



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

December 2016

Wishing you a Merry Christmas! St. Patrick School a great little school to believe in!



On behalf of all of the staff and students at St. Patrick Catholic School, I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's **Christmas Wish Campaign and Operation Christmas Child!** Students participated in a number of Fun Family Challenges and altogether, the school raised \$700.00 for Christmas Wish! In addition, students were able to fill 10 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child! Thanks so much for your continued support!

-Our **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Thursday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. Please note that students do not attend the performance due to lack of space but they are able to view the dress rehearsal the day before. Also, parents are reminded that each student is part of the **Grande Finale** so students are not able to be picked up until the very end! It will be worth the wait!



-The **St. Patrick School Annual Advent Turkey Dinner** will take place on Tuesday, December 20th at 11:40 a.m. in the gym! On this day, we will gather in the gym as one big family to enjoy a traditional Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. There is no cost to the students as the staff will prepare the meal. Students may also bring their own lunches should they choose to do so!



As we have now entered the Season of Advent, we will be gathering each Monday morning to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. Our **Advent Mass** with Father Wayne will take place on **Wednesday, December 21st at 10:30 a.m.** in the gym. All are welcome to join us! During the month of December, we will also continue to learn about the virtue of Justice. The theme of justice leads us all to "make things right". From a young age, students have a strong sense of what is fair. As they grow, they develop the capacity to decipher right from wrong and to make ethical decisions.

Our Kindergarten class has even formed its very own Justice League! Their motto: Strong people stand up for themselves, but even stronger people stand up for others!



December Birthdays!

Dec 4 th - Tyger H.	Dec 9 th - William H.
Dec 13 th - Caleb N.	Dec 19 th - Joshawa E.
Dec 20 th - Bianca N.	Dec 21 st - Jada S.
Dec 26 th - Phia P.	Dec 27 th - Alix M.
Dec 29 th - Brittney J.	Dec 30 th - Sophia M.



-Our next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on Thursday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Parents are welcome to attend!

DECEMBER CURRICULUM FOCUS - In Mathematics, students will focus on Number Sense and Numeration (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). In Reading, students will focus on making connections in order to extend understanding and in Writing students will continue to focus on the explanatory writing form.



-On Thursday, December 22nd there will be a **Student/Teacher Volleyball Game** at 1:00 p.m. To participate or watch the game, students are asked to bring in a non-perishable food item. All food collected this month will go towards our St. Patrick School Christmas Food Hampers!

-St. Patrick School is once again pleased to continue its partnership with the Healthy Kids Community Challenge and Timiskaming Health Unit. This year, our focus will be on the **Water Does Wonders Campaign!** Students will take part in the Sip Smart Ontario initiative and learn more about the importance of avoiding sugary drinks and making water and milk a more regular healthy choice! Check out the student information books that were sent home this week!



Confirmation

Sacramental Preparation Dates:
Confirmation – Day of Reflection with Mr. Buhler on **Sunday, December 11th at 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in New Liskeard

Attendance Matters!

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. Please note that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board now has

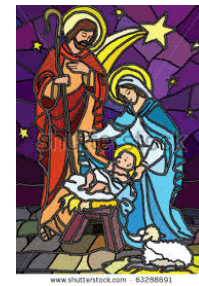
an **Attendance Counsellor**. Should you or your child require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Meunier at 705-286-7443 extension 3511.

ATTENDANCE COUNTS!



EVERY DAY, ALL DAY, ALL THE WAY!

CHRISTMAS MASSES: To celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, St. Patrick Parish will be celebrating special masses to mark this sacred day. Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, December 24th at 8:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join in this sacred celebration.



The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among brothers,
 To make music from the heart.

(Dan Forrest)



Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

L. Hurtubise,
 Principal

