

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Oct. 12

School Photo Day
IEP's go home

Oct. 16

Spaghetti Supper 4:30-7:00 in Parish Hall

Oct. 21

Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6pm

Oct. 27

Confirmation Meeting @ Church 7pm

Oct. 28

Halloween Pumpkin Carving Party @ Church 4-6pm

Oct. 29

Halloween Dress up Day & Winit assembly

Nov. 7

Confirmation @ 9:30

Nov. 10

-Progress Reports go home today

Nov. 11

-Spirit Horse Presentation today (Gr. 3-8)
-Wear Red & White for Remembrance Day

Nov. 18

National Child Day JK-Gr. 1 students to Civic Centre from 1-3



From the Principal's Desk

Visitor Policy Unless you are a registered student or board employee, you are considered to be a visitor to the school. When visiting the school, please report to the office before proceeding to any classes or other areas of the building. For your children's safety, we need to know who is in the building at all times. All visitors must sign in at the office and pick up a visitor's pass from the secretary. Every effort should be made to schedule appointments outside of school hours. Parent/Guardians must notify the school in writing if a student is required to leave during the school day. If parents/guardians pick up their child for an appointment during school hours, they

must notify the secretary at the office. In the event of illness or injury, the school will contact parents before permission is given for a student to leave school. It is extremely important that parents provide us with accurate phone numbers on the registration forms and notify us of any changes to enable us to contact them in emergency cases.

Halloween—Friday Oct. 29th

Students are always very excited about Halloween. The student council has numerous events planned for students. However, it is a regular school day and we expect that children will follow classroom and school rules. Students are invited to wear their costume to school. There is a costume

contest for JK-Grade 8 students. More details will be provided next week. A reminder that swords, guns and other items in breach of our code of conduct are not permitted. Please remember to inspect your child's candy prior to eating. Finally, please keep bags of Halloween candy at home. Students will be permitted to bring only 2 or 3 special treats to eat during lunchtime for the first week of November. Thank you for your assistance in keeping Halloween treats at home. Be sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, October 28 (4-6pm) which is the Pumpkin Carving Party at the Church. It is a wonderful activity which is fun for the whole family.



Learning Skills of the Month

Each month, our staff and students are focusing on one of the six learning skills that you will find on the new provincial report cards. Last month, we examined organization. This month, we are focusing on responsibility and initiative. Students who

are showing excellent initiative would do the following:

- Consistently demonstrate a positive attitude toward learning
- Independently practices new skills
- Consistently seeks challenges and new

opportunities for learning

- Consistently recognizes what needs to be done and follows through independently.

Try to have your child practice initiative this month.

Virtue of the Month: Gratitude

October's virtue is GRATITUDE, how apropos that we celebrate Thanksgiving this month. Our quote for this month is **"this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad"** Psalm 118:24. "Thanks" is a simple word, but it is a precious fountain of faith in God, and it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish everything we have. Although the world

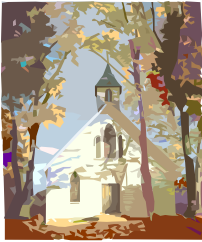


is currently experiencing economic challenges, and we may have difficulty saying thank you for some of our hardships, sometimes this can release us from that sense of entitlement that can prevent us from really seeing God's grace in our daily lives. The choice to be grateful is not always without effort. This month, at St. Patrick School, we will express our gratefulness

with words and actions.

St. Pat's school showed their generosity this month by contributing to our annual food drive. Thank-you for contributing 533 items for our local food bank—many people in Kapuskasing will be grateful for your generosity. Classroom challenge results:
1st—deMontigny
2nd—Oldaker
3rd—Lanthier, Piche, Bergeron (tie)

Blessing of the School Bags



A special thank you to all staff and students who participated in our first-ever, blessing of the school bags celebration and Mass on Sunday October 3rd, 2010.

We had over 30 St. Pat's students and 12 staff members participate in this special Mass created by our youth ministry team of Herve Sauve, Rejeanne and Len Wood. We will be

having a special Mass in November. Once the date is confirmed, we will notify you.



Terry Fox Fundraising Update



The Terry Fox Foundation

On Thursday September 30th, St. Patrick's School hosted our annual Terry Fox Run. Staff and students walked through the streets of Kapuskasing along our 2.5 Km route. Students were dressed in school colours (yellow and green) and were great ambassadors of our school. I am pleased to announce that our students raised

over \$500.00 which was donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your generosity. A big thank-you goes to all our parent volunteers and our local O.P.P. officers who made our walk safe and fun for everyone involved.

Thank-you to all staff and students who participated in one

or all three special fundraising activities for the Terry Fox Foundation this year. Here is a breakdown of the total amount of money raised:

Hat Day: \$122.25

Fundraising Friday \$131.20

Toonie for Terry \$281.00

TOTAL: \$534.45