



St. Patrick School News



February 2025

February



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

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During the Month of February we are working on the Catholic Social Teaching of **Love and Kindness**. Love and kindness are two of the most powerful forces that shape our lives. Love is about connection, compassionate bonds that go beyond the surface, allowing us to truly understand and care for one another. It's about support, respect, and trust. Kindness, on the other hand, is the expression of that love in action. It's the small, thoughtful gestures that make a big difference, like a smile, a kind word, or lending a hand when someone needs it.

Together, love and kindness create a world where people feel valued, seen, and cared for. They remind us that we're all in this together, and that the little things matter just as much as the big ones. Love gives us a sense of belonging, and kindness fosters an environment where that love can grow. When we lead with these values, we make the world a more compassionate and hopeful place, one moment at a time.

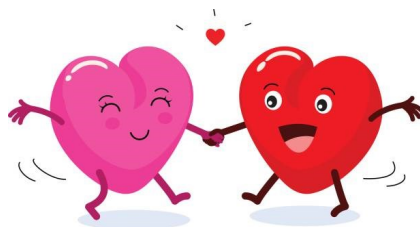
January Award Winners for Courage:

JK	Chase B
SK	Kennedy C
Grade 1	Adetona A
Grade 2	Coleson S
Grade 4	Hunter J
Grade 6	David T
Grade 8	Alicia D



Report Cards:

Report cards go home on February 10th 2025, and will be sent electronically to your email. The Early screeners will be coming home in print form for Grades K-2.



On February 14th, the grade 8's will be leading a Valentine's dance for the school. We will also be selling candy bags for \$2 a bag.

Dear Lord,

Please open our eyes this month to see the truth and depth of Your love. May Your love never cease to amaze us, and may we never take Your love for granted.

Thank you, Lord, for the blessing to love You and also to love others. May Your love flow out of us, and help us to love others well.

We pray we live with joy and peace know we are loved by You.

Thank you, God, for Your great love!

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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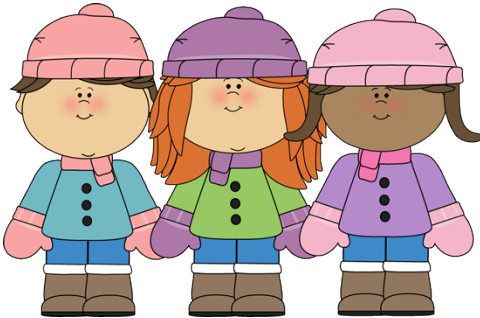
PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday, February 26, 2024 is Pink Shirt Day. It is important that we take a stand against bullying and break the cycle. We need to speak up when we see injustice toward others, whether it be at school, home, online or out in the community.

We encourage everyone to wear pink on **Wednesday, February 26th** to visibly demonstrate that we do not tolerate bullying of any kind.



ASH WEDNESDAY: Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy will take place in the gym on Wednesday, March 5th at 1:00 pm with Father Rafal. Parents are welcome to join our liturgy



Dressing for Cold Weather!

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 usually windy out on the school yard making it seem colder than it is. Sending them with warm items will help them to stay warm.

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

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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.

STUDENT PUNCTUALITY: We encourage parents to model the importance of punctuality and regular attendance for their children. There is a direct correlation between children who are often late or absent and lowered academic achievement. All teachers begin the day with either Language or Math which are very important to a student’s success. When students arrive after the bell (8:45am) this disrupts the whole class.



ABSENT OR LATE STUDENTS: If you know your child is going to be absent or late for school, please call the office at 519-759-0380 **BEFORE** 8:45 am with the reason for their absence. There is 24/7 voicemail available. If a call is not received your child is marked “Unconfirmed Absence”. School Messenger then sends out the automatic message for you to call the school to report your child’s absence. If we do not have contact from you prior to the afternoon attendance you may receive another notification from School Messenger.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ★ Feb 1 - *March hot lunch orders open*
- ★ Feb 4 - *Professor Jamz Blast off assembly*
- ★ Feb 10 - *Report Cards go home*
- ★ Feb 12 - *Hat day*
- ★ Feb 14 - *Candy Day & School Dance*
- ★ Feb 17 - *Family Day (No School)*
- ★ Feb 21 - *Professor Jamz Dance Party Event*
- ★ Feb 23 - *March hot lunch orders close*
- ★ Mar 4 - *Pancake Day*
- ★ Mar 6 - *Crazy Hair Day!*
- ★ Mar 8-16 - **MARCH BREAK**
- ★ Mar 19 - *March Madness Day!*
- ★ Mar 19 - *Hot Dog Lunch (see School cash online for ordering options)*

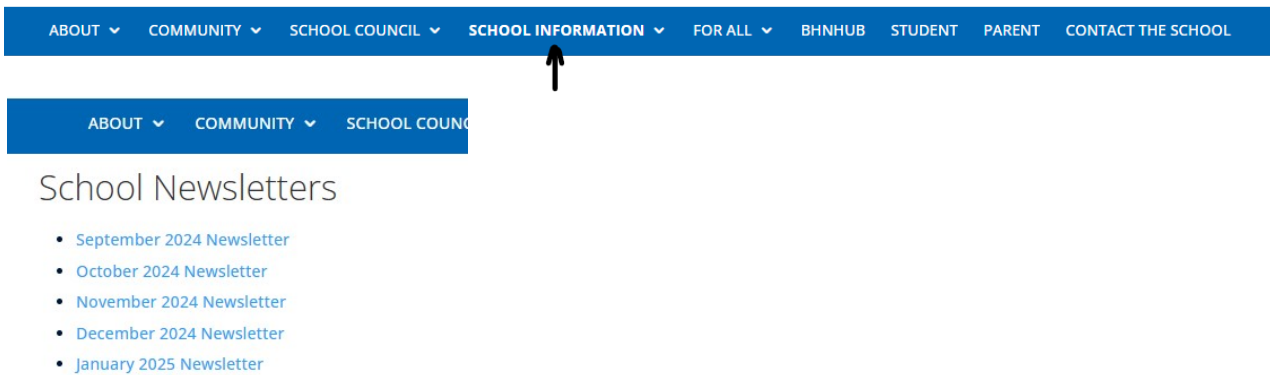
St Patrick School Website

We would like to inform all parents that we have been working hard to update our school's website.
<http://www.stpatrickbrantford.ca/> here you will find a lot of useful information about the School and School Board.

You are able to view all of our upcoming events which will be listed on the main page. If you would like to view them in a calendar view month to month you can click on "All Events" at the bottom of the page.



You can also view all of our monthly newsletters as well by hovering over the "School Information" at the top of the page and click on "Newsletters" from the drop down menu.



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