



St. Patrick's School

Catholic Elementary School
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September Newsletter

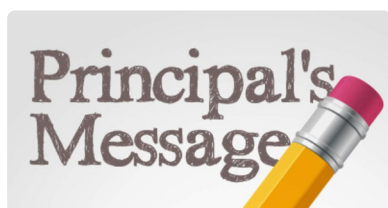
Becoming Artisans of Peace

Loving God,

You place Your peace within each of us and call us to share it with the world. Help us become Artisans of Peace, beginning with peace in our own hearts. Teach us to trust in You and to seek You in prayer, learning, and love. May we build peace in our relationships, speaking kindly, listening deeply, and showing compassion and forgiveness. Help our school communities be places where everyone is welcomed, respected, and valued. Send us out as artisans of peace in the world working for justice, harmony, and hope. May our lives reflect Your love and mercy, as we follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Welcome Back Junior Eagles!



Dear St. Patrick Families,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope that our St. Patrick students and families enjoyed moments of togetherness, rest, relaxation and made lasting memories over the summer months. I

want to extend a warm welcome to our returning students & families as well as those who are new

to our school community! I am incredibly excited and honored to serve as your principal at St. Patrick School.

At St. Patrick School we are dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive environment where every student can excel academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Our amazing team of educators is committed to inspiring a passion for learning and helping each student achieve their full potential. As we kick off this new school year, I want to highlight the importance of maintaining a positive and respectful school culture. We expect everyone in our community to show kindness, empathy, and respect. By working together to foster a safe and inclusive environment, we ensure that everyone feels valued and supported!

It is a genuine privilege to be part of such a vibrant school community. Our collective efforts are what make St. Patrick School such an exceptional place for students to learn, grow, and thrive! When we work together towards common goals, we truly ensure every child's success. My door is always open, and I genuinely welcome your feedback. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or ideas you'd like to share.

I look forward to another great year filled with opportunities for student growth, learning, leadership, and success!

Peter Marchand
Principal

School Bell Times

- **School Starts: 8:45 a.m.**
- **First Nutrition Break: 10:25 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.**
- **Second Nutrition Break: 12:45 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.**
- **School Dismissal: 3:05 p.m.**

Safe Arrival Reminder

If your child will be absent or late for school please use the SafeArrival system, you no longer need to contact the school.

You have 3 options to report an absence:

- Download the mobile app;
 - Use the [website](https://home.schoolmessenger.ca) (<https://home.schoolmessenger.ca>)
 - Or call the toll free number: 1-844-445-4381
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📌 Important Dates 📌

September 1: Required School Forms available on School Cash Online

September 5: October Hot Lunches open on School Cash Online

September 8: First Day of School

September 16: Meet the Staff BBQ 5-7 PM (pre-ordering food is available on School Cash Online)

September 16: Spirit Wear Orders open on School Cash Online

September 20: October Hot Lunches close on School Cash Online

September 23: Jr & Sr Soccer at John Wright Field (for those that made the teams)

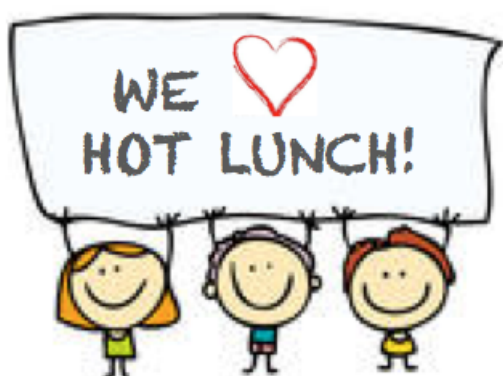
September 25: Chocolate Bar fundraising boxes go home

September 25: School Terry Fox Walk / Run

September 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

September 30: Spirit Wear orders close on School Cash Online

[View our school year calendar](#)



Hot Lunches!

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

Strodes BBQ & Deli (every Tuesday)

Papa John's Pizza (every Thursday)

Ordering is done a month ahead on School Cash Online



Nut/Peanut Free

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!

- 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.



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, October 7, 2026 at 5:30 PM. School Council elections will be held at this time if required. Nominations are due at the office by Friday, September 25 and the form is attached. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Marchand (519-759-0380)



CSAC Nomination Form.pdf

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Terry Fox Walk / Run

On Friday, September 25th, our school will proudly take part in the 2026 Terry Fox School Walk / Run. This event is becoming a cherished tradition at St. Patrick, where students and staff come

together to walk in support of cancer research and carry on the legacy of Terry Fox.

