

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Thurs. Sept. 22

Soccer Tournament @ Cite
Grade 7 & 8

Fri. Sept. 23

-MADD presentation for
Grade 7 & 8 students

-Pizza Day

-Hat day for Terry Fox
Foundation

Tues. Sept. 27

Roundtable activity

Wed. Sept. 28

-Picture day. Bring your
smile

Thurs. Sept. 29

Terry Fox Walk @ 12:30

Mon. Oct. 3

-Staff meeting 3:30-4:30

-Grade 7 & 8 Trip meeting
@ 6pm

Week of October 3-7

-Bring non-perishable food
items for food drive

Fri. Oct. 7

Thanksgiving Mass

Mon. Oct. 10

-Happy Thanksgiving (no
school)

Wed. Oct. 19

-Term # 1 IEP's go home

-Catholic School Council
Meeting @ 6pm for newly
elected council



From the Principal's Desk

Fresh From The Farm

Our school will be participating in the Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser this year. Our school will be able to keep 40% of the sales. This fundraiser not only helps us raise money for school yard improvements, but also helps support Ontario farmers. Order forms will be sent home next week. **There will be a prize for the student who sells the most.**

Bundle A—5lbs potatoes, 3lbs carrots, 3lbs sweet potatoes and 3 lbs onions for only \$12.00. Bundle B is an 8lb box of apples.

Orders are due no later than Friday October 14th. Deliveries will be made in November.

New Faces at St. Pat's

In addition to the new students, we also have the pleasure of welcoming 2 new staff members to the St. Pat's family: Jason Rodrigue, our Child and Youth Worker (CYW) and Britny Tremblay, our Early Childhood Educator (ECE). We are so thrilled to have you at St. Pat's.

Snacks & Meal Time

Please note that children have the opportunity to have 2 snacks each day. We have a growing num-

ber of students who are coming to the office in the afternoon to get a snack. Please ensure your child has enough snacks to last during the day.

At meal time, please make sure that your child has everything they need including; spoon, fork, bowl. If using our microwaves, try to have items that will take between 30 seconds and 2 minutes, as children will not have enough time to eat if they take longer.



Yours in Education,
Mrs. Gretchen
Morgan

Parking Lot Reminders

Our parking lot is a very busy place before school and after school. In order to keep our staff, students, visitors and community members safe, please remember the following things:

- Our driveway is one way, one at a time.
- Please enter the school parking lot from Mundy Ave and exit the parking lot onto Cedar Street.
- If you are dropping off your child (kiss and ride) - please pull up to gate opening by Church.
- The buses will also be using the same drop off location—please be patience to keep everyone safe!
- Children who are walking or riding bikes, will need to use the crossing guard at the front of the school

School safety reminders and volunteers

Parents & Visitors must sign in:

Parents are welcomed to the school throughout the year, however, for the safety of our staff and students, parents and visitors must use only the front door for entry and need to sign in at the office.

As part of our commitment to ensuring student safety, the doors remain locked during the school day; visitors need to be buzzed in with our buzzer system and report to the front office. Visitors are not entitled to go to the classrooms as this is a disruption to student programming.

If you need to go to the classroom, arrangements can be made in advance with your child's classroom teacher. Parent messages and deliveries (keys, lunches, etc.) are handled through the office. Student lunches can be left on the shelf outside the front office. Don't forget to label your child's lunch.

At the end of the day (3:15)

Students taking the bus will use the back door by the Church; students who walk or ride their bikes will use the doors by the gym. New this year: if you are picking up your child at the end of

the day, feel free to enter the school anytime after 3:00 to wait for your child in the lobby.

Volunteering @ St. Pat's

If you are interested in volunteering at the school you are required to present the school administration with an original copy of a valid vulnerable sectors check (criminal record). An application can be picked-up at the office. If you provided us with a copy in the past, you are asked to sign an offence declaration form which can also be completed at the office. We appreciate your help and involvement!



Your child's safety is our # 1 priority. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at St. Patrick School.

Virtue of the Month: Gratitude

The choice to be grateful is not always without effort. Gratitude is the virtue that makes us aware and appreciate the gifts we receive each day. One quote for this virtue "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24) will be the foundation of our work. To express thankfulness is a simple way to share our faith as it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish

In this age of consumerism and the "me-centered" focus of today's culture, we must refrain from feelings of self-entitlement. Materialism and consumerism prevent us from enjoying and being appreciative of all that we have. We cannot think that we have a right to demand without giving anything in return and without giving thanks for all we are.

all that we have. During the first week of October, we will be running our Annual Food Drive. Staff and students will be asked to collect non-perishable food items from October 3-October 7. The class who brings in the most items will also get a special prize. This is just one way that we can show gratitude during the months of September and October.



Agenda

Planners:

All students in JK-Grade 6 have been given an agenda planner. Please feel free to pay your child's teacher \$8.00. Payment prior to the end of September would be appreciated.