

# St. Pat's Pulse

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## From the Principal's Desk

### *Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:*

#### Fri. Sept. 19

- Picture day. Bring your smile
- School council nominations due today

#### Tues. Sept. 23

Catholic School Council Meeting @6pm (last year's council)

#### Wed. Sept. 24

Terry Fox School Run Day

#### Thurs. Sept. 25

- IPRC meetings today
- Back to school open house and BBQ 4-6pm
- Catholic School Council elections (if needed)

#### Mon. Oct. 13

-Happy Thanksgiving

#### Wed. Oct. 15

Term # 1 IEP's go home

#### Tues. Oct. 21

Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6pm for new council

#### Schedule for 2014/2015

- 8:00—Office open
- 8:30—School yard open for students (please do not send children prior to 8:30)
- 8:43—Warning bell
- 8:45—School starts
- 10:05-10:20—Recess
- 11:20-11:50—Lunch recess
- 11:50-12:15—Lunch
- 1:40—1:55—Recess
- 3:15—Dismissal
- 4:00—Office closes

What a fantastic start to our 2014-2015 School year. We are so thrilled that your child(ren) attend St. Patrick School. We are pleased to welcome the following students who are new to St Pat's this year: Jaedyn G, Ashen C, Leland C, Dayva P, Myah S, Tayler N, Lyne N, Kasey G, Megan C, Zoe S, Samara B, Del-layna M, Ava V, Jayden O, Jason V, Blaze C, Wyatt I, Fiona M, Daxton T, Nevaeh V, Liam M, Lydia J, Zachary M, Oryn M, Lester M, Andrew J, Jamiee S, Christopher O, Jordan T.

#### PICTURE DAY:

We are excited that Life-touch photography will be at our school on Friday September 19th. We hope to have all pictures taken in the morning. Be sure to bring your smile!



#### KIDDIES KORNER

We are thrilled that Kiddies Korner Daycare is offering a before and after school program to all school aged children (age 4-12) at our school. If you are interested in having

your child attend this program, please contact Kiddies Korner or drop by room 3 during program hours (7-8:30 am and 3:15-6:00 pm). Registration forms can also be picked up at the office.

#### YARD SUPERVISION

It should be noted that our school yard is supervised starting at 8:30 in the morning. Please note that staff will not be able to supervise your children if they arrive prior to 8:30.

Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Gretchen Morgan

## Student absences & special arrangements

**Student Absences:** *Student safe arrival at school is paramount. If your child will be absent, please call the school at 705-335-3241. If your child arrives 5 minutes after that start of the day (8:50 or 12:25) they are considered late for school. Students need to check in at the office before proceeding to class. If children are leaving prior to the end of the school day, children must be signed out at the office by an adult. If there is a change to your child's regular routine at the end of the day, please contact the office by 2:30 p.m. with any special instructions. This will avoid any confusion and ensure that the message is properly relayed.*

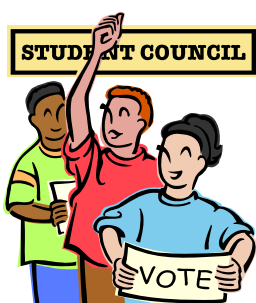
**Special Arrangements:** *If your child has an appointment that requires him/her to leave throughout the day, we ask that you write the details in your child's agenda, indicating when the child will be picked-up and when they are expected to return.*

# Weekly Communication Folders

We will once again be using the weekly communication folder system so that critical information and newsletters make it home. Each Wednesday, your child's teacher will send home information from the office, permission forms, newsletters, community flyers, tests to sign, completed work, etc. Simply complete your part

of the tracker, sign items which need to be returned to school, remove all other items and send communication folders back to school on Thursday morning. As the year progresses, we hope to decrease the amount of paper sent home; we are planning to have information available on our school website. It can be

accessed by going to [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca) – click on “our Catholic Schools”, then “St. Patrick – Karpuskasing”. Be sure to check your child's bag each Wednesday. We are also in the process of starting a facebook page. Stay tuned for more details.



*Volunteer to help make your child's school a better place. Become involved in our School Council.*

## Catholic School Council Elections

Our Catholic School Council is looking for you! We meet a minimum of four times throughout the year and support the school in promoting student achievement. A nomination ballot is attached to this newsletter for your convenience. We hope many parents will allow their names to stand for election, as it is an excellent forum to communicate your ideas and concerns. A term will run from September to September. No experience is necessary...just a willingness to make our school better. Elections will take place on September 25th (if needed). **The first meeting for our new council is October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.**

## Meet the Teacher BBQ

Our Catholic School Council and Staff would like to invite all families to our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House Barbecue on Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Classrooms will be open to families from 4:00-5:00. This is a great opportunity to have your child show you

their classroom. Afterwards, families and staff will enjoy hot dogs and drinks in the gazebo area at the back of the school from 5:00-6:00. Please note that this is not a parent/teacher interview, simply a **Welcome back open house** to meet the

teachers and celebrate the start of the school year. An official invitation will be included in next week's communication folder. We are eager to see you on Thursday September 25th from 4-6pm.



# 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 at 3:10 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 criminal record check. 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: Faith**

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are focussing 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. We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives.

What is faithfulness? Truth. Trustworthy. Believable. Loyal. Accurate. When we talk about faithfulness, we're talking about someone sticking by our side, being on our team, staying loyal to us. Someone who is faithful is someone you can count on. You know they won't tell you things that aren't true or try to hurt you.

They are on your side. On your team. In your corner. Faithfulness is the belief and trust and loyalty all rolled into one ball of comfort and strength. Being a Catholic is founded in Faith—Faith in the Lord. Remember that it is through our words and actions that our faith becomes evident. It is our Faith in God that brings comfort to our lives.



## LOOKING FOR LEGO:

Do you have Lego that your children have outgrown? Why not donate them to a classroom in need. Any LEGO donations can be brought to school for Mrs. Rusnak. Thanks in advance.