



October 2025

St. Patrick School News



Dear Families,

As we move into the autumn season, we bear witness to some of God's tangible handiwork with the transformation of trees turning into glorious shades of colour. In this season of Thanksgiving, we wish to extend to all of you a heartfelt thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to us - your children. We are thankful that we can guide and witness their joy and bright minds full of wonder and learning each day! We are also extremely thankful for the wonderful staff here at St. Patrick. They continue go above and beyond to provide a safe, secure and loving environment, rooted in our faith for your children! Thank you to our school community as well for your continued support with our start to this incredible school year. I appreciate your warm welcome and support of our school. We hope you find time this season to pause and to give thanks for our many blessings. Take care, stay safe, and God Bless.

Peter Marchand, Principal

September Principal Award Winners For Hospitality

Congratulations to the following students for sharing their Gift Hospitality in their classrooms and throughout the school this past month:

JK	Jayden	Grade 3	Brody
SK	Sam	Grade 4/5	Aroha & Hunter
Grade 1	Luca	Grade 6/7	Kyla
Grade 2	Kye	Grade 7/8	Eunice

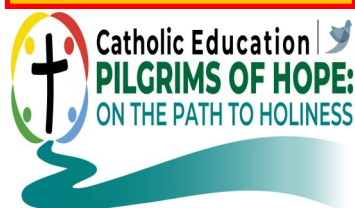
October's focus will be the virtue of Gratitude. Keep up the great work Junior Eagles!

TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

On Friday, September 26th, we held our Terry Fox Run/Walk. We are so proud to share that, thanks to your incredible generosity and spirit, our school raised **\$825** to support the Terry Fox Foundation!

This is a wonderful accomplishment that wouldn't have been possible without the support of our amazing school community! Whether you donated, ran, walked cheered from the sidelines, or helped spread the word, you've all played an important role in keeping Terry's dream alive.

Our Junior Eagles showed what it means to come together for a great cause—honouring a Canadian hero and helping fund life-saving cancer research. Thank you for showing heart, hope, and a commitment to making a difference! A big shout-out to Mrs. Innes and her Grade 4/5 class for leading us in this great event!



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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 in a designated parking space.
- Children should exit vehicle on the curb side of 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.

HEAD LICE

Head lice can be a nuisance. As we enter Fall, this is just a reminder to be vigilant in helping prevent the spread of head lice.



What to Look For:

Nits are very tiny eggs. Half the size of a pin-head and oval in shape. They may look like dandruff but they are firmly glued to the hair and cannot be flicked off. New eggs, which are close to the scalp, are tan coloured and are difficult to see. Nits that are further away from the scalp appear white. Nits are most often found above and behind the ears, at the nape of the neck and at the crown of the head.

How to Check for Head Lice:

- Examine the head under natural bright light. Head lice may be hard to detect because they move quickly and are very small.
- It is helpful to examine the head from different angles or light. This is easily achieved by moving around the adult/child while examining. Newly laid eggs are almost transparent.
- Part the hair and closely examine the scalp, especially the nape of the neck and behind the ears.
- To find the eggs. Look for small white or yellowish-brown specks that are about the size of a poppy seed. You may see lice quickly moving away from the sunlight.
- To tell the difference between eggs and dandruff, try to dislodge them from the hair shaft. If they are not easily removed, they are probably eggs.

ALLERGY ALERT



Just a reminder that we are a **peanut/tree nut safe** school. We have students and staff with severe, life-threatening allergies to **peanuts and tree nuts**. Also, please note that the use of peanut butter substitutes (e.g., Wow Butter) is **not permitted** as it is difficult for staff to monitor and may cause anxiety for those with a life-threatening allergy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping to keep ALL our students and staff safe!



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)
Mercasa (every other Tuesday)
Pizza (every Thursday)
Please check School Cash Online for ordering options.

Important October Dates:

Oct. 5—19 St. Patrick School Spirit Wear Sales via School Cash Online

Oct. 6 Early Bird Draw for Chocolate sales

Oct. 7 PD Day - No School

Oct. 8 Hot Dog Lunch

Oct. 13 Thanksgiving—No School

Oct. 14 Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Ends

Oct. 22 Picture Day

Oct. 22 Parent Council Meeting 5:30—6:30 PM

Oct. 31 Halloween



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

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DONATION / FUNDRAISER

Do you have any children's Halloween costumes that your children have outgrown and are now just taking up space at home? Our St. Patrick Parent Council is running a fundraiser where we are asking for donations of gently used costumes. These can be dropped off at school up to October 14th. From October 14th to 16th, the donated costumes will be put on display during the school day and after school at pick-up/dismissal for purchase. Costumes will cost only \$5 each and all monies raised will go towards supporting and enhancing student learning experiences at St. Patrick School! Any costumes remaining will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Brantford and/or other schools in need in our district.

