



St. Patrick Chronicle

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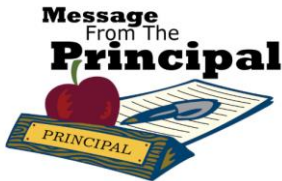
ST. PATRICK CHURCH

MASS TIMES: Tuesday – 6 pm
Wednesday – Friday – 8:30 am
Saturday – 5 pm
Sunday – 9 and 11 am

OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday and Friday – 8 am to 3 pm

WHATS HAPPENING – THINGS TO KNOW

Children's Liturgy will be offered every Sunday at the 11 am Sunday Mass.



FROM THE PRINCIPALS' DESK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the final month of the school year. June is always a meaningful time in our school community—a period of transition, reflection, and celebration. As I look back over the past several months, I am incredibly proud of the many activities, achievements, and the tremendous growth demonstrated by our students. They have challenged themselves academically, developed strong friendships, and shown resilience in overcoming obstacles.

As we approach the end of the year, June will be filled with engaging and enjoyable learning opportunities that celebrate all that has been accomplished. We are especially excited about our upcoming year-end class trips, and there is a noticeable sense of excitement throughout the school as students and staff prepare for these memorable experiences beyond the classroom.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to both our students and staff. Even with summer just around the corner, their commitment to learning and personal growth remains strong. Thank you as well to our families for your ongoing support and partnership throughout the year. Together, let us make this final month a positive and memorable one for all.

Warm regards,

Mrs. M. Kish

SCHOOL CLOSING PRAYER



Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of an academic year, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of the lives of our students; may they be mindful that their steps make an impact and their words carry power.

ONTARIO DAY



Ontario Day, recognized each year on **June 1**, is a time to celebrate everything that makes Ontario strong and unique. It's an opportunity to reflect on our history, our people and the countless contributions made by communities across the province every day.

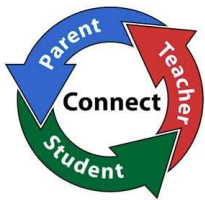
Ontario is home to millions of people from many cultures and backgrounds, all of whom have played a role in shaping the province as it is today.

The day encourages Ontarians to appreciate the values that bring people together, including respect, opportunity, innovation and community.

On Ontario Day, we celebrate:

- the people who live and work in Ontario
- the province's communities, from large cities to small towns and rural areas
- Ontario's natural beauty, cultures and creativity
- the spirit of collaboration and resilience that helps Ontario grow and thrive

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Our final meeting for the school year will be held on **Tuesday, June 1st at 5:00 p.m.** in the library. We will be closing off the 2025 – 2026 school year and begin to generate ideas for the upcoming 2026 – 2027 year. Light refreshments will be served. The meetings for the Catholic School Council will be noted on the calendar monthly. Everyone is welcome!



PA DAY

Friday, June 5th is a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students.

TRACK & FIELD



This year's track and field event for large schools will take place at the Niagara Olympic Club on **Thursday June 11th**. Students in grades 4 to 8 who have qualified for this day will be participating. Once again, to help make this a successful event, please pack a number of additional small snacks as well as a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat that they can wear. The students will be outside for much of the day and are encouraged to wear athletic clothing (Out of dress code). Concessions will be sold at the venue. Parents are welcome

to attend.

ST. PATRICK HAS TALENT



Good Luck to All!

On **Tuesday, June 23rd** students will be showcasing their many skills and talents for the parents and students of St. Patrick Elementary School. There will be an afternoon show that will begin at 1:30 p.m. Students will need to audition for the show and are encouraged to rehearse in advance before presenting to the judges. Due to time constraints, students will be limited to participating in one act presentations. Announcements will begin on June 2 indicating audition times.

YEAR END MASS

Our Year End Mass will be taking place on **Wednesday June 24th @ 10:00 a.m.** at school in the gym. I would like to thank Father Wes for his continued Spiritual Leadership throughout the 2025 – 2026 school year. The choir will be singing at the Mass. As always, parents are welcome to attend.



PLAYDAY

On **Thursday, June 25th** the K to 8 students will be participating in Play Day Activities. Our grade 7 students will be running the events and the grade 8 students will be the leaders on that day. This will be an 'Out of Dress Code' day and all students will receive a freezie during the rest station. Let's hope for good weather!



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for the students this year will be on **Thursday June 25th**. Starting that week we will begin the process of locker and desk clean outs. So please expect a number of items coming home.

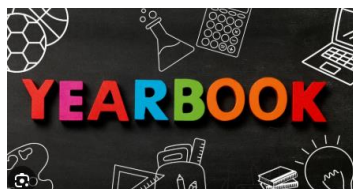
FIELD TRIPS

During the month of June there are a number of field trips happening for students across all grade levels. Unfortunately, because the school must provide numbers early to the vendors and at times pay well ahead of time, if your child is away or ill that day we will not be able to provide a refund to you.



Great Wolf Lodge Prize Baskets We are also excited to share a special opportunity for our families. We are proud to announce **two Great Wolf Lodge prize baskets**, each including passes for a family of four. Two winners will be drawn on **June 24**, and our outgoing Student Senate members will have the honour of selecting the winners. Tickets are available for purchase through **School Cash Online and will close on June 22**. Online tickets are as follows:

1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00 and 10 for \$20.00.



