Brightspace page daily for announcements and communication from the classroom (remember we do not have agendas this year)
- Supervision on our yard does not begin until 8:30 a.m.- students can not be dropped off until that time

## Back by popular demand...

### St. Patrick's School Spirit Wear!

After the success of last year we are going to do it again.

Watch our website and classroom Brightspace announcements for further information after Thanksgiving.



## 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.!

Nomination forms due Oct. 5 and  
our first virtual meeting is Oct. 6!  
Check our website for further  
information and nomination form.

## Dress for the Weather

Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather.....we are beginning to experience a wide variety of temperatures and conditions as fall is upon us. Classes continue to spend as much time outdoors as possible so dressing for the changing temperatures across the day is important.

## 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.

We have a number of students in the school with life threatening allergies to food products. As a result, no sharing of food will be permitted. Please refrain from sending in treats to share with the class (e.g. birthday treats) as these will be packed up and sent back home. It is our responsibility to keep everybody safe and we appreciate your support with this.

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.

Lots of questions about Halloween at school this year... While we have yet to finalize plans, we will be celebrating Halloween in some way. We will not be able to mix cohorts (classes) and must ensure physical distancing and mask wearing (gr. 4-8) regardless of it being Halloween.

More info to come!

## 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?

The ways that you can be notified of an interruption include:

- 1) downloading the bus delays app from either the Google Play or Apple store; detailed instructions on setting up the app is available by visiting <http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs> and clicking on the last FAQ labelled "Delays and Cancellation App".
- 2) register to receive email notifications. To register simply visit <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login> and create an account. After your account has been created, connect your child(ren)'s bus service to your email address by logging in and clicking the "Add Student" button. Detailed instructions on setting up your account is also available by visiting <http://www.stsbhn.ca/faqs> and clicking on the FAQ labelled "having trouble logging into the Parent/Student portal". For parents who look up bus information before the start of school, you have already completed this option!
- 3) visit <https://transinfobhn.ca/Alerts> daily to see if your bus is running behind schedule or has been cancelled.

If you are having trouble with any of these methods, please reach out to the transportation office by emailing [transportation@stsbhn.ca](mailto:transportation@stsbhn.ca) or by calling 519-751-7532.

School Cash Online will be used for form completion requirements this year. Please make sure you have registered for School Cash Online, access and complete a number of forms that are required. Of extreme importance is reviewing and signing off on the Concussion Protocol information and the Makerspace form. For help with School Cash Online please call the office.

**DON'T FORGET...**