

St. Pat's Pulse

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*Upcoming St. Patrick
School Events:*

Sept. 24

-1st Catholic School
Council meeting (6pm)
-Terry Fox Walk (bring
\$2 for Terry) Dress in
Yellow & Green

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



From the Principal's Desk

We have had a very busy start to the school year.

Welcome Back BBQ:

Our Welcome Back BBQ on September 17th, was a very large success. Despite the less than desirable weather, we had a great turnout. A big thank-you to our Catholic School council and Mr. Shadd who organized this wonderful event. The evening would not have been complete without the wonderfully dedicated staff of St. Pat's. Thanks to all teachers who met with parents and students. We served nearly 500 hotdogs, 250 drinks and over 150 pieces of fruit. Fun was had by all.

Catholic School Council:

This year, we were not re-

quired to hold elections for our parent representatives. Here is the list of acclaimed Catholic School Council members for 2009-2010: Laura Empey, Jennifer Rickard, Alexis Goth, Lynn O'Reilly, Louise Dalton, Jodi Robinson, Fran Whissell, Nora Davidson and Kandy Rhyno. The teaching representative is Isabelle Boulet and the non-teaching representative will be Kevin Stewart. If you have any concerns that you would like your Catholic School Advisory Council to discuss, please contact one of the parent representatives. Our first Catholic School council meeting will be on Thursday September 24th @ 6pm. All parents are welcome.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Students are asked to bring non-perishable food items to school for the next few weeks. There will be a box in your child's morning class. The final day of the food drive is on Thursday October 8th; we will bring all our food items to the Church for our Thanksgiving mass. Thanks for helping make our community a better place.



WRITER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Alyssa Arsenault** who has been selected as this week's writer of the week. She translated English into Cree. Keep up the good work Alyssa!



Dress for the Weather



With the weather getting chillier with each passing day, it is very important for your children to be properly clothed so they can enjoy the weather outside at recess time. During the fall, the mornings can be quite cold—but the afternoons can be

quite warm. Children should be dressed in layers to ensure their comfort in class and while outside. **Please remember that if students are well enough to be at school, they are well enough to go outside.** At St. Pat's, all students go outside for recess breaks unless it is pouring rain or so cold

that it is dangerous. Please ensure that your children are dressed properly for rain, mud and the inevitable snow which will come our way.

You may want to send an extra pair of clothes to school in case your child gets wet or dirty at recess. Thank-you.

Student Achievement ~ 2008-2009 EQAO results

Primary Student results—Grade 3

Number of Students:	READING %				WRITING %				MATHEMATICS %			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Province (121 787)	7%	26%	53%	7%	<1%	28%	63%	4%	2%	23%	58%	12%
Board (195)	11	35%	49%	2%	0%	41%	56%	2%	4%	23%	64%	7%
St. Patrick's School 16	0%	19%	75%	6%	0%	25%	69%	6%	0%	0%	88%	6%

Junior student results—Grade 6

Students:	READING %				WRITING %				MATHEMATICS %			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Province (136 069)	5%	22%	59%	11%	<1%	29%	58%	9%	6%	27%	49%	13%
Board (263)	8%	37%	48%	5%	1%	46%	50%	2%	9%	38%	41%	11%
St. Patrick's School (26)	4%	12%	58%	23%	0%	27%	58%	12	0%	0%	23%	73%

How do I read these results?



The previous tables provide a summary of the EQAO student achievement results for the Province of Ontario, the North-eastern Catholic District School Board and for our School, using method 1. The provincial assessment took place in May 2009. Students were assessed in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics based on expecta-

tions contained in the Ontario Curriculum Grade 1-8. The assessments were graded on a four-level system, with one being the lowest and four being the highest. The Ministry of Education had defined level 3 as the provincial standard. If you are looking at the results from our school, for Grade 3 students, 88% of our students met the

provincial standard (level 3) while 6% of students achieved beyond the provincial standard (level 4) for Mathematics.

I am sure that you would agree, these results show that our students and staff have been working very hard.

I am very proud of all our students!

Hockey Pool Tickets for Sale



Don't miss your chance to be involved with this unique fundraising opportunity. All students from Grade 4-8 will be selling hockey pool tickets. The price is one for \$10.00 or 3 for \$25.00. Participants get

to pick players for the entire season.

Last year, our winners (Luc Paquette, Nancy Sanford and Pierre Dube) skated away with \$289, \$144, \$48 respectively

Don't forget to buy your hockey pool tickets today. You need to purchase tickets before Thanksgiving.

All proceeds will support our junior & intermediate sports teams. Thanks to Mr. Dube for organizing!