



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

October 2015



Happy Thanksgiving!



It has been a busy first month here at St. Patrick Catholic School. Staff and students have settled nicely into routines and students have had the opportunity to participate in a number of events. First, we had our **Commissioning Ceremony** with Father Wayne where staff and students promised to do their very best work this year! 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 hosted our very first **"Silverlink"** event on September 24th and then the entire student body participated in the **Terry Fox Walk** on Friday, September 25th. A special thank you too to all our parents, grandparents and volunteers who braved the rain and joined us at the **Fall Fair!** St. Patrick School is a wonderful community with a lot to celebrate!



- We are pleased to announce that **Photografiks** will be our school photographer again this year. School photos will take place on **October 14th** in the library. Note: all students will be photographed and then the proof packages will be sent home at a later date should you wish to purchase them!



October Birthdays!

Cameron S. Oct. 10th
 Andrew H. Oct. 11th
 Ryan D. Oct. 21st



Daniel M. Oct 23rd
 Julian W. Oct 23rd
 Jayden N. Oct. 30th



- St. Patrick School will be hosting its first **Open House and FREE BBQ** on Thursday, October 8th from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you there! Note: there is no cost to

attend! Eagleswings will also be on hand should parents wish to purchase or order spirit wear for their child! More information is to follow!

- A reminder that St. Patrick School continues to be a **"nut aware"** school! Please ... no snack or lunch items that contain nuts!



- We will be celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass** with Father Wayne on Thursday, October 16th at 10:35 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome!

- St. Patrick School has once again continued its partnership with the **Red Cross** to help provide a healthy snack program for all children! **Healthy Breakfast Snack Bowls** are located in each of the classrooms and are refurbished each morning. A special thank you too for your parent donations! Your help and support is much appreciated!





- Our first official school wide fundraiser will kick off later this month. Once again, we will team up with **Quality Meats** to sell pepperettes. 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 towards classroom excursions and student activities! More information is to follow!

Finally, a special thank you to all parents who put their name forward for this year's Parent Council. As there was no need to hold elections, this year's council will consist of the following representatives:

2015-2016 St. Patrick School Parent Council

Lisa Hosking, Lissa Petittlerc Robyn Dewar, Crystal Malick, Mrs. Dixon-Fleury, Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Bosak, and Mrs. Cecchini

Our first **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **Monday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.** in the library. At this time we will set the schedule for future meetings and elect the chair and vice chair person.

Where Are They Now?

*Beginning this month, the "Shamrock Times" will highlight the accomplishments of a former St. Patrick School graduate! This month, we honour **Leanne Taylor**. Leanne graduated from St. Pats in 2001. She currently lives in Kingston, Ontario and works as a Radiation Therapist and is responsible for providing cancer treatments to patients. Her favourite St. Pat's memory ...*

"The day we had the grand opening of our new gymnasium. There was a wonderful dedication ceremony for our former school trustee, Connie Lavallee. We finally had a lunch room, and best of all, with the new higher ceilings we no longer lost all our birdies to the rafters while playing badminton!"

A Thanksgiving Prayer

God of all blessings, source of all life,
giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:
for the breath that sustains life,
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,
for the love of family and friends
without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:
for the beauty that the eye can see,
for the joy that the ear may hear,
for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the
universe with wonder, for the expanse of space
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:
for families who nurture our becoming,
for friends who love us by choice,
for companions at work,
who share our burdens and daily tasks,
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,
for people from other lands
who call us to grow in understanding,
for children who lighten our moments with delight,
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:
for life and one more day to love,
for opportunity and one more day to work for
justice and peace, for neighbours and one more
person to love
and by whom be loved, for your grace
and one more experience of your presence,
for your promise: to be with us,
to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God.

Amen

L. Hurtubise,
Principal