As part of the event, students will walk or run laps around our schoolyard to show their support and raise awareness for this important cause.



Support the Cause

Our school's fundraising goal is \$1,000, and we're inviting our St. Patrick families and friends to help us reach it. Donations can be made directly through our secure school fundraising page:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/136000>

Every dollar helps fund life-saving cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation.

Honouring Loved Ones

Each student will receive a large sticker this week where they can write the name of someone they are walking for. This personal touch helps our students reflect on the meaning behind the run.

On the day of the event, students will also receive a Terry Fox temporary tattoo as a symbol of strength and unity.



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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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Tax Direction Information

Support Catholic Education in the Upcoming Municipal Election

Help protect and preserve our Catholic education system by ensuring that you are registered as an English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter. Like many Catholics, you may be surprised to find out that you are registered as a 'Public School' supporter. You are able to correct this before the upcoming election.

If you miss the update deadline, you can also bring photo identification and proof of address to your polling station on election day to ensure you are able to cast a vote for your local Catholic school trustee.

By directing your tax support to the separate school system:

- You may vote for separate school trustees in municipal elections
- Your children may attend Catholic elementary schools
- You show your support for the Catholic school system

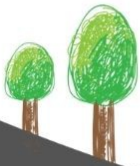
You can visit [MPAC](#) to learn more about changing your school support online or download the MPAC school support factsheet below.



October is Kindergarten Registration Month!

The Road to Kindergarten

Little one born in 2023?
Register for Kindergarten **this October**



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Register for Kindergarten

Do you have a little one born in 2023? Mark your calendar - online Kindergarten registration opens in October

Grand Erie Public Health

School zone safety

The rush of cars, buses and children arriving at school can create many dangers. Help keep kids safe on the way to and from school.

Drivers:

- Slow down and be ready to stop for school buses and pedestrians
- Respect the crossing guard's instructions
- Be aware of children potentially running in front or behind buses or other obstructions (snowbanks) Make sure your child gets out from the passenger side of your vehicle



- Park away from the school and walk your child onto school property

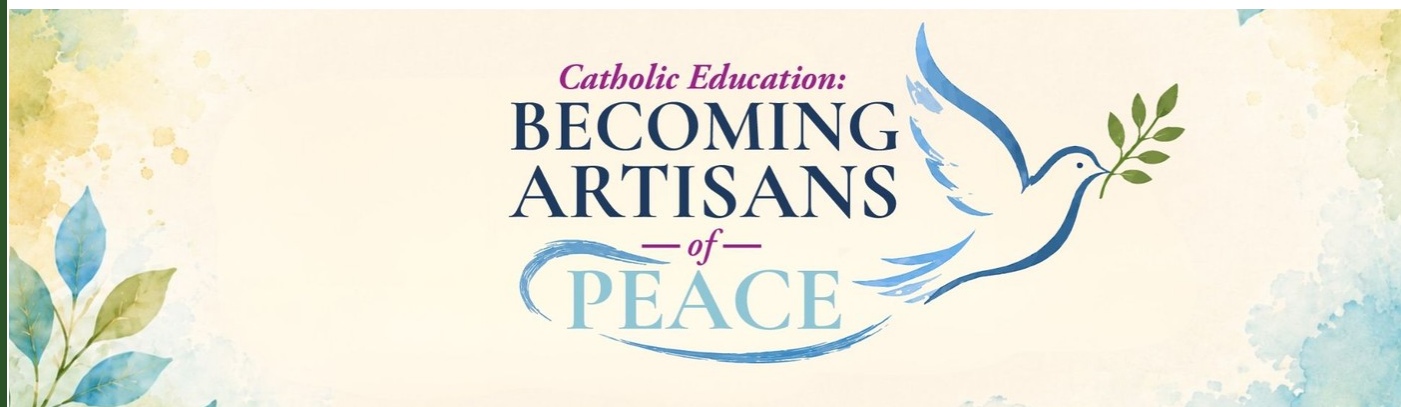
Teach your children to:

- Stop, look, listen, and make eye contact with drivers before crossing
- Walk only on the sidewalk and follow the crossing guard's instructions
- Do not use cell phones or earphones when walking

For more information, visit [School Zone Safety - CAA School Safety Patrol](#).

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