

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

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
-Veteran presentation
10:45-11:20

Nov. 11
-Spirit Horse Presenta-
tion today (Gr. 3-8)
-Wear Red & White
for Remembrance Day
-Gr. 7 & 8 students go
to cenotaph

Nov. 12
Franco a go go! French
presentation for JK-Gr.
8

Nov. 17
-Progress Reports go
home today

Nov. 18
National Child Day JK-
Gr. 1 students to Civic
Centre from 1-3



From the Principal's Desk

HALLOWEEN FUN

Your student council, under the leadership of Mrs. Casonato have been busy preparing many spook-tacular activities and events:

Halloween Candy Grams:

Will be on sale each lunch this week (Mon-Thurs) for the cost of \$.25 or \$5.00 for an entire class set.

Creepy Door Decorating:

Each class is invited to decorate their classroom door.

The criteria includes: Halloween theme, creativity and creative Halloween poem. Doors must be finished by Thursday.

Costume Contest:

Students and staff are encouraged to dress up for Halloween on Friday October 29th.

There will be prizes for the following costumes: toughest, scariest, cutest and most

original. Don't forget that if your child needs to have a sword, or gun or other item that could be considered a weapon – they will be asked to leave it on the teacher's desk.

Pumpkin Carving Contest:

The student council has provided each class with a pumpkin to carve. All pumpkins are due to the lobby at the end of the school day on Oct. 28th for judging.

Haunted House:

The student council has been very busy turning the science lab into a haunted house. All classes will be invited to this annual tradition. The lights will be left on for students in younger grades.

Winit Celebrations:

Grade 4-8 @ 9:30

JK-Gr. 3 @ 1:00

Surprise Challenge:

At 2:30 there will be a surprise challenge announced over the intercom by the student council. Winners will be judged by class participation and creativity. Good luck!

A very special thank you to our student council (Gr.6-8 students) who have been working very hard to prepare these activities.

One final reminder is that many students are extra-excited during this time of year. Let's all work together to ensure that all students are following our classroom and school rules. Please keep bags of Halloween candy at home. Next week, students will be permitted to bring only 2 or 3 special treats to eat after their lunch.



Learning Skills of the Month: Responsibility

During the month of October, we have been focusing on developing a greater sense of initiative and responsibility. Here is what responsibility looks like, feels like and sounds like:

- I walk quietly in the hallways

- I follow the class and school rules
- I respect all guests
- I include all people
- I feel helpful
- I consider other people's feelings
- I show others that I am a role model
- I take care of my be-

- longings and am prepared for class
- I say and do kind things because I know that my actions will impact on other people
- I catch up on work that I miss
- I care about others

Virtue of the Month: Prudence (Wisdom)



November's virtue is Prudence. Prudence is one of the cardinal virtues. The four cardinal virtues (prudence, temperance, fortitude, justice) are practices on which all the other virtues hinge (cardinal, meaning *hinge* in Latin). These practices are learned and developed over time.

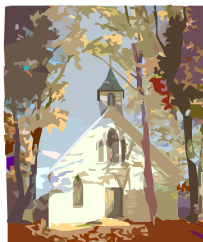
Our quote for this month is "How much better to

get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver" (Proverbs 16:16) Prudence has three steps: seeking the proper, most loving thing to do; judging what is the best choice; and confidently acting. A prudent person asks, "What is the right, most loving thing to do?" They consider others' advice and looks to the Gospel and Church teaching to guide

their conscience. They pray and think things through, then confidently acts in truth and love. In this way, practicing prudence unites us more closely both with God and neighbour. Prudence is visible in our Catholic schools when we reflect as Jesus' disciples and act in his love.



Confirmation on November 7th



Our students who will be making their confirmation, have been very busy over the past few weeks. They have been learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and preparing to receive this important sacrament.

On October 23rd and 24th students attended Mass, so that they could be introduced to the Parish community. They also gave their confirmation community service agreements to Father Sauve, in ex-

change for a cross necklace. There is an information meeting TONIGHT at 7pm, followed by a full day retreat on Thursday with Mike Buhler (pastoral care worker). Good luck confirmants.

AVGEN CARDS

Congratulations to our school board trustee: Denis Lincez

To check out our most recent photos and activities, go to our school website at: www.ncdsb.on.ca -click "Our Catholic Schools" -click "St. Patrick School—Kap"

We are once again selling gift cards that will allow our school to raise money needed for academic, athletic and social programming. Avgen gift cards are a great way to allow our school to profit from money you are already spending. The school gets between 3.5%-10% depending on the card.

Please consider buying gift cards for local businesses or for any of the nearly 50 listed from us, so that we not only support our community, but our school as well. Cheques should be made out to "St. Patrick School". Here are the gift card deadlines for the rest of the year: Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 20, Feb. 24, Mar. 24, Apr. 21, May

19, and June 9.

We have also purchased a variety of gift cards from local businesses (YIG, Shoppers, Canadian Tire, Tim Hortons, etc.) that are available for sale each day in front of the school from 3:15-3:30. Please see Lanette Grimm if you would like to purchase these cards.