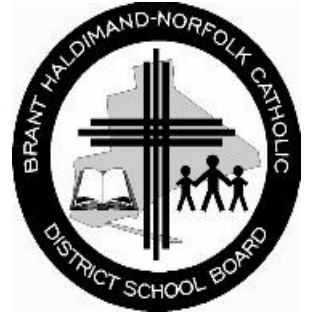




St. Patrick School News



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

March 2026

A Prayer for Forgiveness

Heavenly Father, I come before You burdened by bitterness and resentment. I recognize that these emotions have kept me captive for too long. I ask for Your forgiveness and the strength to forgive those who have wronged me. Please help me release the weight of anger and hurt, and fill my heart with Your love and peace.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name

Amen

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Dear St. Patrick Families,

As we find ourselves in the Lenten season, it is a good time to pause and reflect on our Board's spiritual theme of "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness". The three pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—can help us on the pathway to become closer to God's presence in our daily lives as well as allow others to experience and recognize God through us. Our Lenten Collection of Caring will run through to April 2nd. This is an opportunity for our students to allow others to encounter God through their charitable works in supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Brantford. We thank you in advance for your support of our neighbours in need! Please note that March Break is March 16-20—there is no school. Wishing everyone a restful and safe break!

God Bless,

Peter Marchand

February Principal Award Winners

Congratulations to our February award winners demonstrating Love and Kindness in their classrooms and throughout the school during February:

Kindergarten—Amelia & Emerson

Gr.1—Owen

Gr.2—Marley

Gr.3—Sloane

Gr.4/5—Brynn

Gr.6/7—Aly

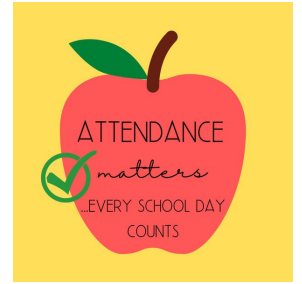
Gr.7/8—Heidi



Thanks for making St. Patrick School a great place to be! The Catholic Virtue focus for March will be **Forgiveness**.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

For students struggling with attendance, the BHCNDSB offers many supports including access to Attendance Counsellors / Social Workers, referrals to community agencies and support staff in schools, in addition to many ways to ensure students keep connected and on top of their learning for periods when they must be absent from school.



ABSENT OR LATE STUDENTS: If you know your child is going to be absent or late for school, please call the office at 519-759-0380 **BEFORE** 8:45 AM with the reason for their absence. There is 24/7 voicemail available. If a call is not received your child is marked “Unconfirmed Absence”. School Messenger then sends out the automatic message for you to call the school to report your child’s absence. If we do not have contact from you prior to the afternoon attendance you may receive another notification from School Messenger.



SPRING OUTDOOR TEMPERATURES & WEATHER

Outdoor temperatures in the spring can fluctuate significantly throughout the week and even the day.

It is important to send your child to school prepared for all outdoor play. Students should have boots, hats, gloves or mittens, warm coats, and snow/slush pants. It is a good idea to send an extra pair of clothes with your child during these weather transitions in case they get wet or muddy.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

Mar 1 - April Hot lunch Orders **OPEN**

Mar 9 - Nachos and Cheese (2nd Break - Orders open on School Cash Online until March 5th)

March Break - March 16th—20th

Mar 22 - April Hot Lunch Orders **CLOSE**

March 25 - Blue Jay Day & Hot Dog Day (ordering opens on School Cash Online March 9 until March 23)

Looking Ahead....

April 1 - May Hot Lunch Orders **OPEN**

April 3 - Good Friday (No School)

April 6 - Easter Monday (No School)

April 10 - Grade 8 Grad Photos

April 17 - PA DAY! (No School)

April 19 - May Hot Lunch Orders **CLOSE**

April 23 - Sr Volleyball @ ACS

April 26 - First Communion @ St Pius Church 1 PM

MORNING DROP OFF & SUPERVISION



Just a reminder that when students arrive at school in the morning, they are asked to come on to the property / pavement behind the school as this is where staff are supervising. Students, particularly our Primary friends, are asked to not wait in the area between St. Patrick School and the Catholic Education Centre to ensure their safety. Thank you for your cooperation!

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 kids and staff safe!



News Grand Erie Health Unit - Immunizations

In Ontario, as per the [Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990 \(ISPA\)](#), all students between the age of 4-17 must provide proof of routine childhood immunization with Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningitis, and Varicella (for children born in 2010 and after), or have a valid exemption, in order to attend school. This information is used to help protect students and the public in case there is a vaccine preventable disease outbreak in our community. The Health Unit is mandated to enforce ISPA and assess the immunization status of children in accordance with the [Immunization for Children in Schools and Licensed Child Care Settings Protocol, 2018](#).

Each year, Grand Erie Public Health assesses the immunization records of students around the age of 7 and the age of 17 to ensure students are compliant with immunization requirements. Students who fail to provide proof of Immunization, or a valid exemption, may be suspended from school for up to 20 school days as directed by GEPH.

This year (2025-2026 school year) the focused cohorts are the following birth years: 2017 & 2018. The suspension period for elementary students will begin in March 31, 2026.

You can report immunizations in the following ways:



Online:

[Immunization Connect \(ICON\)](#)

Note: use the Ontario Immunization Identification Number on the front page



In Person:

194 Terrace Hill St., Brantford
Mon to Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm

*Afterhours drop box outside main entrance



Email:

immunizationintake@geph.ca

Note: privacy of personal health information submitted by email cannot be guaranteed and should be done at your own risk



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519-753-4937 ext. 451



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519-753-2140



Outdoor Soccer 2026

Registration—Opens Jan. 1/26 ! to register visit

<https://ParisSoccer.PowerUpSports.com/>

Paris Soccer Club & Mary Maxim fields - 62 Woodslee Ave., Paris

*** Days/times are subject to change, depending on field availability or league decision. ***

*** Divisions U10-U17 travel to other Twin River League Centres. ***

<p>U4 Co-ed (Born in 2022, 2023) - \$100 Saturday mornings: Season starts in May and ends in July 2026</p>	<p>U12 Boys (Born 2014, 2015) U12 Girls (Born 2014, 2015) \$170, season starts in May 2026 Boys - Thur. nights / Girls - Tuesday nights Season ends in July 2026</p>
<p>U6 Co-ed (Born in 2020, 2021) - \$100 Saturday mornings Season starts in May 2026 Season ends in July 2026</p>	<p>U14 Boys (Born 2012, 2013) U14 Girls (Born 2012, 2013) \$170, season starts in May 2025 Boys - Wed. nights / Girls Monday nights Season ends in July 2025</p>
<p>U8 Boys (Born 2018, 2019) - \$130 U8 Girls (Born 2018, 2019) - \$130 Season starts in May 2026 Monday nights (Boys) / Tuesday nights (Girls) Season ends in July 2026</p>	<p>U17 Boys / U17 Girls (Born 2009-2011) U17 Girls (Born 2009-2011) \$170, season starts in May 2025 Boys - Mon. nights / Girls Wed. night games Season ends in July 2025</p>
<p>U10 Boys (Born in 2016, 2017) U10 Girls (Born in 2016, 2017) \$150, season starts in May 2026 Boys - Wed. nights / Girls - Thurs. nights Season ends in July 2026</p>	<p>18+ Co-Ed (Born in 2008 or earlier years) \$60, Friday nights in Paris. May-Aug Volunteers needed: volunteer@ParisSoccer.ca</p>

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