



October 2024

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have had a very exciting and busy beginning to the new school year !

We are happy to enter the month of October and thankful to the staff for all their dedication in setting up their classrooms. Thank you for a very positive BBQ and Curriculum Night. We were delighted to see so many families.

We welcome many exciting learning experiences during the month of October.

During October, we celebrate Thanksgiving by taking time to give thanks to God for His many wonderful gifts. We are thankful for the gift of the St. Patrick community that enriches our lives. Please join us for our school Mass on October 10, 2024 at 9:30 am at St. Patrick Church. May all of you have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Katherine Pellegrini

Principal

Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values



Strategic Commitments



Gratitude

Gracious God,

You bless us with many spiritual treasures:

Faith, hope, love, and so many more.

May we use these gifts to help build God's reign.

Give us grateful eyes to see your gifts in the world.

Let this vision of the earth's beauty give us the courage we need

To repair the brokenness and heartbreak around us.

May God's beauty strengthen us and warm us.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH: Sacramental Preparation 2024 – 2025
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Dear Parents,

Here at St. Patrick's Parish, we hope and pray that you and your families are keeping well. Our goal is for the parish, home, and school to work and pray together throughout this year. The parish and schools will support you in the instruction of the sacraments but for them to be truly meaningful, your child must experience how the faith they are learning about, is lived. This is something only you as parents, within your family unit, can provide.

The school will continue to provide outstanding and ongoing religious education while the parish and parents will provide immediate sacramental preparation.

Children who belong to Orthodox Churches and attend school within the Catholic boards may receive initial ongoing catechesis, as taught in the school's curriculum. Orthodox children remaining Orthodox must not be included in a Catholic parish's immediate preparation for the sacraments. Children who have been baptized in the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches have already received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Francis by email at christine.francis@stpatrick.on.ca.

Families that live outside the parish boundaries, must submit a letter of permission from their home parish. **Sacramental preparation and sacramental masses are not organized by school group.**

Your participation at home is critical in the preparation of your child to receive these sacraments. God is very generous, and the time that you put into this preparation will be a special grace not only for your child, but for you as well!

It is important that you and the family stay connected to the parish. I encourage you and the family to attend Sunday mass weekly at our parish. This is a vital part of your child's preparation to be invited into the community and celebrate mass together. It will help sustain your focus and commitment to this process.

Mass times: Saturday at 5 pm, Sundays at 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am and 12:30 pm.

The sacramental season begins with a Parent Information Meeting on Saturday, October 5th :

- **Confirmation Meeting at 10 am for parents and student candidates.**
 - Contact: Pamela Clerigo, Youth Minister, youthministry@stpatrick.on.ca
- **Reconciliation and Communion meeting begins at 11:30 am for parents only.**
 - Contact: Christine Francis, Lay Pastoral Assistant, christine.francis@stpatrick.on.ca

We look forward to the 2024-2025 term working with your family as they grow in faith!

God bless,
Christine Francis & Pamela Clerigo

The St. Patrick BBQ and Open House was highly successful again this year! It was wonderful to see the school and parent community come together to celebrate the beginning of a new school year!



**BACK TO
BBQ
SCHOOL**





It was an exciting day for the St. Patrick CES Markham community on Friday, September 20, 2024, as many special guests visited the school to participate in the annual Terry Fox run. Notably, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Markham—Stouffville, was there for the run and a trip down memory lane. Also in attendance for St. Patrick's Terry Fox run were Chair of the Board of Trustees Elizabeth Crowe, Trustee for Area 2: Wards 4,5,7 & 8 (Milliken/Markham/Unionville) Frank Alexander, Interim Director of Education John De Faveri and Superintendent of Education Laura Sawicky.

The students, staff and parents joyfully supported the Terry Fox Run and helped raise funds for Cancer research. Thank you to Ms. Montini, and the committee for organizing this event. Our fundraising efforts raised \$2,345. This is very inspiring!

Catholic School Council



We had our first Catholic School Council meeting at St. Patrick CES
on September 23, 2024.

We are very grateful for your support and invite you to join the various Committees to
support the students at St. Patrick CES.

The first event to be planned is the Hallowe'en Dance-A-Thon
on October 31, 2024

Congratulations to our 2024-2025 St. Patrick Catholic School Council

St. Patrick CSC 2024-2025

Co-chairs:

Jason Keeping
Dan Carmichael

Treasurer: Stacey Marmara

Secretary: Nicolette Lai

Members

Stephanie Ware
Nikki Bell
Jo-Anne de Lima-Leclerc
Nicole Leung
Kristen Cribari

Teacher Rep
Kim Brennan

Student Reps Bianca, Charlize

Catholic School Council Meetings will be Mondays at 6pm:

September 23
November 18 (approve budget)
January 20
April 28
June 2

All are welcome! Please come out and help support the initiatives at St. Patrick CES.

St. Patrick Catholic School

Parent Volunteer Request

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have started the 2024 / 2025 school year and have kicked off various activities that we would like to have for the children of our St. Patrick Catholic School and we need your support.

