



St. Patrick School News



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October 2024

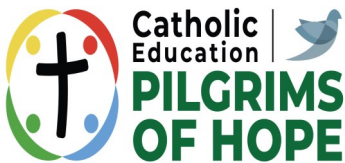
7 Prayers for October

1. May your *finances* multiply
2. May your *health* improve
3. May your *friends* prosper
4. May your *family* be loved
5. May your *pains* be less
6. May your *worries* disappear God is Love
7. May God *bless* you.
Amen



September Award Winners For Hospitality

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| JK | Thomas M |
| SK | Leo R |
| Grade 1 | Benson B |
| Grade 2 | Gunner J |
| Grade 4 | Santiago C |
| Grade 5 | Aishat S |
| Grade 8 | Grace S |



Welcome October

May this month bring you happiness and peace.
Fill your day with love and surprises.
Look forward to miracles and laughter.

May you find good health and abundant money,
And the money you spend return to you in double.
Enjoy every moment and make the most of this wonderful month.

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How to Kiss and Ride:

- Pull into the Kiss and Ride zone as far forward as you can. This allows a continuous flow of traffic.
- Do not leave your vehicle, if you have to then please park your car.

- Children should exit vehicle on the curb side of the car.
- Children should travel with bags in the car.
- Be timely. Make sure your children enter or exit the vehicle within two minutes.
- Stay in sequence. Don't cut into the queue. Allow other vehicles to follow you into the Kiss and Ride zone in an orderly manner.
- If you cannot see your child waiting, exit the Kiss and Ride, proceed out of parking lot and re-enter the Kiss and Ride zone.
- Ensure children have safety restraints fastened before driving off.
- Do not do U-turns in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put all children at risk. Do not reverse into oncoming traffic.

Youth Faith Ambassadors

We are pleased to announce our Faith Ambassador team for St. Patrick school. The Youth Faith Ambassador program helps to build leadership skills in our intermediate students. This program gives students opportunities to further understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to put it into action.

The following are the members of the team:

1. Charlotte W
2. Ava G
3. Alicia D
4. Aubree K
5. Logan G
6. William V
7. Blake W
8. Arissa C
9. Eunice P
10. Maniyah M
11. Gift U
12. Heidi J
13. Leena K
14. Brock W
15. Jackson C



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.



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

Important Dates:

Oct. 1 - Hot lunches begin

Oct. 2 - Mad Science Kickoff assembly

Oct. 2 - Thanksgiving Food Drive Starts

Oct. 4 - Early Bird Draw for Chocolate sales

Oct. 8 - PD Day - No School

Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving

Oct. 15—Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Ends

Oct. 23 - Picture Day



We do have a lost and found bin at the school. We are asking that you please check each day to ensure you child has come home with their items and to check lost and found the next day if they do not have it.



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Volunteer and Help a Young Child Learn to Read

Volunteer Opportunity

Become a **Strong Start to reading™** Volunteer Coach in the *Letters, Sounds and Words™* Program



"It's so exciting to see a child start on that path of identifying letters and sounds...it's amazing to watch. I would highly recommend this program for anyone who wants to volunteer."

Bethany Jakob,
Volunteer Coach

You can make a difference

- Work one-on-one with a child in SK, Grade 1 or 2 in our school
- Play games to develop child's literacy skills
- All games and materials are provided
- Attend two, 2-hour training sessions
- Minimum time commitment 30 minutes/week for 10 weeks

At Our School:

To register for Volunteer Coach training, please visit strongstart.ca.

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JK/SK DISCOVERY LAB

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OCTOBER 24TH - DECEMBER 12TH

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GRADE 1 – 6

IMAGINATION INVESTIGATION

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Let's get our bodies moving and reduce traffic around school this October as we celebrate **International Walk to School Month (IWALK)**. Join the fun this **October 23, 2024** as we encourage everyone to leave the car at home and choose an active way to get to school or the school bus stop. Live too far? That's ok. You can still participate. Park your car a block or two away from school and walk or roll part of the way. Sneak in a few extra steps while improving school safety.

