



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

September 2016



Welcome Back to School!

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



I would like to take this opportunity to **welcome** all students and parents to another exciting and rewarding school year here at St. Patrick Catholic School. A very **special welcome** to our new students and staff - and to families new to the area! We are confident that you will have a great year here at St. Pats. If at any time throughout the school year, you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or call the office at 705-679-5575 to speak with either myself or Mrs. Purdy, our school secretary!



Today you are receiving a number of important articles of information. Please take time to read through all these items carefully. These include: Student Data Update forms, Inclement Weather forms, Internet/Use of Information Technology forms as well as School Bus Policy and Procedures pamphlet. Please fill in a form for each one of your children and return it to the school as soon as possible. The bus policy form must be completed for all students (including those who do not ride the bus to school) in order to ride the bus for field trips and excursions.



- Our Commissioning Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. Students and staff gather together and we all promise to do our very best work and to take good care of each other! All are welcome!

School Hours:

Morning Drop off 8:30 a.m.
 School Begins 8:45 a.m.
 Morning Recess 10:05-10:20 a.m.
 Lunch 11:40-12:40 p.m.
 Afternoon Recess 2:00-2:15 p.m.
 Dismissal 3:15 p.m.

- **St. Patrick School Parent Council**

Our Parent Council accomplished many great things last year. See the attached Year End Report. Please consider donating some of your time to this worthwhile committee. Nomination forms will go home shortly!

- **WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK ...** For the most up to date information, be sure to join us on Facebook! Search for our **"Friends of St. Patrick Catholic School Cobalt" Facebook Page.**

Note: this is a **closed group** so you will need to ask to join as a **member**. If you have other family members (aunts, uncles, grandparents etc.) who would also like to join, contact Mrs. Purdy and give her their names so that they may be added to the group!



Please note that the student body from JK to 8 will participate in the **Fall Fair Parade on Friday, September 16th**. We are looking for parent volunteers as well as wagons to help with our little ones. 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!

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
AT ST. PATRICK SCHOOL – St. Patrick
School now has a **Before and After School
Program** for our students and their families! If**

you, or anyone you know, would like more information about the program, please contact Amber at Temiskaming Child Care (705-676-5670). Subsidies are available for those who qualify!



2016 – 2017 St. Patrick School Staff

JK/SKMrs. Gilboe
Gr. 1/2Mrs. Bosak
Gr.3/4Mrs. Shillinglaw
Gr. 5/6Mr. Cull
Gr. 7/8Mrs. Larocque
Core FrenchMme. Menard and Mme. Aubin
Resource TeacherMrs. Fleury
Child and Youth WorkerMrs. Dombrowski
Early Childhood Educator Mrs. Cecchini.
SecretaryMrs. Purdy
Educational Assistants:Mrs. Dupuis, and
.....Mrs. Sauve
Custodians:Mrs. Beaudry

September Birthdays!

Sept. 1st- Carter (Gr. 1)
Sept. 6th- Destiny and Hailie (Gr. 7) and
Dante-Marie (Gr. 2)
Sept. 8th- Katie-Rae (Gr. 3)
Sept. 9th- Benjamin (Gr. 4)
Sept. 14th- Michael (Gr. 6)
Sept 20th- Emily (Gr. 7)
Sept 27th- Rory (Gr. 7)
Sept 28th- Sierra (Gr. 1)
Sept 30th- Andie (Gr. 6)



SEPTEMBER CURRICULUM FOCUS - In

Mathematics, students will focus on Number Sense and Numeration (quantity, relationships, representing numbers and operations). In Reading, students will focus on making predictions, inferences and interpreting texts (diaries, recounts, stories, poetry, biographies, memoirs, reports) and in Writing students will focus on the recount writing form.



Back to School Prayer

Loving God,
Our creator, our saviour, our companion,
bless this journey of a new school year that we
undertake today.

Refresh our souls and renew our spirits
as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called
us to. We welcome those who are new to this
community and ask that you strengthen them to share
the wonderful gifts you have given them.

Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the
return of students to this school,
and may you guide them to return with open
hearts and minds eager to learn.

We ask this in Your name,

Amen

We are ready to have a great year!



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.

Finally, I would like to **thank you** in advance for your continued assistance and support as we begin another busy academic year here at St. Patrick Catholic School. Our staff is dedicated to the intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of each and every child! Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school!

Lori Hurtubise, Principal