Please think about volunteering some of your time to help any of these events a success; you'll find a sign-up sheet link here -- > [Parent Volunteer Link](#). Including, Graduation and Yearbook as well.

Remember, it takes a village to pull this off!

After you have signed up, we will reach out by email to provide more guidance.

<p>Halloween Dance-A-Thon</p>  <p>DANCE-A-THON FALL FUNDRAISER</p> <p>October 31 2024</p> <p>Support Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Event Organization• Treat Bag Prep• Donations	<p>Hot Dog Lunch</p>  <p>There will be two events planned for 2024 October 31 / December 19</p> <p>Support Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Dog Chefs• Food Prep• Classroom Delivery
<p>Pancake Tuesday</p>  <p>March 4, 2025</p> <p>Support Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pancake Chefs• Food Prep• Student Delivery	<p>Winter Crafts</p>  <p>December 19, 2024</p> <p>Support Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Event Organization• Winter Craft Support• Reindeer games

Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please contact stpatrickcouncil@gmail.com



“Safe and Caring School Communities”

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The York Catholic District School Board has a primary responsibility and goal to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our students and staff in our school community.

As part of our safety initiative St. Patrick CES, along with all other schools in the York Catholic District School Board, will be practicing a variety of safety procedures with students and staff.

The week September 30th - October 4th, 2024 has been designated as “**Safety Awareness Week**” for the YCDSB. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, or an intruder. In addition, throughout the year we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Katherine Pellegrini
Principal



St. Patrick Student Council Monthly Activities



October 2024

Hello St. Patrick Community!

Welcome back to an amazing 2024/2025 school year! Student council is back and ready to start our year off with fun and exciting activities! This year our student council is composed of Bianca P, Junior L, Ethaen W, Doreen W, and Talene K. We are so excited to be your student voice this year and we hope you can speak to us about any ideas you have to make St. Patrick a more awesome school - but that's going to be hard to do!

SHARE LIFE DAY

This year on October 17th, 2024 our school will take part in our YCDSB Sharelife initiative. On that day we ask each student to bring in one toonie to be donated to Sharelife. To thank all our students for their awesome contribution, that day will be a Pajama day for every student that donates! We will also be having an afternoon movie in our classrooms!

TUCK SHOP OPENED!

Student council is pleased to announce that our ever famous and loved St. Patrick Snack Attack Tuck Shop will be reopening in the next few weeks. We will be restocking all our favorite healthy snacks and selling them on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will be open twice a week at the eating portion of lunch. All items are \$1- \$2 dollars.



HALLOWEEN CONTEST

Get your scariest and most creative costumes out and ready to go! During our Halloween Dance-A-Thon, the Student council will be haunting the gym looking for the best costumes in each division. There will be prizes handed out to those who impress our judges with their creativity and group dynamics! Keep your eyes and ears open for more information from us about our criteria and possible prizes!







*St. Patrick Student Council
Monthly Activities*



October 2024

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK

<p>Oct 21 PA DAY!</p>  <p>See you tomorrow!</p>	<p>Oct 22 Hat Day!</p>  <p>Wear your favourite Hat..All..Day..Long</p>	<p>Oct 23 Jersey Day!!</p>  <p>Wear your favourite team jersey!</p>	<p>Oct 24 Throwback Thursday!</p>  <p>A trip back to the past!</p>	<p>Oct 25 Halloween Colours!</p>  <p>Dress up in fall/halloween colours!</p>
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PUMPKIN CARVING DOOR CONTEST

Let's get in the spirit of Halloween this year with a pumpkin carving door contest! Teachers, student council will be coming around to judge your classes' pumpkin door! The task is simple. Carve out a spooky halloween theme door using decorations and construction paper! Make sure there is a jack-o-lantern in your design and your class might just win the prize! What prize you ask...



LUKE 4:18 AND COUNCIL

The Luke 4:18 committee is asking you to join us as a parish community in supporting our Bundle Up Weekend on Friday October 25, 2024. We are accepting (in any condition) clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery, towels, and only new toys. All donated goods will be collected by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and will then be distributed in communities across the GTA, as well as to those they serve through their supportive housing and outreach programs. Thank you for your generosity and support!



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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are pleased to announce the York Catholic District School Board's first Annual Loonie/Toonie Civvies Day Fundraiser in support of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17, 2024.

The Attendance Counselling Services Team (ACS) at YCDSB, assists identified students who face significant financial challenges that impact their school attendance. The goal of this fundraiser is to raise awareness and provide essential support, such as food, housing, clothing, and transportation, to students and families in need through our Board attendance counselling services.

The YCDSB students and staff are invited to participate by donating a Loonie or Toonie to help make a difference in our community. This event will raise funds to provide more equitable access and responsive service to students and families experiencing financial distress, with the goal of increasing regular/compulsory school attendance in pursuit of overall academic achievement.

