



St. Patrick School News



November 2025

Heavenly Father,

As we step into the month of November, we are reminded of the countless blessings You have bestowed upon us throughout the year. With each falling leaf, let our hearts overflow with gratitude and a deep sense of Your presence in our lives.

Lord, as the days grow shorter and the air becomes crisp, we ask that You warm our hearts with Your love. In moments of reflection, help us to see the growth, the challenges overcome, and the grace You've poured out upon us.

Father, November is a time when many gather with family and friends. We pray for those who feel the sting of loneliness or the weight of loss. May they find comfort in Your embrace and the community You place around them.

As we approach the season of giving and gratitude, fill us with a spirit of generosity. Let us not only be thankful but also be instruments of Your love and kindness to others. Guide our thoughts and actions so that all we do is a reflection of Your grace and mercy.

Thank You for being our constant, our refuge, and our strength. May this November be a testament to Your everlasting love and the hope we find in You.

In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

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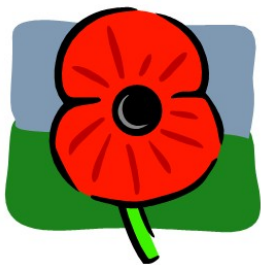
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons and daughters of God (Matthew 5:9).



These are the words of Jesus from his sermon on the mount. In November, our thoughts often turn to those who have sacrificed themselves for our freedoms and to ensure we could live in peace. Before his passion and death, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you". As we go out into the world, as the body of Christ, let us remember these words and carry them in our hearts, our words, and our actions to make our homes, our community, and our world a better place.

Mr. Peter Marchand, Principal

OCTOBER'S PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS

FOR GRATITUDE

Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating an attitude of gratitude throughout October:

JK—Grace

SK—Cala

Grade 1—Carter

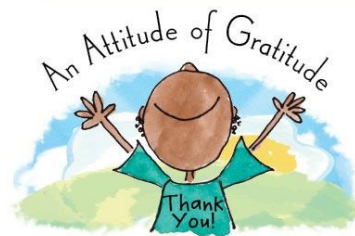
Grade 2—Alex

Grade 3—Leo


Grade 4/5—Lincoln

Grade 6/7—Will

Grade 7/8—William



The focus for November will be peacemaking. Keep up the great work Junior Eagles!



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)
 Mercasa (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. Please be especially vigilant with any Halloween treats your child(ren) may bring to school.



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 to ensure it is safe to go outside.

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 in case they get wet and do not have enough time to dry before second recess.

We also encourage families to label your child(ren)'s belongings so that they can be returned if misplaced.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSING

Our students' safety comes first. The decision to cancel transportation services shall be made PRIOR to 6:30 AM and will be announced on local radio, our [Board website](#), and Board Twitter/X (@bhncdsb) and transportation services (@stsbhn).

St. Patrick School is designated **ZONE 4**. This means if bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 4, then the school is closed for ALL students!

Students will be able to go on-line to their class D2L/Brightspace page and participate in asynchronous learning opportunities on snow days!

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



DROP-OFF and PICK-UP ROUTINES

To ensure the safety of our students, we kindly ask that, when dropping off in the morning, that all students enter the playground area and not the space between St. Patrick School and the Catholic Education Center as we do not have staff supervision in this area between the two buildings.

We know that parking can sometimes be a challenge at our school but families are reminded to not park in the fire lane or accessible spaces (without a permit) to ensure the safety of all. When dropping-off or picking-up in the "Kiss and Ride" area, drivers are reminded to remain in their vehicles. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and helping keep our community safe.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

★ Nov. 1 - December Hot Lunch Orders open on School Cash Online

★ Nov. 3 - Progress reports go home

★ Nov. 4 - Mercasa hot lunch

★ Nov. 6 - Pizza Lunch

★ Nov. 9 - Poinsettia Fundraiser Begins

★ **Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11:05 AM (families are welcome to attend) & Strodes hot lunch**

★ Nov. 12 - Grilled Cheese and Chicken noodle soup (grade 8 fundraiser lunch) **must preorder on School Cash Online**

★ Nov. 13 - Grade 7 & 8 Immunizations / Pizza Lunch / Parent-Teacher Interviews (3:30-7:30pm)

★ **Nov. 14 - PD Day - No School / Parent -Teacher Interviews (9-11:30 AM)**

★ Nov. 16 - December Hot Lunch orders close

★ Nov. 18 - Mercasa hot lunch

★ Nov. 20 - Picture Retake Day (class photos are also today)

★ Nov. 21 - Grade 8 Camp Celtic deposit due on School cash online

★ Nov. 23 - Poinsettia Fundraiser closes (all money & orders **MUST** be on School Cash today)

★ Nov. 25 - Jr Basketball tournament (@ACS) / Strodes hot lunch / Grade 7 Confirmation (6:30pm @ St Pius Church)

★ Nov. 27 - Pizza Lunch

"Be Here" Attendance Incentive Pilot Program



As part of our Safe & Accepting School Plan, we will have a focus on improving the attendance rates at St. Patrick School. We know that consistent attendance in elementary can establish good habits for secondary school and beyond as well as reduce gaps in student learning.

