



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

March 2019

St. Pats Begins its Lenten Journey! St. Patrick School a great little school to believe in!

On Ash Wednesday, we will begin 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!



St. Patrick School continues to hold JK/Kindergarten Registration for **September 2019**. If you, or someone you know, has a child born in the year 2015 and would like further details, please contact the school at 679-5575.



Our next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Parents are welcome to attend!

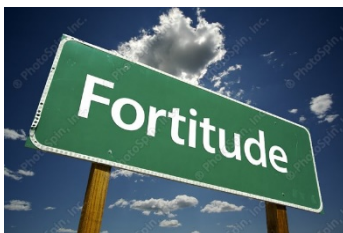
St. Patrick Spring Carnival!

The Grade 7/8 class will be hosting their first St. Patrick Spring Carnival! Come out and enjoy some fun games on Thursday, March 21st from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. All proceeds will go towards their year end trip. 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.



Virtue of the Month: FORTITUDE/COURAGE

Fortitude is one of the four cardinal virtues. It is commonly called courage; however, it is different

from what we often think of. Fortitude is always reasoned and reasonable. The cardinal virtue of fortitude involves practicing what is good and just when it is difficult or even dangerous. A person of fortitude practices patience when meeting obstacles. They do what is right, even when others criticize them. Fortitude allows us to overcome our fear and remain resilient in the face of obstacles. Fortitude is visible in our Catholic schools when we witness people defending truth and kindness especially during challenging situations!



Holly S. - 1st Jazzlynn C. - 2nd Erin B. - 3rd
 Tyrin W. - 6th Alex M - 8th Alex A. - 14th
 Taylor G. - 17th Caleb P. - 18th
 Jayden R. - 21st Dominic M. - 26th
 Adam B. and Tomas O. - 28th

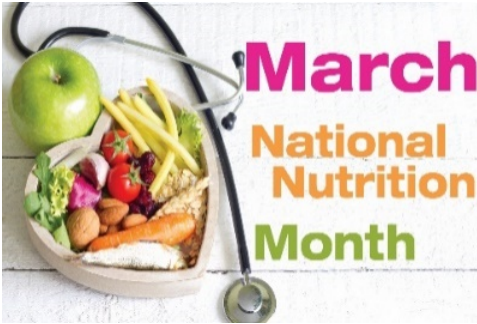


On Shrove Tuesday March 5th, students will participate in a **Mardigras Parade** and a **Pancake Lunch** with their Spirit Teams in the gym! A big thank you to Mme. Menard, Mrs. Dupuis, Mrs. Shillinglaw and Mrs. Williams for organizing these events!

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!



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!

EARTH HOUR! Want to raise awareness about concern for the Environment? On Saturday, March 30th 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. If your child is struggling with attendance, please be in touch with our Child and Youth Worker Ms. O'Shea.



L. Hurtubise, Principal



The Blessings of Spring

There are many blessings, that each new Spring brings you can see it bloom about and hear the song it sings.

With winters bleakness over, and brighter days ahead comes promises of new life Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers, and their buds begin to show He gives to us the assurance grace in our hearts will grow.

He sends us the robin's song, with the promise to provide a shelter under His mighty wing where in His love we can abide.

He melts the snowy covers, and sends the refreshing rain sprinkling us with His mercies to heal winter's ache and pain.

God's given to all His Son, to shed upon us a new light and the real blessing of Spring . . . is keeping Jesus in our sight!