



# St. Patrick School News



January 2025



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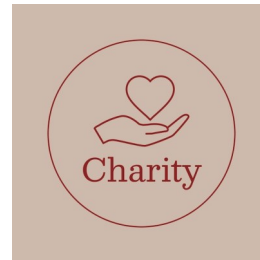
#### **From the Principal's Desk:**

Welcome back to school in 2025! I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for another exciting year ahead. We have many new opportunities and challenges to look forward to, and I am confident that each one of you will achieve great things this year.

Remember, success comes from hard work, determination, and supporting one another as a community. Let's make this school year the best one yet! Welcome back, and let's get started.

#### **December Award Winners for Charity:**

JK	Emmerson S
SK	Nova C
Grade 1	Olivia S
Grade 2	Lily W
Grade 3	Eddie K
Grade 5	Preston W
Grade 8	David S



God of new beginnings, we bless you in the month of January, it is the time of new beginnings, the time of promises, the time of hope. We place our hopes and dreams in the care of our loving God that we may become better people when our hopes and dreams come true. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

January's Catholic Social Teaching is **Courage**:



Courage is the ability to face fear, danger, or uncertainty, and to make good choices in spite of obstacles. It's also known as bravery, but it's not the same as fearlessness. Courage is about not letting fear stop you from doing what's right, exploring new opportunities, or developing your skills.

#### **Prayer for the New Year**

Dear Lord, please guide my family and me in the new year. Please bless us with good health. Please let us forget the anger we had in the previous year and move forward with healed hearts into a new year filled with endless opportunities.

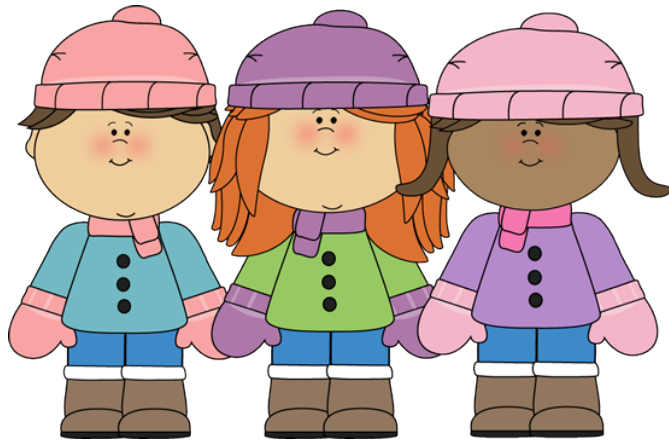
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## **Dressing for Cold Weather!**

**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  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  (including windchill), St. Patrick students will have recess indoors in accordance with Board policy and guidelines.

When temperatures are between  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  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 BHNCDsb policy around cold weather please visit the following website: [www.bhncdsb.ca](http://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.**



The students have the opportunity to see **Yamato-The Drummers of Japan, January 21, 2025 at 10:00am at the Sanderson Centre.**

The cost for the show is \$15.00 per student and is available on School Cash Online as well as the permission form for this event. The cost of the bus will be covered by the school. Please have everything completed on School Cash Online by **today, January 6, 2025.** The Sanderson Centre needs our numbers and payment by January 7, 2025.

## 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...**

- ★ *Jan 1* - February Hot Lunch orders open on School Cash Online
- ★ *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
- ★ *Jan 20* - PA DAY
- ★ *Jan 21* - Yamato Drummers for whole school at the Sanderson Centre—10:00 am
- ★ *Jan 21* - Parent Council meeting at 5:30 at St. Patrick staff room
- ★ *Jan 26* - February Hot Lunch orders close on School Cash Online
- ★ *Jan 31* - Booster Juice Day
- ★ *Feb 4* - Professor Jamz Blast off assembly
- ★ *Feb 10* - Report Cards go home
- ★ *Feb 12* - Hat day
- ★ *Feb 14* - Candy Day
- ★ *Feb 17* - Family Day
- ★ *Feb 21* - Professor Jamz







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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KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION**

**JAN 6 - FEB 21**

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