YEARBOOK ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

We are excited to share that this year's school yearbook is now available for purchase! Families can order their copy through School Cash Online for **\$16.00**. Be sure to place your order soon so you don't miss out on this special keepsake filled with memorable moments from the school year.



Congratulations to our outstanding Grade 3 and Grade 6 students on completing this year's EQAO assessments! We are extremely proud of the commitment, perseverance, and positive attitude they demonstrated throughout the testing period, consistently striving to do their very best. A

sincere thank you to Mr. Saltarelli and Mr. Perrotta for their dedication, support, and careful preparation of our students for this important milestone. Please note that individual and school results from this year's EQAO assessments will be shared during the next school year.



REPORT CARDS During the week of **June 22**, Term 2 report cards will be available for viewing through the Parent Portal. A School Messenger will go out informing the school community that they are available on the portal. We encourage you to take the time to review the report card with your child,

celebrating their growth and accomplishments over the school year. This is also a valuable opportunity to reflect on their favourite learning experiences and to discuss goals for the year ahead. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey.

CLASSES FOR 2026 -2027 SCHOOL YEAR



We continue to meet as a team to develop and construct class lists for the 2026 – 2027 school year in order to ensure that the best possible placement for your child is achieved. However, sometimes we are constrained by Ministry mandates, numbers and class compositions. Please be reminded that this process can continue into August and at this point everything is 'tentative'. **Parents and Guardians will be made aware of which class their child is going into via the Parent Portal the Friday before Labour Day.** Thank-you for your support.



INDIGENOUS STUDIES

"June is National Indigenous Heritage Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience, and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis." ~ Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

What is National Indigenous Peoples Day? Saturday, June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year. (CIRNAC)



A Message of Gratitude to Our School Families and Community Partners

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our St. Patrick Catholic School families and community partners for your continued generosity and support.

Your willingness to give—whether through donations, fundraising, or supporting school initiatives—has a meaningful and lasting impact on our

students and school community.

We are especially grateful to our local businesses and organizations whose ongoing contributions help enrich student experiences and enhance opportunities that would not otherwise be possible.

Your kindness and commitment to our school are truly appreciated. Your steadfast and ongoing generosity reflects the strong spirit of community that defines St. Patrick School. Together, we continue to build a supportive, faith-filled environment where all students can thrive.

Pinty's - We would like to extend a special thank you to Pinty's for their generous donation of a brand-new barbecue, which will allow us to host hotdog lunch days and bring our school community together. We also sincerely appreciate Mr. Lannan for initiating this connection and helping make this meaningful contribution possible.

Backroad Barbeque- We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Backroad Barbeque for their generous support of St. Patrick Catholic School through hosting an online shop and contributing a portion of sales back to our school community.

Brandon's NoFrills- We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Brandon's No Frills for their generous donation of \$500 to St. Patrick Catholic School. We are truly grateful for Brandon's continued support and generosity in providing food and supplies that will help us host BBQ days. His ongoing commitment to our school community makes a meaningful difference, and we are proud to have such a dedicated supporter of St. Patrick School.

Mr. & Mrs. Romanchik- We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Romanchik for their generous donation of the beautiful wine barrel featured at the front of our school. This meaningful contribution plays a special role in our memorial garden, created in honour of a beloved St. Patrick student. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have helped create a lasting and peaceful space for reflection, remembrance, and prayer within our school community.

Mr. Tyminski & Mr. Lannan A special thank you to the parents who volunteered their time and vehicles to help move large items for the school. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.



A sincere thank you to our Catholic School Council for their time, energy, and ongoing dedication to St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School. Your support has made a meaningful difference in our school community this year.

We would also like to recognize and thank our students for their hard work, positive attitudes, and commitment to making St. Patrick such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Your efforts, spirit, and contributions are truly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the outstanding staff of St. Patrick. Your continued commitment to the success and well-being of our students is deeply appreciated.



A MESSAGE TO OUR GRADUATES As our Grade 8 students prepare to leave St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School and begin their journey into secondary school, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and blessings. Over the years, they have grown into confident, capable, and compassionate individuals who have contributed so much to our school community. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the leadership they have demonstrated. While they will be

greatly missed, we know they are well prepared for the opportunities and challenges ahead. We wish each of our graduates continued success, happiness, and God's guidance as they begin this exciting new chapter.



SUMMER SAFETY

Play & Bike Safety

- **Helmets are a Must:** Make sure kids wear properly fitted helmets when riding bikes, scooters, or skateboards.
- **Camp and Fire Pit Safety:** Keep kids at least 3 feet away from fire pits and outdoor grills, and supervise closely around fireworks.

Sun & Heat Protection

- **Timing and Sunscreen:** Avoid the most intense sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Apply SPF 30+ sunscreen at least 20 minutes before heading out and reapply every two hours.
- **Babies under 6 months:** Keep infants entirely out of direct sunlight.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Encourage kids to sip water frequently. Be mindful of heat warnings provided by Environment Canada and seek out air-conditioned spaces on extreme heat days.

Water & Pool Safety

- **Designate a Water-Watcher:** Always assign an undistracted adult to supervise children near any body of water.
- **Use Life Jackets:** Ensure children wear well-fitted life jackets for all boating and water sports.
- **Utilize Local Resources:** Enroll children in beginner swimming lessons offered by local community centers, such as the St. Catharines Aquatics Program or local YMCA of Niagara facilities.



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“The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through its charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.”