

December 2025

St. Patrick School News



Heavenly Father,

I can't believe this is the final months of 2025. 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

Dear St. Patrick Families,

Advent is a season of joyful, expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The word Advent means coming and during this time we prepare our homes, our hearts and ourselves for the birth, or coming, of Christ. It is my sincere hope that during this Advent season you experience the true meaning of Christmas and what it means to prepare ourselves for Christ to be born in our hearts. We hope to see you at our Christmas Social on **Thursday, December 18th from 5:30—7:30 PM** where there will be a number of fun activities for your and your children to enjoy! On behalf of the staff of St. Patrick School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. May you and your families take the time to celebrate the real gifts of love, peace, hope, joy, and family this holiday season.

Wishing you all Christmas Blessings and warm regards.

Peter Marchand

Principal

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday, December 17, our students will be served a delicious turkey lunch with sides 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, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Dinner Rolls and Butter. The cost per child is \$12.00. If you would like to cover the cost for another student, please select the option on School Cash Online when you make your payment.

NOVEMBER'S PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS FOR BEING A PEACEMAKER

Congratulations to the following students for being a peacemaker in their classrooms and throughout the school in November:

JK - Alumay

SK - Thomas M.

Grade 1 - Luca

Grade 2 - Zander

Grade 3 - Coleson

Grade 4/5 - Ava

Grade 6/7 - Hayden

Grade 7/8 - Liam

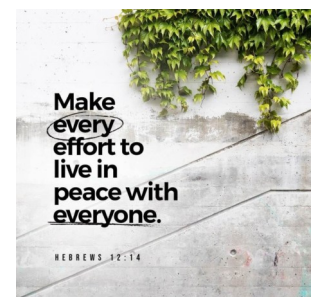
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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



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

You will need to make your lunch choices 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

Please note that you only have until **DECEMBER 14th** to place your orders for January as all orders must be submitted to vendors before the Christmas break.



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 mittens/gloves often get wet and do not have enough time to dry before second recess.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSING

The decision to cancel transportation services shall be made PRIOR to 6:30 AM and will be announced on the Board and school websites, designated radio stations, Twitter/X (@stsbhn, @bhncdsb, and @stpatseagles). Families will also receive a Messenger email notification.

St. Patrick School is located in **ZONE 4**. When morning transportation services are cancelled within our designated zone or throughout the entire district, schools are closed that day for 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/school website to see if our school is closed.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2026 – 2027 school year will start during the month of January. If you know of any families with Kindergarten-aged children who will be attending St. Patrick School next year, please let them know to register! For Junior Kindergarten, children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2026 and for students registering in Senior Kindergarten, they must be 5 years old by December 31, 2026.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Registration for Kindergarten will open on January 5th, 2026 and will run through February 20th for BHNCDSE elementary school. Early registration greatly assists the school with planning and organizing for the coming school year.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

The Board's Kindergarten registration process is online via www.catholiceducation.ca. In order to complete the online registration there are some documents that you will need to have ready to upload. We recommend either scanning or taking an image/photo of the documents in advance of beginning the registration process.

What documents do I need?

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residence status (citizenship documentation, permanent resident card or record of landing).
- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate or, if your child is not baptized, the Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the parent(s) or guardian(s) must be provided.
- Proof of home address (a rental/lease agreement, utility bill, proof of purchase, etc.).

Where do I go to register?

- Prepare electronic copies of the required documents and visit www.catholiceducation.ca to register.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at 519-759-0380.



CHRISTMAS THEME DAYS

To spread some Christmas spirit, students and staff will be encouraged to dress up the last week before the holidays. Here are our theme days for that week:

Monday, December 15—Red, White, and/or Green Day

Tuesday, December 16—Christmas Hat, Hair or Accessory Day

Wednesday, December 17—Christmas Sweater Day

Thursday, December 18—Christmas Character Day

Friday, December 19—Pajama Day

WINTER PLAYGROUND SAFETY RULES

Children are expected to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. In the winter that means hat, coat, mittens/gloves, boots, and snow pants.

Icy areas are off bounds to avoid slips and falls. Snow and ice are to remain on the ground (i.e., not thrown) to prevent an injury to another student/staff. Putting snow down someone's back, hood, face, etc. is not allowed for student safety.

Building snow-people, snow structures, and snow forts are allowed. Students are reminded that we do not wreck other people's forts, snow-people, or snow sculptures and to respect the work and creations other students have built.

Students are allowed to slide on the hills but are required to have snowpants/slush pants. Students are not to push or pull on the hills and are to slide down one at a time on their bottoms to ensure they are safe.

Games on the pavement and field are permitted as long as the play area is free from ice. 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
- ★ You only have until **DECEMBER 14th** to place your orders for January as all orders must be submitted to vendors before the Christmas break
- ★ Dec. 2 - Advent Mass @ St. Patrick's @ 11:15 - all are welcome!
- ★ - Poinsettia Pick-Up for all who placed orders 3–6 PM
- ★ Dec. 14 - January hot lunch orders close on School Cash Online
- ★ Dec. 17 - Turkey Luncheon (available to purchase via School Cash Online)
- ★ Dec. 17 - Santa Visits in the afternoon
- ★ Dec. 18 - St. Patrick Christmas Social 5:30–7:30 PM
- ★ **Dec. 20 - Jan 4 - CHRISTMAS BREAK**
- ★ Jan. 1, 2026 - February hot lunch orders open on School Cash Online
- ★ Jan. 5 - Return to School
- ★ Jan. 5 - Kindergarten Online Registration Opens for 2026-2027 school year
- ★ Jan. 14 - Grade 8 Parent Info Night at St. John's College @ 6:00pm
- ★ Jan. 19 - PA DAY
- ★ Jan. 20 - St. Patrick Night at Harvey's (Henry St. and Gretzky location ONLY)
- ★ Jan. 28 - GEPH Oral Health screening (Grades JK, SK & 2)
- ★ - Sr. Boys & Girls Basketball @ ACS



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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Tour the school, 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

sjconline.ca



ONLINE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION JAN 5 - FEB 20



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ST. PATRICK



CHRISTMAS COFFEE DRIVE-THRU



TUES DEC 9TH 2025
8:15am-we run out

HELP THE GRADE 8 CLASS FUNDRAISE
FOR THEIR GRAD TRIP TO CAMP CELTIC

COFFEE ONLY - \$2.00

COMBO (COFFEE & COOKIES) - \$5.00

PLEASE BRING EXACT CHANGE.

FLAVORS: SANTAS MIDNIGHT DARK ROAST
SANTAS MORNING MEDIUM ROAST AND
RIENDEER DECAF

