

St. Patrick Catholic School

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St. Patrick Parish



Welcome December! Joy to the World!

As I share with you the December newsletter, I would like to say thank you! We have accomplished so much together, and I am thankful for everyone's commitment to our St. Patrick Catholic School community. I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your love and support.

During this season of Advent, let us be filled with joy and gratitude to be celebrating this special time of year with our family. May we all be blessed with good health, continued patience, inner peace and the spirit of joy.

On behalf of the staff and students at St. Patrick we wish you a very Merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year!

As Christmas approaches, may you enjoy the warmth of your family and the embrace and care of our loving God.

Sincerely:
Mrs. K. Pellegrini
Principal

Character

Virtue

HOPE

With God's grace, I will never give up hope. I will maintain a positive attitude and look for the brighter side of situations.



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

Excellence Equity
Fiscal Responsibility Catholicity Inclusion
Integrity Respect

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement
Effective Use of Our Resources Engaging Our Communities



God of hope,

As days get shorter and nights get colder,

Light in us the fire of Your love

To give us hope this wintertime.

We prepare our souls for the coming

Of Your Son at Christmas time.

Grant us the wisdom to prepare in us

A place of welcome.

Jesus was born into the poverty of the stable,

The poverty of our hearts today

Is often a poverty of time for You.

Slow us down for a while.

Call to us, amid the pace of material preparations;

Call to us to make spiritual preparations.

In the quiet of our hearts let us hear and then sing

A SONG of hope

A SONG of peace

A SONG of joy

A SONG of love

These are the songs that the candles on the Advent wreath sings.

May the wreath of our hearts

Illuminate our families as we prepare for Advent.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus: Emmanuel, and Prince of Peace

Advent Mass

As we journey through the Advent season and the beginning of a new liturgical year, I'd like to thank Father Dominic Barber, Father Janil, Father Szymon and the Parish team for their wonderful support. One of the highlights of our Advent season is participating in an Advent Mass on December 6, 2024 at 10:15 am. at St. Patrick Gym. All are welcome to attend.

We are thankful to Mrs. D'Ingillo's Gr. SK/1 and Ms. Montini's Gr. 2 class for preparing and leading the Advent Mass.

We are filled with joy that Father Dominic will be celebrating the Advent Mass with us. This will be his last school Mass with our St. Patrick Catholic School Community.

We are happy to show our gratitude to Father Dominic for his 13 years of dedication to our Community. We wish him many blessings always.



Advent

Each morning during Advent we invite one classroom to light the Advent candle in the front foyer.

God's hope to direct me.
God's love to surround me.
God's joy to warm me.
God's peace to comfort me.
Bless our Advent journey to Christmas with light and patience.
Amen.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Advent Schedule

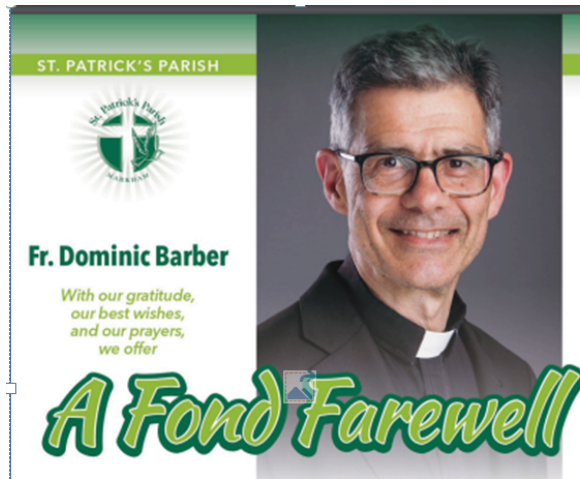
Monday December 2-Fera and Kurian FDK
Tuesday December 3- D'Ingillo-SK/1
Wednesday December 4--Montini-Gr. 2
Thursday December Pego/Vieira-Gr.2/3
Monday December 9-Brennan Gr. 3/4
Tuesday December 10-Dionne-Gr.4/5
Wednesday December 11-Frisina-Gr. 5/6
Thursday December 12-Botelho Gr. 6
Friday December 13 -Berardi Gr. 7
Monday December 14 -Rizza-Gr. 8
Tuesday December 15 Brennan Gr. 8



RETIREMENT BLESSINGS



FOND FAREWELL



We wish Mrs. Cadieux a very happy retirement . We wish Father Dominic much happiness in his new assignment and the journey ahead.

We will miss you!

The Advent Mass on December 6th, will be a special time to show our gratitude and love for Mrs. Cadieux and Fr. Dominic.

All are welcome to attend.

