



The Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

April 2018

St. Patrick School – a great little school to believe in!

It is hard to believe that another month has already gone by and that we have now entered the month of April. April, with its celebration of the Easter season, has been assigned the virtue of **HOPE**. Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life. It isn't just a single day of celebration - it's an entire season where we celebrate our new life in Christ. Just like Christmas, Easter is celebrated for an extended period of time - 50 days to be exact! Our Easter Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

On behalf of the staff and students at St. Patrick Catholic School, I would like to wish you and your family a very blessed Easter Season!



During the month of April, we will continue to work on the virtue of **HOPE**. It is the second of the three theological virtues (faith, hope and charity) which prepare each person to participate in the divine nature of God. As the foundation of all Christian moral activity, theological virtues give Christian life its special character!

The criteria for this month's **Student of the Month** is as follows: A student who is creative in their written work and their thinking. A reflective, creative, holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.



Student Absences and Lates:

A reminder that a great deal of learning occurs first thing in the morning. In most classrooms, this is the **Literacy or Mathematics Block**.



In order to maximize opportunities for learning, it is crucial that students arrive at school **on time** and that absences are kept to a minimum. Regular attendance is critical to academic achievement and overall student wellbeing. When a student misses school or is late for class regularly, this has a direct and serious impact on learning. We want to work with families to ensure each student is getting the most from his/her school year. Should you or your child require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Attendance Counsellor Kim Meunier at 705-531-3075 Ext. 3511.



- April 1st – Samuel B. and Jason M.
- April 2nd – Lucian M.
- April 5th – Faye C. and Jesse N.
- April 9th – Felix G.
- April 11th – Karly G.
- April 23rd – Sylar B.
- April 30th - Austin F.

Appropriate Dress for Upcoming Months:

With the warmer weather approaching, students are reminded that coats or sweaters are still to be worn outside! In addition, once the warmer weather arrives, students are reminded that **beach wear and flip flops** are not permitted at school for safety reasons. In addition, **all** shorts and skirts must consistently be at finger tip length and all shirts must **cover** the midriff and navel. Shoulder straps must also be at least **2 fingertips** wide.



APRIL CURRICULUM FOCUS

In Mathematics, students will begin focusing on Data Management and Probability (probability experiments). They will also explore Geometry and Spatial Sense (3D shapes) and Measurement (time, temperature). In Reading,

students will focus on point of view, responding and evaluating texts and in Writing students will focus on the persuasive writing form (poster, letter, advertisement, editorial).



St. Patrick School continues to hold JK/Kindergarten Registration for September 2018. If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year 2014 and would like further details, please contact the school at 679-5575.



Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Tuesday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library!

Congratulations to the Grade 7/8 Basketball Team for an excellent season. A special thank you to our coaches Mrs. Larocque and Mr. Cull for taking the time to run our practices and organize our tournaments. Your dedication is much appreciated!



Quality Meats Pepperette Fundraiser:

We are "kicking off" our second school wide fundraiser this month and have once again teamed up with **Quality Meats** to sell pepperettes and beef jerky! The funds raised from all of the grades will go towards their respective classes for school trips and class events. Note: while we do not encourage door to door sales for our younger students, we do hope that you will sell to family and friends!



Finally, don't forget the **Sammy's Supporters Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** on

Saturday, April 28th!

If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, please contact the organizers at 705-676-7393.



A Prayer in Springtime!

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage
'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves
God.'

Springtime is a season of optimism and hope
and a Christian lives a faith centered on hope.

Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone
just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and
beyond.

We live a resurrection life reflected in the new
life springing up around us.

Thank you, Lord, for the hope that
you bring and for the renewal that you bring -
both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

Amen

Happy Easter!

L. Hurtubise, Principal