

St. Pat's Pulse

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Wed. Sept. 16,
2015

Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Thurs. Sept. 17

Backwards Day—Fundraiser
for Terry Fox (\$1.00)

Fri. Sept. 18

-Picture day. Bring your
smile

-School council nominations
due today

Tues. Sept. 22

Catholic School Council
Meeting @6:30pm (last
year's council)

Wed. Sept. 24

-School Mass @ 9:00—
Everyone welcome!

-Scholastic book orders due

-Subway Orders & money
due

Fri. Sept. 25

-Subway Day

-Hat Day for Terry Fox
(\$1.00)

Wed. Sept. 30

Terry Fox School Run Day.
Wear Red & White

Fri. Oct. 9

Thanksgiving Mass @ 9:00

Mon. Oct. 12

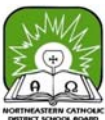
-Happy Thanksgiving (no
school)

Wed. Oct. 14

Term # 1 IEP's go home

Thurs Oct. 29

Catholic School Council
Meeting @ 6pm for new
council



St. Patrick School—“Educating hearts & minds”

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From the Principal's Desk

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.

TERRY FOX WALK

St. Patrick School has been involved with the annual Terry Fox walk since 1992. It is with great pleasure that St. Patrick School will participate in the annual Terry Fox School Walk which will occur nationwide for thousands of schools on Wednesday September 30th. This year, we have three ways to raise money for the

Terry Fox Foundation:

1. We are asking all staff and students to bring a twoonie for Terry on or before September 30th.
2. We are having a hat day on Friday September 25th. If your child would like to wear a hat all day—just pay \$1.00 for the privilege.
3. Backwards day—Thursday September 17th. Students can wear their clothes backwards for \$1.00 donation.

Feel free to participate in one or all three! We are hoping to have at least one parent volunteer for each

classroom walk with us. If you are interested in volunteering on September 30th, please contact the school (705) 335-3241 or in your child's agenda. Students will be encouraged to wear Canada colours (Red & white).

CHECKING FOR LICE

Just a reminder that parents should be checking their child(ren)'s head each week. Please notify the school ASAP if nits or lice are found. More information coming next week.



Yours in Education,
Mrs. G. 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 patient to keep everyone safe!

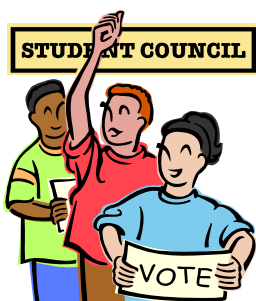
Weekly Communication Folders



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 – click on “our Catholic Schools”, then “St. Patrick – Karpuskasing”. Be sure to check your child's bag each Wednesday. Feel free to check out our facebook page. If you are not a member of this closed group and would like to be—simply request to join this group.



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 22nd (if needed). **The first meeting for our new council is Thursday October 29th at 6:00 p.m.**

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

School Open House



Our Catholic School Council and Staff would like to invite all families to our 10th Annual Open House on Tuesday September 15th. We invite you to a brief presentation for everyone in the gym at 6:00. Teachers will host two information sessions in their

classrooms; one from 6:20-6:35 and the other from 6:40-6:50. This is a great opportunity to have your child show you their classroom and to discuss classroom expectations and goals for the year. Please note that this is not a parent/teacher

interview, simply a **Welcome back open house and information session** to meet the teachers and celebrate the start of the school year. We are eager to see you on Tues. Sept. 15, 2015

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: 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. They are on your

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.

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.



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.