



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

February 2016

Staff and Students Keeping Busy in February!

It is hard to believe that we are now entering the month of February and we are officially beginning our second term on Monday, February 1st. On behalf of the staff and students at St. Patrick Catholic School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and volunteers for all that they have done to make our first term such a **great success!** Parent council would also like to thank those students, parents and staff who joined us for our **Family Fun Night!** St. Patrick School is an awesome school with much to celebrate!



A number of events will be taking place this month! Once again, our Student Council will be hosting a **Valentine Cake Decorating Contest on Thursday, February 11th**! Judging will be based on student involvement and creativity. There will be prizes for JK - 2, Grade 3 - 5 and Grade 6 - 8. Categories include: Most Unique, Most Creative, Most "Valentiney", and a People's Choice Award.



The **St. Patrick School Public Speaking Contest** will take place on **Tuesday, February 16th**. The times for each division is as follows:
Primary - 9:30 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.
Junior/Int - 10:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.
 I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those who will be participating at school and then advancing to the Legion the best of luck!

Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Monday, February 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library!

First Term Report Cards will go home on **Wednesday, February 17th**. Please note that while there are no formal interviews scheduled, you may arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at any time! Please be sure to sign and return the form to indicate that you have also received the report card!



Our Ash Wednesday Mass with Father Wayne will take place on Wednesday, February 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome!

The criteria for this month's **Student of the Month** is as follows: *A student who demonstrates **Leadership** in the classroom; "A Discerning Believer" who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.*

Wednesday, February 24th is Pink Shirt Day! Students are invited to wear pink to demonstrate their awareness of the need to stand up to bullying!



The Active After School Program returns to St. Patrick School!

Beginning February 9th up to the March Break, students can attend **FREE after school yoga classes!**
Tuesday ... ages 9-13 from 3:30-4:30
Wednesdays ... ages 5-8 from 3:30-4:30
A special thank you to the Healthy Kids Community Challenge Organization for sponsoring this event!

Forgiveness is an important cornerstone of our faith as we reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made to forgive us all. In our Catholic schools, we work to honour and model forgiveness in everything we do. Forgiveness is a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance regardless of whether or not we feel it is deserved.



St. Patrick School continues to hold **JK Registration for September 2016**. If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year **2012** and would like further details, please contact the school at 679-5575.

Student Absences and Lates:

Just 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 to school **on time** and that absences are kept to a minimum.

FEBRUARY CURRICULUM FOCUS

In Mathematics, students will begin working on Geometry and Spatial Sense and Patterning and Algebra expectations. In Reading, students will focus on analyzing texts and in Writing students will focus on the Narrative writing form.

Inclement Weather/ Snow Days

A reminder to please listen to the radio or check our website (www.ncdsb.on.ca) with respect to bus **cancellations** on inclement weather days. The school will remain open but the programs available at school may be modified. Parents are asked to use discretion whether or not their child should attend school, and are reminded that once buses are cancelled they are cancelled for the whole day, so parents are responsible for transportation at the end of the day.



This year's **March Break** will take place Monday, March 14th - Friday March 18th!

The 60 Minute Kids Club Winter Challenge begins on February 1st! Good luck to all participants! Remember ... **5, 2, 1, 0**. Five servings of fruits and vegetables per day, two hours or less of screen time, one hour of physical activity and zero sugary drinks!



Monday, February 15th is **Family Day!** There are no classes on this day!

A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in your home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen



L. Hurtubise, Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February Birthdays!

Feb 10th – Aimee H.

Feb 14th – Austin B. and Cody R.

Feb 24th – Devin W.

Feb 26th – Tavis M.