



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

October 2016



Happy Thanksgiving!

St. Patrick School a great little school to believe in!

This month's virtue of the month is **Gratitude**. How appropriate it is that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving together in just over a week! 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. Our quote for this month is, **"Lord, your love knows no bounds. Fill my heart with gratitude for the gifts you lavish upon me everyday"** from Psalm 23:1-6. This quote will be the foundation for our work this month. We will reflect on the notion that we cannot think that we have a right to demand something without giving anything in return ... and without giving thanks for all that we are! Consequently, the staff at St. Patrick School would like to express their **appreciation** to a number of our parents, our volunteers and community organizations who regularly assist us in our efforts to provide an excellent learning environment for our students! Thank you!



St. Patrick School will be hosting its Annual Open House and FREE BBQ on Thursday, October 13th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you there! Note: there is no cost to attend but we are collecting food items for the area **Food Bank**!



- **WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK** ... For the most up to date information, be sure to join us on Facebook! Search for our **"Friends of St. Patrick Catholic School Cobalt"** Facebook page. Note: this is a **closed group** so you will need to ask to join as



<u>October Birthdays!</u>	
Jason M. Oct. 4 th	Xavier M. Oct. 19 th
Ryan D. Oct. 21st	Daniel M. Oct 23 rd
Julian W. Oct 23 rd	Axton B. Oct. 30 th
	Jayden N. Oct. 30 th



a **member**. If you have other family members (aunts, uncles, grandparents etc,) who would also like to join, contact Mrs. Purdy and give her their names so that they may be added to the group! Note: The Northeastern Catholic District School Board has challenged us to **reduce our photocopying costs by 25%**. Beginning in November, only calendars will be sent home! Calendars and newsletters will be available via the Facebook page and email. If you are not a member of our facebook group, make sure Mrs. Purdy has your email address so that calendars, newsletters and reminders can be sent directly to you by email!



-A reminder that for serious safety reasons, St. Patrick School continues to be a **Nut and Fish Aware School**. Please feel free to contact us at the school if you have any concerns or questions!



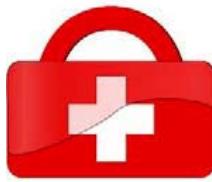


The JK/SK class and the Grade 1/2 class will be going to the Pumpking Patch on Friday, October 14th. If you can assist with supervision, please contact Mrs. Purdy at 679-5575.

We will be celebrating our **Thanksgiving Mass** with Father Wayne on Wednesday, October 5th at 10:30 a.m. in the gym. Our first mass of the year will be in memory of Chris Collins, former teacher and principal at St. Patrick School who passed away in July while continuing his battle against cancer. All are welcome to attend.



OCTOBER CURRICULUM FOCUS - In Mathematics, students will begin to focus on Geometry and Spatial Sense (2-D shapes, attributes, symmetry, angles, lines, circles). In Reading, students will focus on retelling and summarizing ideas in order to demonstrate meaning and in Writing students will begin to focus on the recount and procedural writing form.



St. Patrick School has once again continued its partnership with the **Red Cross and Breakfast for Learning** to help provide a healthy snack program for all children! **Healthy breakfast snacks** are delivered to all students in each of

the classrooms every morning. A special thank you to Mrs. Dupuis, Mrs. Sauve, Mrs. Fleury and helpers!

We are pleased to announce that **Photografiks** will be our school photographer again this year. School photos will take place on **October 19th** in the library. Note: all students will be photographed and then the proof packages will be sent home at a later date should you wish to purchase them!

A cartoon-style illustration of a blue camera with a yellow strap. The word "CHEESE!" is written in purple, bubbly letters above the camera lens.

Our first official school wide fundraiser has already begun! The **Santa's Little Helper** campaign will run until the end of October. While we do not encourage door to door sales for our younger students, we do

hope that students will sell to family and friends! The funds raised will go towards student activities! Orders can also be phoned into the school on **Thursday, October 20th from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** as Parent Council members will be available to answer the phones!



Finally, a special thank you to all parents who put their name forward for this year's Parent Council. Our first **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m.** in the library. At this time we will set the schedule for future meetings and elect the chair and vice chair person.

Sacramental Preparation Dates:

Confirmation Parent Meeting
Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m. at OMPH



Confirmation Candidates Meeting
Sunday, October 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at OMPH



A Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious God in this busyness of my day, I sometimes forget to stop and thank you for all that is good in my life.

My blessings are many and my heart is filled with gratefulness for the gift of living, for the ability to love and be loved, for the opportunity to see the everyday wonders of creation, for sleep and water, for a mind that thinks and a body that feels.

I thank you too for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Things that seem challenging, unfair or difficult.

In the silence of my soul, I thank you most of all for your unconditional and eternal love.

Amen

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

L. Hurtubise, Principal

