



St. Patrick School News



December 2024



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

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The season of Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. Advent is a time to slow down, to enjoy time with friends and family, and to reflect on the true reason for the season. Traditionally the journey towards Christmas is marked by an Advent wreath. Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches with 4 candles to represent the 4 weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple, and one is pink.

The purple candles symbolize prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works which were undertaken at this time. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday as we are getting closer to the joy of the birth of Jesus. We hope that you all have an opportunity to take time with your family to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and to enjoy time together.

Also, during the month of December, our school will reflect on the Catholic Teaching of Charity. Through classroom activities, discussions, prayer and school liturgies, students will have the opportunity to explore and reflect on this Catholic Teaching.

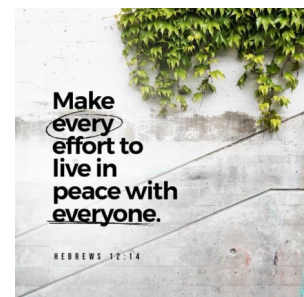
We hope this advent season brings you joy and peace. On behalf of the staff and myself, we send our warmest wishes for a blessed, safe, restful and joyful Christmas holiday.

Jennifer Davidson

CHRISTMAS LUNCH—On Thursday, December 19th our students will be served a delicious turkey lunch with all the fixings catered by Sherwood Restaurant. We will be using some of our fundraising money to off-set the cost of the meal. The turkey lunch can be purchased on School Cash Online. Lunch will be served buffet style and will include Turkey, Cranberries, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn and Dinner Rolls and Butter. The cost per child is \$12.00. If you would like to cover the cost of another student, or to make a monetary contribution toward this celebration, please contact the office.

November Award Winners for Peace Making:

JK	Chase B
SK	Karas K
Grade 1	Amara G
Grade 2	Gunner J
Grade 4	Neil M
Grade 6	Thomas K
Grade 7	Blake W



Heavenly Father,

I can't believe this is the final months of 2024. Oh Lord, I pray to make the most of these 31 days by seeking Your presence continuously and by keeping You first.

Help me this month to really be present with You and with others. I don't want to be distracted from time spent with You. I want to be intentional with the time You gift me.

Make room in my heart, Holy Spirit, to celebrate the birth and coming of Jesus, that I would be filled with reverence and adoration.

May the light of Christ illuminate truth and goodness in the world, and may the warmth of Your love be felt all throughout this month and into the New Year.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

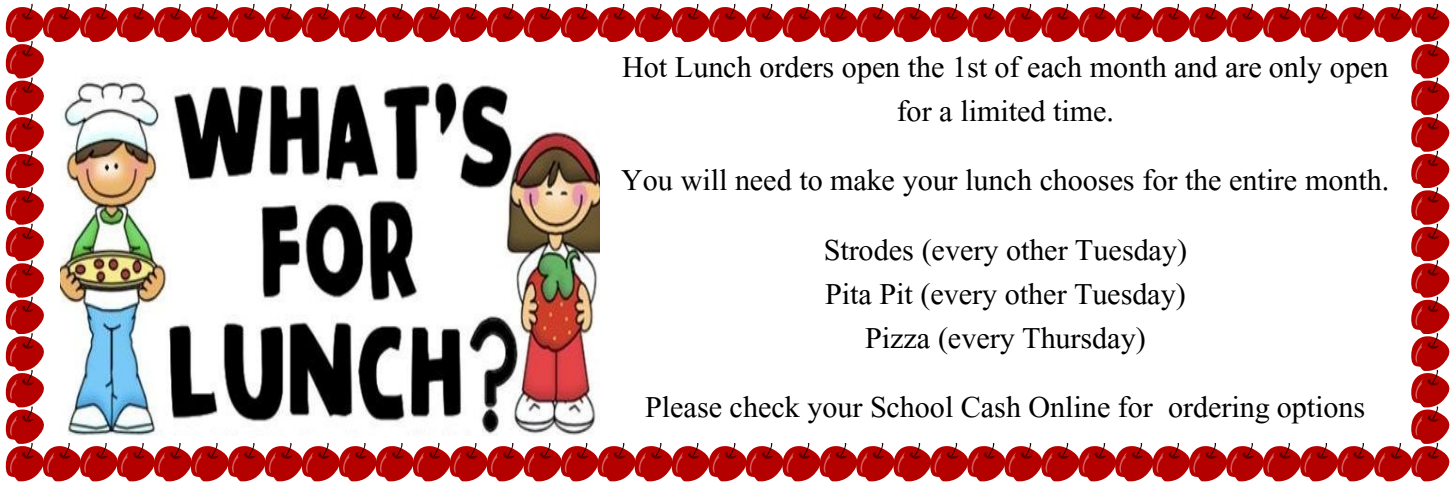
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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Hot Lunch orders open the 1st of each month and are only open for a limited time.