Date: December 6, 2024

Time: 10:15 am

Location: School Gym

Refreshments to follow Mass in the school.



Registrations for September 2025 begin January 6, 2025. Please visit ycdsb.ca for online registrations. JK students must be born in 2021. Please note that if your child already attends St. Patrick, you do not have to register for the next grade.

LUKE 4:18

The Luke 4:18 Committee has partnered with the Markham Food Bank for this holiday season and we're asking for donations of both food and personal hygiene items. Some of the most needed **food** items are small bags of rice, vegetarian soups, hot and cold cereal, kidney beans, peanut butter, and canned fruit. We are also asking for **hygiene** items such as shampoo and conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and menstrual products. We are collecting until Monday December 16! Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



Virtue of Compassion



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED
THE VIRTUE OF COMPASSION AWARDS**

I will seek to understand others by listening. I will be willing to forgive others. I will give of my resources to help those in need.

*loved
&
blessed*

ST. PATRICK SHAMROCKS ROCK!

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team



Mrs. Henry and Mr. Brennan are so proud of our Intermediate Girls volleyball team this season. The girls as individuals and as a team grew in their skills and teamwork. We are happy with the way they played and developed. Congrats to a wonderful season and exciting finish in our tournament! We are so proud of the excellent efforts of Go Shamrocks Go!

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team



Congratulations to the intermediate boys volleyball team for an outstanding season! The boys won in both our local and area tournaments and once again, advanced to the board finals finishing in third overall! Their coaches, Mr. Fiore, Ms. Rizza and Mr. Brennan could not be more proud of all their hard work, dedication and sportsmanship. Way to go SHAMROCKS!!!!!!



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION HOTDOG LUNCH & CRAFT DAY

Thursday
December 19, 2024

The Catholic School Council (CSC) is pleased to offer a delicious Hot Dog lunch with a drink of your choice and a bag of chips on Thursday, December 19th. Please complete and pay for your orders at www.school-day.com by **December 13th**.

HOTDOG LUNCH

- 1 Hot dog = \$3
- 2 Hot dogs = \$5
- Drink = \$1 (Apple juice, Iced tea or Water)
- Bag of chips = \$1

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL
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Christmas Concert at St. Patrick CES Tuesday December 17, 2024



The Gr. JK-6 students, and Glee members are hard at work preparing a Christmas Concert for you! It will take place on Tuesday December 17 at 12:30 pm for JK-6 and Glee and Tuesday December 17 at 7:00 pm for Grades 1-6 and Glee. Please note that all of the K-8 students will be invited to watch the dress rehearsal on Monday so there is no need for them to attend again in the afternoon - we're saving room for all of the proud parents and grand-parents. Please remember, in order to work together at keeping our students safe, any pictures or videos taken cannot be posted on any social networking system!

Winter Weather



In the winter months we check the weather bureau online for local temperatures. If the temperature is below -17°C with the wind chill factor, our students will stay indoors. Recently, we have experienced cold temperatures. Students should always come to school dressed for winter weather, with hats, scarves, mitts, boots and snow pants so that they can enjoy walks, playing and good winter fun whenever possible! Please send a change of clothing, in case your child gets wet at recess.





PARKING & DRIVEWAY SAFETY

The front driveway is used for staff parking and is only accessible to vehicular traffic. In the morning, you may use the front driveway to drop off your child(ren). This is a 'drop-off' area only. Please do not leave your car unattended or stop for a prolonged period of time. Proceed in a single line of traffic along the curb. We ask that students depart the vehicle on the curb side. However, this is not always possible so, for safety reasons, do not pass other vehicles in the "kiss & ride" area. If you wish to park, please use the parking lot of the church. School buses drop off children along the fence, by the church. Keep all gates and fire routes clear at all times. Please refrain from parking along the fence at both entrances at start and dismissal times. Do not stop in the driveway. We recommend you park in the spaces provided then walk your child to the gate. In the afternoon, the front driveway is reserved for buses only. All other vehicles are prohibited from entering this area. Smaller buses will also be loading along the fence by the Kindergarten yard. Do not stop in the driveway between the church and school. If you wish to park, we recommend you park in the spaces provided at the front of the church then meet your child at the gate. Please also use extreme caution when parking or picking up your child on Drakefield or Bakerdale Roads. Only park in designated parking spaces and be mindful of no parking zones, as you may be ticketed. Encourage exercise by walking your children to and from school. This eases traffic congestion, reduces the impact on the environment and improves overall personal fitness. If we exercise caution and patience we can ensure a safe arrival and dismissal for all students.

Our next Catholic School Council Meeting
Monday January 20, 2025
6:30 pm,
In the Library.

All Parents Are Welcome!

