



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

May 2017



Walking Forward Together!



Staff and students at St. Patrick School Celebrate Catholic Education Week May 1st - May 5th 2017

It is hard to believe that we are now into the month of May! Many great things have taken place so far this year at St. Patrick Catholic School and we are hoping to share them with you! As part of our celebrations for Catholic Education Week, St. Patrick School will be hosting a **Day-Time Open House on Thursday, May 4th from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.** Parents, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to come and tour the school and their child's classroom! Refreshments are also included! Come out and celebrate with us ... and see that Catholic Education does make a difference!



This year's theme for Catholic Education Week is "**Walking Forward Together**". From May 1st to May 5th, students will have the opportunity to reflect on the gift of Catholic Education and celebrate our uniqueness as a Catholic school. The five sub themes are: Walking forward together with God, with our families, with others, with creation and with hope! Each theme asks us to consider how our living, loving and leading is influenced by our Faith. Catholic schools are faith communities. We - parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff - walk and grow together in faith and are called to live and serve others with joy and mercy! We hope that you can join us for our school celebrations. For more information regarding Catholic Education Week, go to www.goodnewsforall.ca

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- Our **Catholic Education Week Mass** will take place on **Monday, May 1st at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!

Important Grade 8 Dates!

Graduation Photos will take place on May 17th at **9:30 a.m.** The graduates will have their photos taken and then proofs will be sent home.

The **Grade 7/8 Trip to Toronto** takes place on June 12th, 13th and 14th.

Grade 7/8 Yard Sale – Friday, June 2nd.

This years' **Awards Celebration** will take place on Monday, June 26th at 1:00 in the gym! The entire school will honour our grade 8s!

The **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Cobalt.



- A reminder to parents of students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 that their children will be writing the **EQAO Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**. The testing dates are **June 6th, June 7th and June 8th**. More information is to follow!

Education Quality and Accountability Office



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT ST. PATRICK SCHOOL – St. Patrick School would like to begin to offer a Before and After School Program in September 2017 for our students and their families! If you, or anyone you know, would like more information about the program, please contact Kim Jackson at Temiskaming Child Care (705-672-2100 extension 27). Subsidies are available for those who qualify!



May Birthdays!

May 6th – Danielle L. May 7th – Emily B.
 May 9th – Irelyn C. May 15th – Ramona W.
 May 20th - Astra P. May 21st - Liam Mc.
 May 26th – Michael P. May 28th – Logan D.



-A special thank you to all students who collected pledges and took part in the **Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart** event. Many thanks also to Mrs. Bosak and Mrs. Larocque for organizing the day! Altogether, students did a great job raising \$1 878.00 for the **Heart and Stroke Foundation!**

-Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Thursday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library!

May 4th is a Spirit Day! It is STAR WARS dress up day!



- May 1st – May 5th is also **Children’s Mental Health Week!** For more information about what is happening in our community, see the attached flyer regarding the **Be Kind and Pass It On** initiative.

MAY CURRICULUM FOCUS - In Mathematics, students will continue to focus on Geometry and Spatial Sense (3D shapes) and Measurement (time, temperature, mass, capacity). In Reading, students will focus on point of view, responding and evaluating texts and in Writing students will focus on the persuasive writing form (poster, letter, advertisement, editorial) and report writing.



National Week for Life and the Family May 14th - May 21st 2017

The family plays a vital role in our society - in our schools, in our work places and in our churches! In order to honour our families, throughout this week, the staff at St. Patrick School will pray **The Prayer for Family**. We invite you and your family to join us!

Prayer for Family

God of all times and places, we ask you to be with us as we pray.
 For families who struggle to speak to one another in love,
 For families who delight in being together,
 For families who want to live with less in order that others might live with more,
 For families who do not have enough, and struggle for the necessities of life,
 For families who read your word together,
 For families who find it hard to spend time together,
 For my family,
 For the families in my community,
 For the families of our parish,
 For the families around the world,
 For all families, we pray that your love will grow in them so that your love will shine through them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

L. Hurtubise, Principal