



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

September 2015



WELCOME BACK!



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!

I am very excited to begin my posting here at St. Pats. I was raised in Cobalt and attended St. Patrick's school as I child. I also began my teaching career here in Cobalt so returning to St. Pats feels very much like coming home! I am looking forward to meeting you and to working with you as we continue to build a positive and supportive learning environment that encourages all to shine! On behalf of the staff at St. Pats, I would like to thank you for entrusting your children to us once again. We have a very dedicated staff and I am excited about working with them and your child.



We ask that you take particular note of these sections with your child to ensure an understanding of the contents. The Dress Code has been developed by the St. Patrick Catholic School Council. Each year the parent members of the School Council review this section and make additions or changes as they see fit. The majority of parents support its contents. The parents feel that as a Catholic School, there is an expectation for appropriate dress and deportment which supports the moral tone of the school. We ask you to fully support this initiative also. St. Patrick School, as an elementary school, educates students from ages 3 to 14. Young, impressionable children look up to their older peers for example and leadership.

You will also receive 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.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, how fitting it is that we focus this month on the virtue of **Faith**.

The quote from John's gospel reminds us, "Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe." (John 20:29). This month, we will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by completing acts of kindness and by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This month St. Patrick School will also practice the virtue of faith by participating in the Terry Fox Walk.



Today you are receiving a number of important articles of information. Please take the time to read through all of these items carefully. Attached you will find a section devoted to the Dress Code, Expectations for

Behaviour and General Information around rules and routines for the school.

- A reminder that due to busing and supervision requirements, this year's **drop off time is 8:30 a.m.** Please also note that this year's lunch hour will be from **11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.**



2015-2016 St. Patrick School Staff

JK/SKMrs. Gilboe
 Gr. ½Mrs. Livingston
 Gr.3/4Mrs. Bosak
 Gr. 5/6Mr. Cull
 Gr. 7/8Mrs. Larocque
 Core FrenchMme. Jollette
 Resource TeacherMrs. Fleury
 Child and Youth WorkerMrs. Dombrowski
 Early Childhood Educator Mrs. Cecchini.
 SecretaryMrs. Purdy
 Educational Assistants:Mrs. Dupuis,
 Mrs. McCrank, and Mrs. Sauve
 Custodians:Mrs. Beaudry



- 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 picking up their child. Also, a friendly reminder that if you do plan to pick up your child, please call or provide written **notice before 2:00 p.m.** so that the message can be communicated to the classroom or itinerant teacher in time.

- Elections for the **2015-2016 Parent Council** will be held shortly. A nomination ballot will be sent home and elections will follow if necessary. Please consider donating your 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!



Please note that the student body from JK to 8 will participate in the **Fall Fair Parade on Friday, September 18th**. 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!

- St. Pats is hoping to offer meal deals once again on Fridays. This year, students will have the option of ordering from Subway, Pizza Hut, Pizza Pizza and RU Hungries. However, we are looking for parent volunteers to help with the pick up and delivery. Please contact Mrs. Purdy if you are able to assist with this! Thank you!



Yours truly,



School Hours:

Morning Drop off 8:30 a.m.
 School Begins8:45 a.m.
 Morning Recess10:05-10:20 a.m.
 Lunch 11:40-12:40 p.m.
 Afternoon Recess2:00-2:15 p.m.
 Dismissal 3:15p.m.

September Birthdays!

- Sept. 2nd - Jaxon (Gr. 5)
- Sept. 6th - Destiny and Hailie (Gr. 6) and Dante-Marie (Gr. 1)
- Sept. 8th - Katie-Rae (Gr. 2)
- Sept. 9th - Benjamin (Gr. 3)
- Sept. 14th - Michael (Gr. 5)
- Sept 20th - Emily (Gr. 6)
- Sept 27th - Rory (Gr. 6)
- Sept 28th - Sierra (SK)
- Sept 30th - Andie (Gr. 5)



Lori Hurtubise, Principal