We hope you will join us in a message of love and compassion for those in need within our YCDSB Community through this Loonie/Toonie Civvies Day Fundraising Event.

At St. Patrick CES, we will have a Pajama Day in lieu of a Civvies Day to support this worthwhile cause.

Sincerely:

Mrs. K. Pellegrini

HALLOWEEN AT ST. PATRICK CES

Please stay tuned for more information about our Halloween Activities at St. Patrick.

In the coming days there will be more information about the Fundraiser, including Pledge Sheets,



We are looking for volunteers to help with the Hallowe'en Fundraiser.

We are also thankful for donations for our Prizes.

Please contact the school if you are able to help with our Fundraiser.

Thank you.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Playground equipment is a liability and requires a contractor to inspect twice per year and the school itself to inspect on a daily basis to ensure the equipment is safe for use. The equipment is also open for public use after hours and weekends.

Contractors performed an inspection in early May and determined the equipment had failed their tests and would require significant repairs. As such when significant repairs are required, schools are advised for the equipment to be uninstalled and removed off the premises. Accordingly, our play structure was removed.

The Catholic School Council will be budgeting funds to enhance the pavement with colourful painted lines, for sports and play in the Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Intermediate Pavement.

Creative Safety Games has created a plan of pavement games and activities for St Patrick's Catholic school in Markham. There is a variety of games for all ages. There is a beautiful seven circuit Chartres labyrinth which is fun for the family to walk together. It is in the Catholic tradition and is modelled after the labyrinth in the Abby at Chartres France. There is a workbook of ideas that is available for teachers to use with the students. As well as many traditional games there is a five station fitness course, a no net volleyball court and 6 welcome words in various languages.

Sports and Activities at St. Patrick

- Intermediate Volleyball teams are in full swing.
- The Grade 7 students will be attending Camp Medeba from October 15-18
- The St. Patrick CES Cross Country Team had a very successful day at Bruce's Mill on October 2nd, 2024.

Congratulations to our wonderful students and thank you to the coaches, parents and supervisors who make these experiences so special!





Safety Awareness - The Protection of Anaphylactic Students

The YCDSB continues to help protect anaphylactic students, students with life threatening allergies.

Protecting anaphylactic students from exposure to life threatening substances creates a major challenge to all elementary schools.

As **outlined in the policy** parents are asked to inform the school of such allergies and are required to fill in **S15** and **S15a** forms which are available in the office. Each form must have a passport size picture attached so that the student is easily identifiable to staff. Parents are asked to ensure that students for whom Epi-Pens are prescribed have two Epi-Pens at school. One Epi-Pen **must be worn by the student in a fanny pack at all times, this includes on the bus, on excursions, and all other school related activities/sports** and the other Epi-Pen must be stored in the school for emergency use only.

The following are proactive strategies we will be implementing at Our Lady Of Hope to help keep all our students safe.

- We will continue with our “allergy safe” school environment via food restrictions. Students will be informed of and reminded that they are not to share food - **no food sharing rules**. The school environment includes entire school grounds, buses and other modes of transportation, school trips, before/after school/weekend programs, and school sanctioned events involving pupils.
- We will prohibit food outdoors to minimize exposure to insects
- We will continue to communicate regularly to the entire school community that we are an “allergen safe” school via newsletters, and posting of “allergy safe” signs throughout the school.
- We will take special precautions for celebrations, by planning activities that are **not food oriented**. Parents may send in small birthday tokens such as pencils or book markers etc. **Please do not send in cakes, cupcakes, Timbits etc.**
- Special communication and instructions will be given to individual classrooms where students with allergies are enrolled regarding allergens in that classroom and through the classroom to the community regarding specific allergens.
- We will continue to ensure that all products sold through the school for fundraising or otherwise are allergen free.
- We will continue to ensure that permit holders, visitors and all school staff are aware of these precautions.

Please note that McDonald’s, Tim Horton’s, Country Style and other coffee shops are not nut safe environments so please do not purchase lunches there for consumption at school.

Your efforts and cooperation are very much appreciated in helping us keep our students safe.



St. Patrick Catholic School

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Learning Disability Awareness	2 Custodian Day Cross Country Meet Bruce's Mill	3	4	5 World Teacher Day Sacrament Meetings at the Church
6	7 Pizza	8 CCAT Testing Harveys	9 Mr. Sub	10 St. Patrick Thanksgiving Mass 9:30 Church Mother's Deli	11 Gr. 7 Immunization	12
13	14 	15 Dental Screening Gr. Jk,SK, 2, 7 Harveys	16 Mr Sub Medeba	17 Int. Day for the Eradication of Poverty Pajama Day Mother's Deli	18 Medeba	19
20	21 PA DAY ECE Day	22 Hat Day Harveys	23 Jersey Day Mr. Sub	24 Throwback Thursday Mother's Deli	25 Halloween Colours Day	26
27	28 Pizza	29 Harvey's	30 Mr. Sub	31 Halloween Dane A Thon Hot Dog Lunch Mother's Deli 		