The "Be Here" attendance incentive pilot program is scheduled to start at our school on Monday, November 3rd and will run through to Friday, November 28th. The program will run for our whole school, Kindergarten to Grade 8.

The "Be Here" attendance incentive pilot program is a program to build awareness around the attendance concerns in our school board and to provide tools to help improve attendance in our school. The program aims to address absenteeism right away, celebrate good and improved attendance, encourage connection between schools and families, help families better understand the positive impacts of good attendance and the negative impacts of poor attendance, and to provide families with information about school and community supports to help break down barriers to attendance. The campaign *does not* use punitive measures to compel attendance or focus on perfect attendance but, instead focuses on improved and good attendance.

The program will include classroom incentives that reward the class and individual students for good attendance with weekly individual incentives for good attendance such as small snacks or treats and bigger class-wide incentives, such as a movie day, games day, etc. Bigger incentives will be rewarded after 10 (nonconsecutive) days of good class-wide attendance. Incentives and goals to reach incentives will be tailored to the classroom to ensure the program works for individual classes.

The pilot program will run for the month of November so we can gather feedback and understand how the program worked. Our hope is that the program will be implemented into other schools and grades if the pilot is a success!

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact our Board's social worker/ attendance counsellor, Heather Rosser, at hrosser@bhncdsb.ca. Heather will also be at St. Patrick School the night of Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday, November 13th to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have about this pilot program. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

ST. PIUS X PARISH CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The St. Pius X CWL is pleased to hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 15** from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Location - 9 Waverly Street. Bring your friends and family for a day filled with holiday spirit, shop a variety of tables, and participate in community joy. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you! Please see the attached flyer for additional information.



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"BE HERE"

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

BE HERE ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- **Be Here** is an attendance campaign that aims to promote good attendance and address barriers to attendance.
- This campaign will be piloted in your school from November 3rd to 28th 2025.
- The program will be ran in junior and senior kindergarten, as well as grades 1-2, and 6-8.
- The **Be Here** program does not focus on "perfect" attendance but rather good and improved attendance.
- The program also emphasizes the positive effects of good attendance.

10 DAY INCENTIVES

- Classes will receive a point for every day they have good classwide attendance, or fewer than the class agreed-upon absences (e.g. 10%).
- Students will work together to encourage one another to have good attendance and receive points.
- Once a class collects 10 points (points do not need to be collected consecutively) they will receive a bigger classwide reward.
- Rewards may be a movie day, games day, extra gym or recess time, depending on the interests of the class.

WEEKLY INCENTIVES

- All children in a class have the chance to be rewarded with a small weekly incentive, by showing up your child is automatically entered into a weekly draw within their classroom.
- Classes will be provided with a bin of snacks to handout as weekly incentives.

The logo features the word "Here" in a large, bold, yellow font. The letter "H" is stylized with a blue outline and a small blue icon of a hand pointing upwards, integrated into its left vertical stroke. The word "Here" is set against a dark blue rectangular background.

HALLOWEEN

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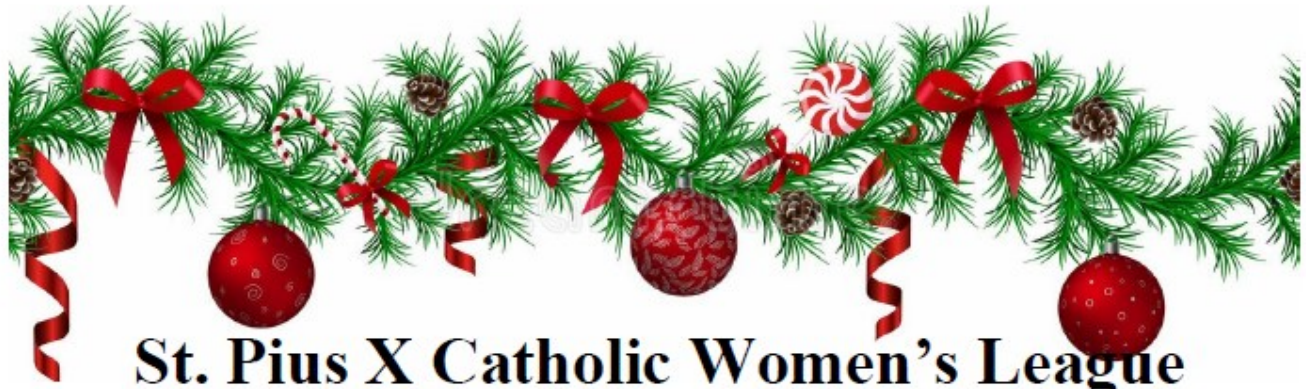
HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE
DONATIONS TO:
CANADIAN FOOD
FOR CHILDREN

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St. Pius X Catholic Women's League

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 15th, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

9 Waverly Street

GRAND DRAW

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ATTIC TREASURES

BAKE SALE AND PRESERVE TABLE

CHANCE TABLE

KNITTING AND CRAFTS

QUILT

GROCERY BASKET DRAW

BOOKS, DVD AND GAMES

JEWELRY TABLE

PLANT TABLE

FACE PAINTING

Bazaar Co-Conveners – Eva Evans (519)753-4034 - Pat McDougall (519)756-3272.

Please contact anytime for questions or concerns

