



ST. PATRICKS SCHOOL

May 2026
ZONE 4

St. Patrick School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:



Welcome May

May you be happy. May you be well. May you be safe.
May you find comfort. May you have strength. May you have courage.
May you find healing. May you have peace.
May you feel joy. May you be filled with loving kindness.
May you be blessed today and always.
Amen.

Dear St. Patrick Families;

During the first week of May, we celebrate Catholic Education Week throughout the province and this is a wonderful opportunity for us at St. Patrick to showcase and celebrate our faith! Congratulations to all the students who made their First Communion! This is such a special and meaningful milestone in your faith journey. Your dedication and love for God have brought you to this beautiful moment. May you continue to grow in grace and experience the joy of His presence in your life!

This month's theme for our Catholic Social Teaching is Compassion. Compassion is when you show kindness and care for others, especially when they're going through something tough. It's like when you see someone feeling sad or hurt, and you want to help them feel better. Compassion means thinking about how someone else feels and doing something nice, whether it's giving a hug, saying kind words, or helping out in some way. For kids, compassion is about being a good friend, sharing with others, and standing up for people who might need help. It's about making sure people know you care about them, even if you don't know them very well. It's also important to remember that showing compassion doesn't always mean fixing the problem, but just being there for someone in a loving way.

God Bless!

Peter Marchand

Principal Award Winners

Congratulations to April's Principal Award winners demonstrating the virtue of Faithfulness in their classrooms and throughout the school:

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| JK—Isaiah | Gr.3—Prab |
| SK—Miles | Gr. 4/5—Santiago |
| Gr. 1—Maddox | Gr. 6/7—Lachlan |
| Gr. 2—Adetona | Gr. 7/8—Dakota |



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

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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!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

- May 1 - June Hot Lunch Orders **Open** on School Cash Online
- May 4-8—Catholic Education Week
- May 4 - Cross Country Meet
- May 4 - Catholic Student Leaders Awards @ Holy Trinity 7 PM
- May 5 - May Crowning Mass 9:15 AM
- May 5 - Celebration of the Arts @ Sanderson Centre 7 PM
- May 6 - Welcome to Kindergarten (4-5pm)
- May 10 - Mother's Day Tea 5:30—7:30 PM
- May 14 - Children's Water Festival at Mohawk Park (Gr. 4/5 Class)
- May 14 - June Hot Lunch Orders **Close** on School Cash Online
- May 19 - **Victoria Day (No School)**
- May 20 - Parent Council Meeting at 5:30 PM—all are welcome!
- May 21 - Grade 7/8 - Immunization Clinic
- May 22 to 25 - Grade 8 Camp Celtic Trip
- May 25 - Gr 4/5 & 6/7 Trip to Apps Mill
- May 26 - Grade 6/7 Trip to Tree Top Trekking
- May 27 - Safety Patroller Movie Reward morning

Attendance Matters



School avoidance allows a child or teen to escape distressing aspects of the school day, which provides immediate short-term relief. However, when a student continues to miss school, returning can feel harder and harder as he/she falls behind academically and starts to feel socially disconnected from classmates and teachers. Additionally, the child doesn't get the chance to learn that it's possible to successfully handle anxieties and cope with any challenges that life may bring. This can keep him/her stuck in a vicious cycle of school avoidance. Source: www.health.harvard.edu

Wheels on the Pavement

See, touch and explore Public Works and Emergency Services vehicles and trucks that keep the City running on Sunday, May 24, 2026 in Mohawk Park (51 Lynnwood Dr) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the 6th annual Wheels on the Pavement event. More information can be found on the [City of Brantford website](http://www.cityofbrantford.ca).

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

With the arrival of warmer temperatures, a reminder that 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 for your cooperation.

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The 2026-2027 School Year Calendar is now available on the [Board's website](#). School year calendars are distributed to all students at the beginning of each school year. The calendar lists school holidays and other important dates to help you plan ahead!

Be Sun Smart This Summer

As the warm weather approaches and summer draws near, it's hard to resist going outside to relax or have fun. While the sun's warm rays may feel good on our skin, too much sun can be harmful!

Keep yourself and your children well protected from the sun's harmful rays by following these tips.

- Limit sun between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are the strongest
- Wear long sleeve, loose fitting clothing that will keep you cool and protected from the sun's rays
- Wear a wide brimmed hat that covers the face, ears and neck
- Cover your eyes by wearing sunglasses that protect from both UVA and UVB rays
- Apply sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher and remember to:
- Read the directions, which will tell you when to apply the sunscreen
- Reapply sunscreen according to package directions, especially after swimming or sweating.
- Protect your lips by using a lip balm with an SPF and reapply it throughout the day
- Choose to stay in a shaded area if possible.

For more information on sun safety, visit the Canadian Cancer Society website.