HALLOWEEN AT ST. PATRICK



On Friday, October 31st, students and staff will have the opportunity to wear their costumes or dress in black and/or orange for the day. The day is meant to provide a safe and fun experience for everyone, therefore costumes should reflect our Catholic values and beliefs and not depict violence, excessive gore, blood or anything inappropriate or derogatory.

For safety reasons, props such as swords or any "look alike" weapons are not permitted. It is also recommended that students not bring accessories such as wands, tiaras, etc., as these items may end up left behind or lost at school.

This will also be a nutrition exempt day, but please be advised that any snacks/treats you child may bring in **MUST** be peanut/tree nut free (as indicated on the label) and cannot be homemade. A balance of healthy snacks and treats is always encouraged! Also, if sending Halloween treats as snacks in your child's lunches after Halloween, please ensure they are peanut/tree nut free as well.

The St. Patrick Halloween Committee is pleased to present our annual FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST. Each family is invited to carve a pumpkin at home and bring it for display on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st. We ask that only ONE pumpkin be submitted by each family. Each pumpkin will be assigned a number and it will be placed on display. Each class will visit the display throughout the day and staff and students will have the opportunity to vote for their top 3 choices. We will tally all votes and announce the three winners by the end of the day.

The three categories are: Most CREATIVE, SCARIEST and FUNNIEST. **Please note that pumpkins depicting violence will not be placed on the display.**

If your family wishes to enter our contest, please bring your pumpkin to school on **Friday, October 31stth between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m.** We ask that you take your pumpkin home at the end of the day. We hope that you can participate in our contest and that your family has many exciting and fun moments collaborating and creating together!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 2025 SCHEDULE

8:15 - 8:45	Family pumpkins arrive and are put on display
9:00 - 9:20	Halloween Parade (including a visit to the Catholic Education Centre next door)
9:30 - 10:15	School-wide Halloween Rotations
10:25 - 11:05	NUTRITION BREAK
12:00 - 12:45	School-wide Halloween Rotations continued
12:45 - 1:25	NUTRITION BREAK
1:30 - 2:00	Halloween dance (Kindergarten, Gr. 1, Gr. 2)
2:00 - 2:30	Halloween dance (Gr. 3 & Gr. 4/5)
2:30 - 3:00	Halloween dance (Gr. 6/7 & Gr. 7/8)
2:45 (approx.)	CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

*If you want your child to go on the Halloween walk you **MUST COMPLETE** the 6 online school forms that have been out since the beginning of the school year on School Cash Online: (Church Mass & Community Walks / Student Technology Agreement / Student Mobile Device Use Agreement / Makerspace Safety Contract / Concussion Awareness form / Notice of Collection and Use of Personal Information). ***If you don't see a particular form, that means you have already completed that one.****

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board believes that proper dress for pupils helps to create a positive and safe Catholic learning environment consistent with the mission and values of the Board. In accordance with the Dress Code for Students (Policy 200.10), all student attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings and beliefs, and reflect principles of **modesty** and shall not include the following:

- short shorts/skirts, bare midriffs, halter tops, tank tops, etc. (straps must be a minimum of three fingers wide);
- accessories such as spiked bracelets/necklaces or any externals not in keeping with the spirit of the dress code;
- language and/or representation on attire that indicates gang affiliation and/or depicts violence, profanity, promotion of substance use (e.g., alcohol, marijuana), or discrimination of any kind whatsoever or that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

The Brantford Fire Department is launching a Smoke Alarm Pledge to encourage and educate residents about the importance of installing and maintaining working smoke alarms in their homes. Those who pledge online that their homes meet the Ontario Fire Code smoke alarm requirements, will be entered into a contest for the chance to win a prize!

Starting October 7, 2025, residents can take the pledge by visiting [LetsTalkBrantford.ca/SmokeAlarmPledge](https://brantford.ca/SmokeAlarmPledge) to be entered for the chance to win a \$100 gift card to Brant Food Centre.

Elementary schools within the City of Brantford limits are also invited to Take the Pledge for the chance to win freebies and a Hot Summer Nights event to celebrate the end of the 2026 school year. Students are encouraged to talk with their families about the smoke alarms in their homes and take the pledge at [Brantford.ca/SmokeAlarmPledge](https://brantford.ca/SmokeAlarmPledge). The elementary school with the most pledges will win the freebies and the end of the school year celebration.