You will need to make your lunch chooses for the entire month.

Strodes (every other Tuesday)

Pita Pit (every other Tuesday)

Pizza (every Thursday)

Please check your School Cash Online for ordering options



Here at St. Patrick School we are a Nut Free School. Please DO NOT send food that contain any type of nut.



We are also asking that you DO NOT send to school food treats for the class due to allergies and dietary restrictions.

WINTER OUTDOOR TEMPERATURES

When outdoor winter temperatures fall below -20 C (including windchill), St. Patrick students will have recess indoors in accordance with Board policy and guidelines.

When temperatures are between -10 C and -20 C students can be outside for a maximum of 20 minutes. Please continue to send your child with complete winter wear and we will continue to monitor the temperature and the playground conditions for student safety.

For more information on the BHNCD SB policy around cold weather please visit the following website: www.bhncdsb.ca

Important — Please remember to send your child to school prepared for all outdoor play. Students should wear boots, hats, gloves or mittens, warm coats, and snow/slush pants.

It is a good idea to send more than one pair of mitts on snowy days since mitts get wet and do not have enough time to dry before second recess.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSING

Our students' safety comes first. The decision to cancel transportation services shall be made PRIOR to 6:30 a.m. and will be announced on the designated radio stations, CHCH news, twitter @stsbhn, and our board website.

There are FOUR zones within our school board and St. Patrick School is **ZONE 4**. When morning transportation services are cancelled within our school board, ALL schools, and school trips will be cancelled for that day for all students.

Students will be able to go on-line on to D2L/Brightspace and participate in asynchronous learning opportunities on snow days! System teachers have placed grade appropriate work in the Content section of the site. Classroom teachers may also place work on the site for the day.

Please listen to the local news or check the board website to see if our school is closed.

WINTER PLAYGROUND SAFETY RULES

Children are expected to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. In the winter that means hat, coat, neck warmer (scarves need to be tucked in), mittens, and snow pants.

Icy areas are off bounds to avoid slips and falls. No sliding on icy areas. Snowballs are not thrown because they could cause an injury to another student/staff.

Putting snow down someone's back, hood or face etc. is not allowed. Snow should stay on the ground.

Building snow-people, snow structures, and snow forts are allowed. We do not wreck other people's forts, snow-people, or snow sculptures because people worked hard to build them and we do not like it when someone wrecks our work.

The top of snow hills and other snow structures are off bounds to avoid pushing, slipping, falling, bumps, and collisions. Children may play on the sides of the snow hills or structures.

Soccer is allowed. Square ball (four square) is allowed when the pavement is dry and clear of ice and snow. Wall ball and pavement games are allowed using a "soft" ball (e.g., utility ball or tennis ball) and no ice is in the area. The playground equipment area is **closed** until the spring.

Most of all, we want students to have fun, enjoy the snow, and play safe!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ★ *Dec. 1 - January Hot Lunch Orders open on School Cash Online*
- ★ *Dec. 4 - Advent Mass @ St. Patrick's with Father Rafal @ 9:15 - all are welcome*
- ★ *- Spirit Wear Day*
- ★ *Dec. 11 - Dental Screening*
- ★ *Dec. 12 - Last day for Mad Science*
- ★ *Dec. 16 - St Patrick Christmas Concert Rehearsal and Viewing at 1:30pm*
- ★ *- Christmas Concert at 6pm, Location: Central Baptist Church*
- ★ *Dec. 18 - Santa Visits in the afternoon*
- ★ *Dec. 19 - Christmas Turkey Lunch (purchase through School Cash Online)*
- ★ *Dec. 20 - PJ Day*
- ★ ***Dec. 21 - Jan 5 - CHRISTMAS BREAK***
- ★ *Jan. 6, 2025 - Return to school*
- ★ *Jan. 6 - Kindergarten Online registration opens*
- ★ *Jan. 15 - Super Hero Day*
- ★ *Jan. 15 - Grilled Cheese & Soup Day (purchase through School Cash Online)*
- ★ *Jan. 15 - Bus Safety Presentation*
- ★ ***Jan. 15 - Grade 8 Parent Info night & Open House at St. John's College at 6pm***





St. John's College
**FUTURE GRADE 9
STUDENT & PARENT
OPEN HOUSE**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Join one of our student-led tours, discover our departments and programs, and attend the information presentation!

6:00-7:00 pm Information session

7:00-8:30 pm Open house and an opportunity to tour the building

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