



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

November 2015



St. Pats Remembers!



Lest We Forget!

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. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918) and the Korean War (1950-1953), as well as those who have served since then. More than 1 500 000 Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 100 000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace. Once again, St. Patrick School students will attend the traditional ceremony at the Cobalt Cenotaph on November 11th. In addition, classes will participate in **Postcards for Peace** and they will create and offer up class remembrance wreaths at our **All Souls Mass** on November the 4th. We will remember them!



On behalf of the staff and students at St. Patrick School, I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the **Pepperette Fundraising Campaign!** A reminder that the forms are due in on November the 2nd. Once we have our final totals, we will be sure to let you know the results! Thanks so much for your support!

November's virtue of the month is **Love**. Our quote for this month is, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you". (John 15:12) Love is visible in our Catholic schools when we reflect on our actions as Jesus' disciples and act in His love. This month at St. Patrick Catholic School, we will express our love and appreciation for others by participating in Remembrance Day celebrations, Postcards for Peace and the Christmas Wish Campaign!



Our **St. Patrick School Spirit Wear** will be on sale this month! Eagles Wings Embroidery will be at St. Pats on **Thursday, November 12th from 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** More information is to follow! Students also have the option of purchasing a St. Pats Jersey from Head to Toe Sports. Stay tuned for details!

Other Important Dates:

- **Progress Reports** will go home on **Wednesday, November 11th** and **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for **Tuesday, November 17th** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. More information is to follow!

November Birthdays!



1st - Gordy W.
6th - Ethan R.
16th - Jade L. and Sophie W.
20th - Symphony S.

23rd - Morgan B.
24th - Rose S.
25th - James B.
28th - Liam H. and Cameron S.



- Our next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on Monday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Parents are welcome to attend!

- The St. Patrick School Girls and Boys **Volleyball Teams** will travel to St. Michel to participate in their first tournament on November 26th. If you can help supervise, please contact the school!

- Our **All Souls Mass** with Father Wayne will take place on **Wednesday, November 4th at 10:30 a.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!



- **NOTE:** This year's **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Thursday, December 10th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym!



- St. Patrick School is once again proud to participate in **CJTT's Annual Christmas Wish Telethon**. Please see below for our Christmas Wish Wednesday activities!

Christmas Wish Wednesdays!

Nov 4th - 10 cents for every letter in your first name!

Nov 11th - 25 cents for each member of your family!

Nov 18th - \$1.00 for Bubble Gum License Day!

Additional Gum will be available for 25 cents!

- Photo envelopes from **Photografiks** are due back into the school on Friday, November 6th!



Where Are They Now?

Each month, the "**Shamrock Times**" will highlight the accomplishments of a former St. Patrick School graduate! This month, we honour **Jake Grise**. Jake graduated from St. Patrick School in 2006. He currently lives in North Bay, Ontario and is enrolled at Nipissing University in the Faculty of Education Department. He will also be completing a placement here at St. Pats! His favourite St. Pats memory ...

"I loved being able to play on all the team sports. It encouraged me to live a healthy lifestyle. I also have many fond memories of being in Mr. Redge's class. It was these positive experiences that inspired me to become a teacher!"

Tips for Parent Teacher Conferences

This year, our Parent - Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 17th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. They are opportunities for parents and teachers to talk together about how to help each child succeed and be happy at school. Your form to book a conference time will be included with your child's progress report. Conferences are short (10 minutes) so it is best to prepare before the conference to make the best use of that short time.

PREPARE

Read your child's progress report. Make notes about your questions and concerns. Talk to your child about the report. Is she/he happy with her/his progress? Was she/he surprised by any comments on the report? Ask the child to predict what the teacher is going to tell you. Then, ask what she/he would like you to discuss with the teacher.

ASK QUESTIONS

Arrive on time. Bring your child's progress report and your list of questions with a notepad and pen to make notes. Jotting down notes as you go along is a good way to jog your memory later. Parent teacher conferences are strictly confidential, so you may share personal information that might be affecting your child's progress or behaviour at school (e.g. family illness, job search, new baby). This information will help the teacher understand your child better. Every parent wants to hear how wonderful his/her child is - and the teacher should tell you about your child's special skills and achievements. But one of the main functions of the interview is to point out areas where your child has room to develop. Resist the urge to be defensive and work with the teacher to look at ways that you can support your child's learning at home. Strive to keep the lines of communication open and friendly!

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

Before you say goodbye, find out the best way to follow-up with the teacher. Schedule another meeting, if necessary, or find out the best time to call the teacher. Review any decisions you have made together. Once you are home, talk to your child about the meeting. Be sure to pass on praise - yours and the teachers' - before bringing up any issues of concern. Follow-up on anything your child talked about before the meeting. Talk about how you and the teacher are going to help with the things that need to be improved!



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