



# Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

October 2018



## Happy Thanksgiving!



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

It has been a busy first month here at St. Patrick Catholic School! Staff and students have settled nicely into routines. A big thank you to parents and staff for their patience as we worked through the restructuring of a number of our classes in late September! We would like to officially welcome Mr. Kirschnick who is teaching Grade 2\3 and Mrs. Whitmaack – our new music teacher. Welcome to our St. Pats family!

Students have already had a chance to participate in a number of events. First, we had our **Commissioning Ceremony** where staff and students promised to do their very best work! Then, in the following weeks, we had the opportunity to gather to sign the **St. Patrick Catholic School Peace Creed** as well as participate in **Pinwheels for Peace**. We also had a chance to get out and get active for the **New Liskeard Fall Fair**, the **Toonie for Terry Fox Walk** and of course our **St. Pats Amazing Race!** A special thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, volunteers and community partners who assisted us! These events in September give staff and students an opportunity to come together to get to know each other and it helps to build community! We certainly have a lot of great things to celebrate!



### October Birthdays!

Sofia O. Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jaela K. Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Landen L. Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jason M. Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>
Summer T. Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Xavier M. Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Daniel M. Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Julian W. Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Liam Mc.C. Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Liam D. Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>
Axton B. Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Jayden N. Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>



New this month ... Mr. Cull's Grade 5/6 has teamed up with the Timiskaming Health Unit to participate in **You're the Chef!** You're the Chef is a six week food literacy program designed to help develop the skills and

confidence necessary for children, youth and adults to prepare healthy and tasty recipes emphasizing vegetables and fruit. Along with recipe preparation, students will learn and practice basic kitchen safety, food safety, cooking techniques and other valuable food literacy skills! Classes begin Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>!



St. Patrick School will be hosting its annual **Open House and FREE BBQ on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** We hope to see you there! Note: there is no cost to attend but we are collecting food items for the area **Food Bank!**

-A reminder that due to **Safe School Policies**, it is necessary that we be extra vigilant about having visitors sign in at the office and have parents remain at the front of the school when dropping off or picking up their child. Also, a friendly reminder that if you do plan to pick up your child, please **call before 2:00 p.m.** or provide written notice so that the message can be communicated to the classroom or itinerant teacher in time. Thank you!





We will be celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass** with Father Wayne on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome to attend.

**-OCTOBER CURRICULUM FOCUS** - In Mathematics, students will begin to focus on Geometry and Spatial Sense (2-D shapes, attributes, symmetry, angles, lines, circles). In Reading, students will focus on retelling and summarizing ideas in order to demonstrate meaning and in Writing students will begin to focus on the recount and procedural writing form.

St. Patrick School has once again continued its partnership with the **Red Cross and Breakfast for Learning** to help provide a healthy snack program for all children!



**Healthy breakfast snacks** are delivered to all students in each of the classrooms every morning. A special thank you to Mme. Menard, Mrs. Lavallee, Mrs. Williams and helpers!

# Picture Day

We are pleased to announce that **Photografiks** will be our school photographer again this year. School photos will take place on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the library. Note: all students will be photographed and then in a few days they will receive a card with their online code so that you can check out their proofs online! For more information you can check out [www.photografiks.net](http://www.photografiks.net)

Our first official school wide fundraiser begins this month! Once again, we have teamed up with **Quality Meats!**

Pepperette order forms will be sent home shortly! All of the proceeds will return to each of the classes for student activities/year end trips!



## Parent Council:

Nomination Forms were sent home recently. We are still looking for parent volunteers! Our first meeting is Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please take some time to consider joining parent council. Together, we work to improve the educational experiences of all of our students!



## Sacramental Preparation Dates:

If you have a child who wishes to receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion, or Confirmation, please contact Fr. Wayne at 705 647-5035.



Our PALS (Playground Activity Leaders) are back on the job! A big thank you to Angela Labonte from the Timiskaming Health Unit and our Child and Youth Worker Ms. O'Shea for training our leaders! They are a great group!



## A Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious God in this busyness of my day, I sometimes forget to stop and thank you for all that is good in my life.

My blessings are many and my heart is filled with gratefulness for the gift of living, for the ability to love and be loved, for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creation, for sleep and water, for a mind that thinks and a body that feels.

I thank you too for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Things that seem challenging, unfair or difficult.

In the silence of my soul, I thank you most of all for your unconditional and eternal love.

**Amen**

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