Both contests close at 4:30 PM on Friday, October 31, 2025.

WALK, RUN & ROLL

Looking for a fun and **FREE** family event this Fall? The Waterford Pumpkin Fest is hosting a free trail race during Pumpkin Fest weekend, on Sunday, October 19th. Participants are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes and come out and run 2, 6.5, or 13 km. You just have to sign up before the day of the race. For more information, and to register, visit: [Walk, Run & Roll - Waterford Pumpkinfest](#)



Walk, Run & Roll!

Please note that St. Patrick School and the BHNCD SB is not affiliated with Waterford Pumpkinfest.

DRESSING FOR THE CHANGING WEATHER

With the cold weather approaching, students are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. With this extended summer, this means dressing in layers. This is especially important as we will continue to bring student learning outside as long as the weather cooperates! Also, please remember to **label your child's belongings** as this helps us return any lost / misplaced items to their rightful owner! If you need labels, please consider using [Mabel's Labels](#) to help support our school (be sure to select St. Patrick Brantford).

Little Learners, Big Discoveries!



Inspire curiosity and creativity with hands-on STEM workshops designed just for JK/SK students.

What Kids Will Explore:

MAD MIXTURES Erupting volcanoes, melting foam, lab equipment, and crazy chemistry are this workshop's highlights.

CHANGING SEASONS Learn what makes the seasons turn, turn, turn and why Canada experiences such a wide range of weather.

LIGHTS ON Explore the mysteries of light, colour and rainbows. How is a shadow made and can it be caught? What exactly is light?

WATER WORKS Children will learn all about the different properties of water and will experiment with floating, sinking and absorption.

BUTTERFLIES Learn about the amazing transformation that caterpillars make to turn into beautiful butterflies and all about the iconic Monarch.

WIGGLY WORMS Children will get up close and personal with nature's wiggly composters. They will learn about the lives and habits of worms.

LISTEN CLOSELY Children will experiment with a wave motion model and a twirling tube to help them understand that sound travels in waves.

SCIENCE OF MUSIC The highs and lows of various musical instruments will be revealed and children will discover the music in them when we pump up the volume to create a musical masterpiece.

JK/SK

Young Explorers

An 8-Week School Program
held at St. Patrick School

Thursdays beginning
October 23 - December 11
10:25am-11:05am



Each Week, Your Child Will:



- Perform interactive hands on experiments
- Take home materials to extend the fun and learning beyond the lab

What Parents Can Expect:

- Your child will be picked up directly from their classroom teacher
- A summary of each class to continue the science conversation at home



Register Today!

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REGISTER BEFORE OCTOBER 14 TO SAVE \$22.00!



**An 8-Week School Program held at
St. Patrick School
Thursdays from 10:25am-11:05am
October 23 - December 11**

Dive into chemistry fun! Kids mix, fizz, and experiment each week—creating slime, glowing reactions, and other cool chemical surprises.

Each Week, Your Child Will:

- Perform hands-on chemistry experiments.
- Learn about reactions, states of matter, and lab safety.
- Build confidence with tools like beakers, pH paper, and lab gear.
- Take home real science tools and materials—from bubbling flasks to atomic models—that extend the fun and learning beyond the lab.

Why You'll Love It:

- Builds early chemistry knowledge through fun, safe experiments.
- Encourages curiosity, critical thinking, and scientific reasoning.
- Provides high-quality, mess-free hands-on learning.
- Kids love the take-home science surprises every week!

**REGISTER BEFORE
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TO SAVE \$22.00!**



What Kids Will Explore:

Chem in a Flash: Speedy science ahead! Kids perform instant reactions and learn about chemistry that moves fast.

Che-Mystery: Kids experiment with physical vs. chemical changes in this introduction to the wild world of chemistry.

Glow Show: Bright lights, big reactions! Kids explore glowing materials and the science of luminescence and more!

Junior Reactors: From bubbles to blasts, kids mix ingredients to explore chemical reactions at the atomic level.

Lab Works: Suit up like a scientist! Kids use real lab tools to test, measure, and mix in their own mini-lab.

pH Phactor: It's all about acids and bases! Kids test household liquids and ride the colorful pH scale.

Slime Time: Time to get gooey! Kids create and customize slime while learning about polymers and molecules.

Super Sticky Stuff: Let's talk glue, tape, and stickiness! Kids test what clings—and why—with hands-on adhesives fun.



Register Today!

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