



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

March 2017

St. Pats Begins its Lenten Journey!

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

On Ash Wednesday we began the Liturgical Season of Lent. We are reminded that this special season provides all of us with a time to prepare for the essence of our faith - the death and resurrection of Jesus. We also make our Lenten promises. These promises will be our focus for the forty days of Lent and they will be a reminder that Lent is a time to change the things in our lives which separate us from Jesus. Some of us have chosen to give-up something like candy or TV, remembering each time we deny ourselves the huge sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins. Others have chosen to add something to their daily lives that will bring us closer to Jesus, like extra time given over to prayer or volunteering extra time in the community. Whatever the case, we know that keeping our promises is difficult and that sometimes we may slip, but it is a good lesson for us and for our students to keep on trying and not to give up!



This year during Lent, each class will also attend a Wednesday morning mass at St. Patrick's Parish. You are welcome to join us!



Lenten Mass Schedule

- March 8th – Mrs. Shillinglaw Gr. 3/4
- March 22nd – Mrs. Bosak Gr. 1/2
- March 29th – Mr. Cull Gr. 5/6
- April 5th – Mrs. Gilboe JK/K
- April 12th – Mrs. Larocque Gr. 7/8

The entire school will attend the **Easter Mass on April 26th!**

St. Patrick School Supports the Cobalt Wetlands Project!

St. Patrick School is pleased to team up with the Town of Cobalt, Ducks Unlimited, and the Temiskaming Anglers and Hunters Association to create a vibrant green space at Cobalt Lake. Our Grade 7/8 class has been busy building swallow boxes and Ducks Unlimited and TAHA are donating materials for duck platforms! On **Wednesday, March 8th**, Bruce Murphy will visit St. Patrick School to talk to the students about the impact this project will have for the environment and the benefits it will have to the school community. Not only will St. Patrick School students work to maintain the boxes etc, but they will have the opportunity to gain many hands on learning experiences as they study the wetlands environment! The assembly takes place at 1:30 in the gym. All are welcome!



St. Patrick School continues to hold JK/Kindergarten Registration for September 2017. If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year 2013 and would like further details, please contact the school at 679-5575.

Our next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on Thursday, March 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Parents are welcome to attend!



PEPPERETTE FUNDRAISER:

Our next school-wide fundraiser begins this month! St. Patrick School has once again partnered with **Quality Meets** to sell pepperettes! While we do not encourage door to door sales for our younger students, we do hope that students will sell to family and friends over the March Break! The forms will be sent home shortly and they are due back to school on March 22nd! The funds raised will go towards classroom excursions and student activities! More information is to follow!



MARCH CURRICULUM FOCUS:

In Mathematics, students will begin focusing on Number Sense and Numeration (money, fractions, decimal numbers, percents). In Reading, students will continue to focus on analyzing texts and in Writing students will focus on the Narrative writing form (adventure story, newspaper report legends, poetry, mystery).



Erin B. - 3rd Tyrin W. - 6th
Dawson M. - 13th Taylor G. - 17th
Caleb P. - 18th Dominic M. - 26th
Adam B. and Tomas O. - 28th

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: As part of our continuing efforts to assist the poor, on Friday, March 31st, St. Pats will once again have a Bubble Gum License Day! Students will be able to purchase a license for \$1.00 and then they can chew gum for the entire day! The proceeds will go towards Development and Peace - an organization which helps the world's poor by promoting alternatives for unfair social, political and economic structures. For more information, check out www.devp.org

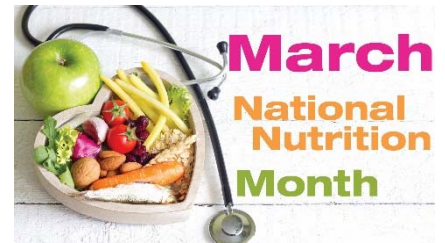


Congratulations to all students who took part in the **60 Minute Kids Club Winter Challenge!** Who knew being active and simply walking the stairs and in the gym could be so much fun! Participation medals will be awarded later this month on our Winter Fun Day!



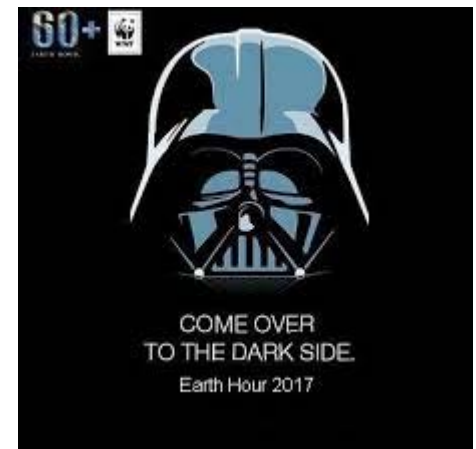
MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH:

St. Patrick School has once again teamed up with the Timiskaming Health Unit to highlight the importance of healthy eating habits! Students will have the opportunity to win prizes on Freggie Fridays when they eat a fruit or vegetable during snack times and/or at lunch! In addition, the entire school community will participate in **The Big Crunch** during our Winter Fun Day on March 9th!



EARTH HOUR!

Want to raise awareness about concern for the Environment? On Saturday, March 25th, students around the globe are encouraged to participate in **Earth Hour** at 8:30 p.m. Students are asked to power down for an hour for the planet, and to stand up and get involved and help lead the global journey to a sustainable future. For more information, see www.earthhour.org



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.



L. Hurtubise, Principal

