



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

March 2018

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!



Virtue of the Month: HOPE

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life. We are at our happiest when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not only on our strength, but on the help of the grace from the Holy Spirit. Hope is God's gift to us at Baptism and unites us with the risen Christ. Hopeful people work for peace and justice on earth despite facing many obstacles. They trust that God's plan will be fulfilled, even if not in their lifetime.

Hope is visible in our classrooms whenever we pray, trust in God's faithfulness and work for justice and peace!



At St. Patrick Catholic School ... we are all Sammy Supporters! As some of you are aware, one of our students in Junior Kindergarten is in need of a medical bed at home. The cost of the bed is approximately \$11 000.00. The staff, parent council and student council at St. Patrick Catholic School have all voted unanimously to support this very important cause! We want Sammy's parents to have what all parents need ... the peace of mind that he is safe and sound throughout the night. In the upcoming months, St. Patrick School students will be asked to sell tickets to raffle off a BBQ and the proceeds will go towards the medical bed. More information is to follow! You can also go to www.youcaring.com and search for "Become one of Sam's Supporters" to learn more about Sammy and this initiative.

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, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Parents are welcome to attend!



GRADE 7/8 SPAGHETTI SUPPER! The Grade 7/8 class will be having a Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, March 8th from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go towards their year end trip!



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).

EARTH HOUR! Want to raise awareness about concern for the Environment? On Saturday, March 24th, 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Holly S. - 1st Jazzlynn C. – 2nd Erin B. - 3rd
 Tyrin W. - 6th Taylor G. - 17th
 Caleb P. – 18th Dominic M. – 26th
 Adam B. and Tomas O. - 28th

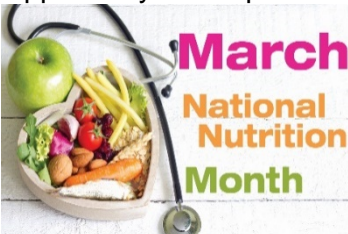
Attention! Trading Card Enthusiasts! The St. Patrick Student Council is organizing a **Trading Card Day** on **Monday, March 5th** at lunch recess in the library.

Students are invited to bring in cards they would like to trade (Hockey cards, Pokémon cards, Yu-gi-oh cards, Shopkins cards etc.). This event will be supervised by Mrs. Bosak and senior student council members. Remember to only bring cards you are willing to trade!



Congratulations to all students who took part in the **5,2,1,0 Winter Challenge!** Who knew being active and simply walking and tracking healthy habits could be so much fun! A reminder to all those who participated to hand in the **Healthy Behaviour Tracking Sheets** by Friday, **March 2nd**.

MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH: St. Patrick School has once again teamed up with the Timiskaming Health Unit to continue 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 at Lunch on March 9th**!

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 has an **Attendance Counsellor**. Should you or your child require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Meunier at 705-531-3075



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