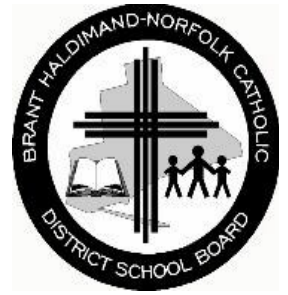




September 2025

# St. Patrick School News



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:



### Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light bright in my school

Amen

Dear Families,

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer with family and friends! We would like to extend a warm welcome to our returning families as well as those who are new to our school community, St. Patrick School is truly a great place to learn, teach, and grow! We thank you for supporting Catholic Education and entrusting your children to us. We greatly look forward to meeting all our families as we work together to support your child(ren)'s education! A note that our **Meet the Staff BBQ** night is **Wednesday, September 17** from **5-7 PM** at the school. Food orders are available on School Cash Online. We hope to see you there!

At St. Patrick, we are blessed and fortunate to be able to model ourselves after Christ and lay the foundation of Catholic Education for your children. The staff of look forward to working with you, your children, and our parish to ensure that our students receive the highest quality Catholic Education possible. We know that the full potential of our children cannot be reached unless we work together! We have an open door policy and encourage you to contact the school should you have any questions or concerns.

We endeavor to nurture and care for your children while challenging them with rich learning experiences and allowing them to develop to their highest potential. At St. Patrick, we come together to learn, pray, grow and play! We are looking forward to a great year together!

Mr. Peter Marchand  
Principal

## St. Patrick School Staff 2025-2026

**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Hewings & Ms. Coleman

**Grade 1:** Mrs. Szaloky

**Grade 2:** Mrs. Huculak

**Grade 3:** Mrs. Savaria

**Grade 4/5:** Mrs. Innes

**Grade 6/7:** Ms. Sordo

**Grade 7/8:** Mr. Leyzer

**Prep:** Mrs. Larion

**EA:** Miss Munroe

**French/Prep:** Madame Venne

**SERT:** Mrs. Mulroy

**Librarian:** Mrs. To

**STEM:** Mrs. Noble

**Secretary:** Mrs. Monterroza

**Custodian:** Mr. Maunder / Mr. Mels

**EA:** Mrs. Olivares Puyol

**EA:** Mrs. Barkley

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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.
- We do share a parking lot with the Board office. Families are kindly asked to not park / idle in reserved parking spaces for Board staff.

Brant Food For Thought contributes to a child's ability to learn by facilitating and supporting Student Nutrition Programs in elementary and secondary schools in Brantford and the County of Brant.



At St. Patrick School, we will be continuing with the snack program on Tuesday's and Thursday's.



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. We encourage

that items be labelled so they can be returned to their rightful owner if lost.



St. Patrick is a peanut/tree nut safe school. Please **DO NOT** send food that contains any type of nut and ensure store bought items have a peanut/tree nut free label. Also, please note that the use of peanut butter substitutes (e.g., WOW Butter, etc.) **is not permitted**.

We also kindly ask that you **DO NOT** send to school food treats for the class due to allergies and dietary restrictions. Thanks for your cooperation and helping keep our kids and staff safe!



We will be offering the following Hot Lunches for purchase starting in October:

Strodes (every other Tuesday)  
Mercasa Little Italy (every other Tuesday)  
Pizza (every Thursday)

Please go to School Cash Online for ordering!

### Important Dates:

#### September:

Sept. 5th - October hot lunches orders open on School Cash

Sept. 7th - Meet the Staff BBQ orders open on School Cash

**Sept. 12th - PD DAY—No School**

Sept. 17th - Meet the Staff BBQ 5:00-7:00pm

Sept. 21st - October Hot lunch orders close on School Cash

Sept. 22nd - Chocolate Bar Fundraiser kick-off assembly

Sept. 23rd - Opening School Mass 9:15am

Sept. 24th - Parent Council Meeting

Sept. 26th - Chocolate Bars go home for Fundraising

#### October:

Oct. 1st - November hot lunch orders open on School Cash

**Oct. 7th - PD Day - No School**

Oct. 13th - Thanksgiving

Oct. 14th - Chocolate Bar Fundraiser ends

Oct. 22nd - Picture Day



Please consider joining our St. Patrick Parent Council. Your involvement is crucial in shaping the educational experience for our students and enhancing our school community. We will hold our first Catholic School Advisory Council meeting at the school on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM. School Council elections will be held at this time if required. Nominations are due at the office by Friday, September 19. The form is attached to the back of the newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Marchand (519-759-0380).



# MUSIC

*Under the Education Act, students are allowed to be dismissed from school up to 2 hours per week for music enrichment. This could include private music lessons at school or where parents pick up their child and bring them to music lessons at an outside location. At St. Patrick's School, we feel that by having private piano lessons at school, it will benefit students (and parents), who would like their child(ren) to be involved in music. With extra-curricular activities after school and on the weekends, it makes it difficult to schedule another activity in.*

*Helen's love for music will surely be passed onto your child. Having studied piano growing up, Helen enters her 20th year of teaching. Piano lessons are based on both playing and written theory work which is taught in the 30-minute weekly lesson. Books will be provided on your child's first lesson.*

*A few proven facts about music: Music has proven to enhance both math and science skills.*

- 1. 30 minutes of music per week delivers 32% more literacy gain.*
- 2. Music is the best vehicle for early childhood literacy gain.*
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## PIANO LESSONS



With

## HELEN LEONHARDT AT ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

**ONCE PER WEEK ON WEDNESDAY'S  
30 MINUTE LESSONS**



For more information contact Helen Leonhardt

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Phone: 519-717-0611

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

## PARENT SELF-NOMINATION FORM

- ☐ I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council for the 2025-2026 school year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent / guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of Student)

who is currently registered at St. Patrick School.

I am an employee of the Board:   ☐ Yes                      ☐ No

Candidate's Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the attention of Mr. Marchand by  
Friday, September 19th at 3:05 PM.**