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St. Patrick Catholic School

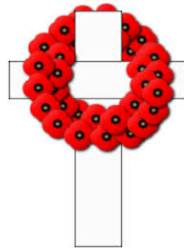
November 2017

St. Patrick School Remembers!

St. Patrick School a great little school to believe in



Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Since November 11th falls on a Saturday this year, St. Patrick School students will recognize a moment of silence and will offer up class remembrance wreaths at our **All Souls Mass** on November the 8th. In addition, classes will participate in **Valentines for Vets**. The valentines will be sent to Veterans Affairs Canada and then distributed to Veterans living in long-term care facilities all across Canada! We will remember them!



Jesus' most important message while he was on earth can be summed up in one word: LOVE. How fitting it is that this month's virtue of the month is **LOVE**. An act of love (charity) is an expression of our unselfish love for God or an unlimited loving-kindness towards all others. The term should not be confused or strictly interpreted as "benevolent giving". Love is the greatest of all theological virtues. Charity has two parts: love for God above all things and love for man which includes both love for our self and our neighbour. This month, students at St. Patrick Catholic

School will have the opportunity to express their love and charity by supporting the **Christmas Wish Campaign** and **Operation Christmas Child**. We are very proud of the contributions our students have made and continue to make through their altruistic efforts!



The Northeastern Catholic District School Board Moves to Student Led Conferences!

While Parent-Teacher Interviews provide parents with updates on their child's progress, students however are often passive, or even absent during this process. One

way to fix this is to put students at the helm, as this helps them to be more responsible for their work and progress. Beginning this year, all schools in the NCDSB district will offer **Student Led Conferences** in place of the traditional Parent Teacher Night. This will give students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning and have a more meaningful discussion with their parents regarding their strengths and next steps as a learner. Student Led Conferences opens up communication between the school, student and parent. It teaches students real life-skills such as communication, organization and leadership. Student Led Conferences also promotes self-evaluation and self-reflection skills which greatly enhances student achievement. Please note that students will be sending out invitations shortly to have their parents join them on **Wednesday, November 22nd from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.!**



- St. Patrick School is once again proud to participate in **CJTT's Annual Christmas Wish Telethon**. This year our daily challenges will run from **Wednesday November 8th – Wednesday November 15th**. More information is to follow!



SAVE THE DATE! This year's **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym! All are welcome!



November Birthdays!



1st - Gordy W. 3rd – Landen D.
5th – Norman C. 16th - Jade L.
19th – Kevin C. 23rd - Morgan B.
25th - James B. 28th - Liam H. and Cameron S.

- **Progress Reports** will go home on **Wednesday, November 15th** and **Student Led Conferences** are scheduled for **Wednesday, November 22nd** from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

We will be celebrating our **All Souls Mass** with Father Wayne on Wednesday, November 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome!

In preparation for this mass, students may bring in or draw pictures of their loved ones (cats, dogs and birds included) who have died and we will pray for them throughout the month of November!



NOVEMBER CURRICULUM FOCUS - In

Mathematics, students will begin to focus on Data Management and Probability (attributes, graphs). In Reading, students will continue to focus on retelling and summarizing ideas in order to demonstrate meaning and in Writing students will focus on the recount, procedural and explanatory writing form.



Attendance and Punctuality

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 705-531-3075 Ext. 3511 or email: kmeunier@ncdsb.on.ca



St. Patrick School is once again inviting students and parents to participate in **Operation Christmas Child!** The letters of invitation will be going home shortly as well as the list of acceptable items for the shoe boxes. The due date for donations is **November 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact Mme. Menard.

Please note that the student body from JK to 8 has the opportunity to visit **Village Noel on Friday, November 24th** in the afternoon! Once again, we are looking for parent volunteers! If you are able to assist with this event, I would ask that you please contact your child's teacher or the office. We must comply with the board's supervision ratio in order to attend. Your support is greatly appreciated!



New Ministry Requirements for Reporting on Student Absences!

Effective this year, students must be coded as **truant** if parents do not call the school to indicate that a child is sick/absent. **Therefore, please be in touch with Mrs. Purdy to report all absences!** In addition, if your child is away for a doctor's appointment, submitting a note from the doctor confirming the appointment will enable Mrs. Purdy to record the absence as an "excusable absence". This will then not count when calculating absences for **attendance awards!** For more information, contact the school

-Our next fundraising campaign kicks off on November 3rd! St. Patrick School will team up with **Thornloe Cheese!** Order forms will be sent home shortly and are due back in on Thursday, November 30th. While we do not encourage door to door sales for our younger students, we do hope that students will sell to family and friends! The funds raised will go back to each class for field trips and student activities! Thanks again for all of your support!



L. Hurtubise, Principal