Let's get more children walking and rolling to school!

Children who walk and roll to school:

- Have better academic performance due to improved concentration and attention span
- Have reduced stress, depression and anxiety
- See improved health by meeting the goal of 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- Learn important life skills such as pedestrian safety

Walking to school also benefits parents/caregivers:

- Improved health by increasing daily physical activity
- Reduces emissions and traffic congestion around the school improving safety for all
- Opportunity to teach independence and important life skills
- More quality time spent together

To help celebrate IWALK, students will be invited to participate in these fun activities:

- **Walking School Bus:** Take a look at the map to see our Walking School Bus route and starting time. Join the 'bus' along the route as it makes it's way to school. Our 'drivers' will be wearing bright coloured vests and carrying "Walking School Bus" signs as they lead students to school and reinforce safety tips along the way. Parents and caregivers of young children are invited to join the bus as supervision will not be provided. Walking as a group is fun and improves safety. Meet your neighbours and schoolmates as we enjoy the fresh air and changing colours of Fall.
- **IWALK Poster:** Help decorate our IWALK poster. Sign your name, share how you got to school, let us know what you like about walking to school, or draw a picture of what you saw while walking to school. Schools will be invited to hang up the posters so all can enjoy.
- **Grand Prize Draw:** Students who used an active way to get to school or the bus stop will receive a ballot to win a grand prize. A weekly draw will be held, and one winner selected from all participating schools. Good luck!
- **Giveaways:** Students who walk or use another active way to get to school or the bus stop (e.g. ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use a wheelchair, etc.) will be eligible to receive a small prize.

Help your child become more active by encouraging them to get outside and walk or roll to school. It's fun and a great way to fit more physical activity into their day and yours too! Hope to see you **October 23rd 2024**

Insurance Coverage

Many families do not know that our school board **does not** cover accident costs!

If an accident happens, the board may be prevented from offering financial solutions to our families even if we wanted to. Student accident insurance, Insuremykids®, can mitigate your board's exposure and help you manage the loss for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extra-curricular sports.

Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, while participating in non-school activities or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding your coverage.

Most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under OHIP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy, and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all. This leaves you, the parent/guardian, financially responsible.

To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance. As a convenience to you, the Board has arranged to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids®. Participation is voluntary, but highly recommended, and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. The program is available for students up to age 26.

Coverage is provided for a wide range of accidental expenses, including:

- **Dental Expenses** - includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental up to \$1,650 per tooth, and injury-related orthodontia coverage up to \$2,500 per accident.
- **Total and Permanent Disability** - up to \$350,000.
- **Loss of Limb/Loss of Sight, Hearing, or Speech.**
- **Accidental Death.**
- **Ambulance Fees.**
- **And much more.**

Insuremykids® Student Accident Insurance offers three plans with 24/7 coverage at affordable rates – their most affordable plan is \$17 per year and their most popular plan is the Platinum at \$33 per year, which provides out-of-province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits. All annual plans provide **13 months of coverage** from the date of purchase. Family rates are available for three or more children in the same family, even if attending different schools. You can also save on time and premium with an optional 3-Year or 5-Year plan, available for online purchase only.

If you wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at www.insuremykids.com or call **1-800-463-5437**. The insurance agreement is between **You** and the insurance underwriter, **Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada**. For more information, please visit www.insuremykids.com.



Date: **Sunday, April 6.**

Time: Departure from St. Patrick School 12:15pm by coach bus. (Show time 2:00pm-4:30pm)

Princess of Whales Theatre, Toronto

Refunds will not be issued if you miss the bus or cannot attend.

Cost: **\$110** please e-transfer (sales close Oct. 16)

elainegudgeon22@hotmail.com

password: Lion

Include in notes: number of tickets, and the name of one of your children that attend the school so we can contact you. Supervision is not provided

Contact Mme Venne with questions.