

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Sept. 17

-IPRC meetings today
-Welcome Back BBQ & meet
the teacher & Catholic
School Council elections 4-
6pm

Sept. 24

-1st Catholic School Council
meeting (6pm)
-Terry Fox Walk (bring \$2
for Terry)

Sept. 25

-Professional Activity (No
School)

Sept. 27

Family Mass @ 10:30
Blueberry Pancake Party 9:00
-1:00

Sept. 30

-World Milk Day (wear black
& white)
-Winit Celebration

Daily Schedule:

8:20—Yard Supervision
begins
8:45—Classes Start
10:15-10:30—Recess
11:30-12:05—Recess
12:05-12:25—Lunch
12:25-12:30—
Announcements
12:30—Afternoon classes
start
2:00-2:15—Recess
3:15—Dismissal



Catholic School Council

Our Catholic School Council is established for the purposes of developing, encouraging, and promoting activities, which will enhance the quality of school programs and improve levels of student achievement. The Catholic School Council provides advice to the Principal and where appropriate, to the School Board, on issues outlined by the Ministry of Education and Training. I invite you to please consider a candidacy for the position of Parent Representative. In accordance with Ministry Regulations 612/613, the following timelines will be followed regarding Council elections:

September 9-16: We invite you to consider nominating yourself as a parent candidate and submit the nomination form to the Principal.

Should we receive less than 8 nominations and candidates fulfill the requirements outlined in the regulations, they will be acclaimed and informed of the first meeting date. **September 17:** School Council elections will take place if needed. Names of candidates and a one page information page, if available, will be made available.

September 23: The names of the Catholic School Council members will be announced in the communication folder.

September 24: This will be our first School Council Meeting. Please support your council by attending the regular meetings. Meeting dates will be posted in the St. Pat's Pulse. Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn no later than 7:15 p.m. During the year, all meeting agendas will be set in advance—agenda items need to be forwarded to the Council Chair at least one week prior to meeting day. A special thank you to our current catholic school council members who will serve until September 25th. Thank you for making our school a



Meet the Teacher BBQ

Our Catholic School Council and Staff would like to invite all families to our 6th Annual Open House Barbecue on **Thursday, September 17th.** 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 teachers 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 but simply a **Welcome Back Open House** to meet the

teachers and celebrate the start of a new school year. We can't wait to see you at the school tomorrow night.



Food and Peanut Allergies

We ask that you join the St. Pat's staff in taking care to ensure the safety of all students in the school. As you may be aware a number of our students have a potentially life-threatening allergy. We ask your cooperation by not sending to school with your child any snacks or lunches containing peanuts, nuts and shellfish. Other allergens will be dealt with on an as needed basis. The following guidelines must be strictly adhered to by all the students in the school:

- All foods must be eaten in the classroom – not outside or on

the bus.

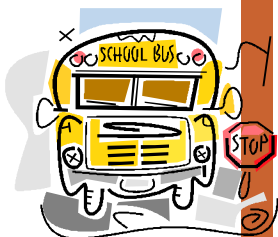
- Snacks are not to be shared with other students.
- Utensils are not to be shared with other students.
- Hands are to be washed after eating anything that may have come into contact with peanut/nut products. Traces of peanut butter or oil can get on the bus seats or playground equipment, desks, and personal belongings.
- Parents are asked to read labels carefully for the following products that may

contain nut products: granola bars, crackers, chocolate bars and cookies, some cereals, store baked goods or snacks.

While we realize that this request may pose somewhat of a challenge for you when packing your child's snack and lunch, we wish to express sincere appreciation for your support and understanding.



*Our driveway is
SINGLE-LANE
& one way*



Bus Loading Zone

We continue to experience difficulties in our bus loading zone at the beginning of the day. Here are a few reminders to ensure all student, staff and parent safety.

The bus loading zone needs to remain **off-limits to all vehicular movement from 8:35-8:45.**

singing in the Choir and even

This will allow for our buses to safely pick up and drop off students.

In order to ease congestion, we are asking parents to observe the following requests:

MORNING: Drop off your children at the back fence gate by Church. Remember it is single file—so cars & buses will

need to wait for each other and unload **ONE AT A TIME.** Our driveway is a **SINGLE LANE** and One Way.

Students are encouraged to use our crossing guard.

Together, we can make our bus loading zone safe for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

No Cell Phones Please

To maintain a controlled learning environment and to ensure academic integrity, parents are asked not to send children to school with cell phones or other wireless telecommunication devices. If you need to contact your child during

the school day please do so by contacting the office. If the occasion arises when it is necessary to send your child to school with a cell phone NCDSB policy requires that these devices be silenced and securely stored out of sight

(in school bag/locker) during the school day. Students are not permitted to use them on school property during school

