

September Celtic Update

St. Patrick's School,
Caledonia

A message from the school...

The staff of St. Patrick's school was so happy to welcome everybody back to school this week. We are a growing and vibrant community with many exciting things to celebrate and our time away made it even sweeter to be back together again. To our returning friends- we look forward to continuing our Catholic Education journey with you. To our new friends- we are so excited to meet you and for you to experience our fantastic St. Patrick's community.

As you all know the current pandemic is making for unprecedented times and has led to significant changes in the way we do things. I am pleased to say that all of our students have been working very hard over the staggered entry time to become accustomed to our new routines and protocols. Things like entering and exiting the school and hand washing will take up an extra amount of time but we know that these are important routines to establish and maintain for the health of everybody. Outside play time looks different and we continue to work on ideas that our students can do during their breaks while following the guidelines established. We keep reinforcing with our students that these precautions are 'for now and not forever' and we thank you for helping us to reinforce this at home.

We cannot promise that everything will run smoothly along the way but we will do our best! We will teach perseverance, determination, resiliency, and commitment in the face of any challenges that arise along our journey. We couldn't have made it here or continue along this journey without you. Thank you for your continued showing of patience and ongoing support. It does take a true partnership between home, school, and parish to build our children into the fine people that they become, ready to take on the future.

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Our Fantastic Staff

Secretary

Mrs. McCurdy

Kindergarten

Mrs. Fitzhenry, Miss Boersema

Kindergarten

Mrs. DeSantis, Mr. Morin

Grade 1

Mrs. Goulding

Grade 1/2

Mr. Morabito

Grade 2/3

Mrs. Lichy

Grade 3/4

Mrs. Krawesky

Grade 4/5

Mr. Haddow

Grade 6/7

Miss Santilli

Grade 7

Mr. Clannon

Grade 8

Mrs. Martin

SERTs

Ms. Szalay, Mrs. Skrzypek

Educational Assistants

Mrs. Czepek, Ms. Robinson, Mrs. Petrucelli,

Ms. Woods

French

Miss. Poirier and Mrs. Banda

Custodians

Mr. Luciani, Ms. Bottrell, Ms. Anderson

Lunch Monitor

Mrs. Gouveia

Primary Prep

Miss Rokowski

Principal

Mrs. Becks

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/self-assessment>. 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 have been granted permission to go as far as the courtyard to drop their children. Please ensure you are wearing a mask when you do so. Parents of our Cypres Childcare students have been asked to wear a mask in case of close contact with students so we owe them the same respect. As well, it is the school's responsibility to make sure we don't have large groups 'congregating' on property. Moms and dads of our kindergarteners- please look at the courtyard as a 'kiss and go' area. Get them safely to their area, wish them well on their day and then go about your day. The longer parents hang around the kindergarten courtyard the harder it is for other parents to drop off and we then begin to get a 'congregation' which we need to avoid. Thank you for your attention and help with this.
- 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.
- If your child forgot something at home, we have a contactless delivery system available. Simply come to the main door and we will buzz you in. Once inside you will see a red bin, place your items in and we will call your children down to get them.
- Walkers and pick ups from primary are now being picked up from our Nairn Street entrance. Please form a line with other parents on the school side of Nairn Street to wait for your child. Nairn Street can be dangerous so we will not be releasing students to run across the road to meet mom or dad. Safety is a priority for us!

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.

Risen Lord Jesus,

You have made yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. Fill us with the joy of knowing your presence, so that like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we too, may give witness and share the Good News with others.

Open our hearts and minds to your transforming love. Give us the courage to live our faith in action.

Set our hearts on fire with love. Amen.

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Hearts on Fire: Transform

This year, our Board will continue with the spiritual theme of Hearts on Fire- Journey, Encounter, Transform, which rests on the Gospel message of Luke 24:32. As we enter year two of our Board spiritual theme, we will focus on TRANSFORM and what that means to us as a school community. Pope Francis encourages us to look outside of ourselves to the needs of others to find ways in which we can open our hearts to those who need us most. He asks us to take these experiences as a sign of God's Grace and embrace how the Holy Spirit works within these moments to transform our hearts and help us to draw closer to God. As a staff team, we will help our students understand this message. We will continue our practice of daily prayer and Christian Meditation. While whole school masses are not permitted currently, outdoor liturgies and classroom prayer services will occur.



A Note from
Transportation Services

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.

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

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 or by calling 519-751-7532.



NEW THIS YEAR

School Cash Online will be used for form completion requirements this year. Please make sure you have registered for School Cash Online as soon as possible in order to be able to access and complete a number of forms that are required. Further information about these forms and process will be sent home very soon. For help with School Cash Online please call the office.