It Takes
A VILLAGE
To Raise a Child

~ African Proverb



The Catholic School Council is pleased to present a Christmas Theme Day event on Thursday December 19, 2024. It will be a fun-filled time with festive activities, crafts, a holiday movie, popcorn, Reindeer Games, PJ day and Christmas carols. There will also be a Hot Dog lunch. (Mother's Deli will be on Friday December 20, 2024)

Thank you to the parent volunteers for sharing their time and talents and for spreading joy in our St. Patrick Catholic Community.



Christmas is a time to reflect and give thanks for all our Blessings, and to partake in that inner peace that comes from the Christ Child in the manger.

At St. Patrick, we have much to be thankful for, and Christmas seems like a perfect time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings, especially:

For the joy, dedication and the exuberance we receive from the wonderful students at St. Patrick, to you, we say, “Thank You”.

For the kind words, caring ways and support we receive daily from each other, especially during times of need, to you, we say, “Thank You”.

For always meeting the needs of the students, especially the ones Unrecognized by others, to you, we say, “Thank You.”.

To the parents who continue to donate their time, enthusiasm, support and gifts to the community, for the privilege of their generosity, to you, we say, “Thank You”.

To our amazing staff that provide ongoing support to the students spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally with endless hours of preparation, commitment and love, to you, we say, “Thank You”.

May we continue to work together in the pursuit of Christ’s work in our community. Together with your support, we can make our community A Christ-like place in which to live, work and pray.

TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
A blessed Christmas Season
May the Joy and Peace of the Christ Child
Enter your homes, and your hearts
And remain with you throughout 2024

Blessings,

Mrs. K.. Pellegrini and Staff of St. Patrick



St. Patrick Student Council Monthly Activities



December 2024

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Hello St. Patrick Community!

This month the Student council is pleased to announce so many fun and exciting activities! With Christmas fast approaching, the Student Council is putting in place some fun activities.

SPIRIT WEEK

Starting December 9th, 2024, Student council will be hosting fun activities every day of the week! This includes:

<p>December 9th Christmas Hat Day!</p>  <p>Celebrate the Holidays with your favourite Christmas Hat!</p>	<p>December 10th Christmas Sock Day!</p>  <p>Wear your favourite Christmas Socks!</p>	<p>December 11th Christmas Colours!</p>  <p>Wear White, Red, Or Green!</p>	<p>December 12th Festive Sweater Day!</p>  <p>Wear your favourite Festive Christmas Sweater!</p>	<p>December 13th PJ, Movie, Cookie Milk Day!</p>  <p>Wear your PJ's and get ready for a movie!</p>
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CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND MILK!

Hey St. Pats! Student council will be selling Christmas Cookies And Milk during the week! Students have a choice of Chocolate milk or white milk coming with a Sprinkle cookie. Cookies will be delivered on Friday December 13!





St. Patrick Student Council Monthly Activities



ELF ON THE CANDY CANE JAR?

That's right! Welcome Noel the Elf who will be traveling the school bringing with him his Candy Cane Jar! On Friday December 22nd, you can buy tickets to guess the number of candy canes. They are **\$0.50 cents each** or **3 for \$1.00**. You can add your guess to the draw and if you guess right you will win not only **ALL THE CANDY CANES**, but also a lunch time gym pass for you and 5 friends! The draw will be held on Friday and the activity day will take place in January.



December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent 	2	3 Primary Willowgrove Farm Harvey's	4 <i>Sub Lunch</i>	5 Mother's Deli	6 <i>ADVENT MASS ST. PATRICK</i> <i>Gym 10:15 am</i>	7
8 2nd Sunday Of Advent 	9  Christmas Hat Day	10 Harvey's Christmas Sock Day	11 Sub Lunch Christmas Colours	12 Rosary Apostolate Sweater Day Mother's Deli	13 P.J, Movie, Cookie and Milk Day	14
15 3rd Sunday of Advent 	16  	17 Christmas Concerts (JK-6) 12:30 (1-6) 7:00  Harvey's	18 Sub Lunch	19 CSC Christmas Theme Day PJ Day Hot Dog Lunch 	20 Christmas Hat Day Mother's Deli	21
22 4th Sunday Of Advent 	23 Christmas Holidays 	24 Christmas Holidays 	25 Christmas 	26 Christmas Holidays 	27 Christmas Holidays 	28 Christmas Holidays
29	30 	31 	<i>Happy New Year!</i> 			



This year's Christmas holidays are from Monday December 23 to Friday January 3, 2025 inclusive. Monday January 6, 2025 is the first day back in the New Year. May you have a safe and joyous Christmas holiday with your family.