

# St. Patrick Catholic School

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## FEBRUARY 2025



Dear St. Patrick Families:

I hope that you are keeping well and hopeful during these winter days. February is a busy month at St. Patrick CES. We welcome the following events this month: Term 2 Report Cards, Black Heritage Month, Winter Carnival Theme Days, Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, Family Day, Angelman Day, Sports and Winter Activities. May we pause and reflect on all of the blessings we have. Take time to enjoy your families on Family Day.

Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your parents, to your brother or sister, to a next door neighbour....

Let no one come to you without leaving better or happier.

Be the living expression of God's kindness;

kindness in your face,

kindness in your eyes,

kindness in your smile

and kindness in your warm greeting.

St. Mother Teresa

Sincerely:

Mrs. K. Pellegrini

Character

Virtue

Wisdom

**I will use my gift of wisdom in everything I do. I will do things without having to be asked.**



## 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

# Winter Walk Day February 6, 2025

## LET'S WALK! WINTER WALK DAY

Walking to school is a great way to enjoy the Canadian winter! On February 6th we will celebrate "Winter Walk Day" at St. Patrick.



Bonhomme is happy to announce that St. Patrick will be hosting our annual winter carnival the week of February 18th-21st. Many exciting activities have been planned. Merci beaucoup et Vive le Carnaval. Thank you to Mlle Nazar for all her dedication and efforts in planning and recognizing this French Canadian tradition.

## WINTER SPIRIT DAYS

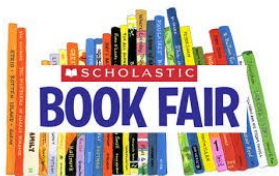
### Winter Spirit Days

Tuesday February 18th - Toque and Scarf Day

Wednesday February 19th– Canada Day Colours

Thursday February 20th– Sweater Day

Friday February 21th - P.J. Day



## Get Ready for the Scholastic Book Fair!

Mark your calendars for our Scholastic Book Fair, running from Monday, February 24th to Thursday, February 27th! The fair will be open daily from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. It's the perfect opportunity to find new books for your child's reading collection while supporting our school. We can't wait to see you there!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION



On January 30th St. Patrick CES was proud to host the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition.

One boy and one girl from each age group who got the most baskets at the school level was chosen to go on to compete at the next level. Congratulations to the students who represented St. Patrick CES: Mason S, Aliya W, Madeleine R, Austen S, Olivia F, Marcus A, Josiah W, Talene K, Antonella S, and Nicholas Y. You did an awesome job! Thank you to Ms. Henry and Mr. Brennan for all their support organizing the athletes for the event.

Congratulations to Austen, Mason, Aliya and Josiah who will be representing St. Patrick at the next level tournament at St. Brother Andre CHS, on February 6, 2025. Go Shamrocks Go!

## Junior Girls' Volleyball Team

Congratulations to the Junior Girls' Volleyball Team. The junior girls volleyball team had a very successful, albeit short, season completed this month. The coaches are very proud of the progress and development the girls showed throughout the season. They were given the opportunity to show off those skills at their tournament at St. Benedict and did not disappoint. The team won more games than they lost and got better as the day went on. Mr. Brennan and Mrs. Henry would like to also thank the Grade 8 volunteers who helped at all practices; Abigail R, Chantal K, Aryana W. and Lia V. Finally congratulations to the junior team for exceeding expectations, looking forward to continued development in the years to come.

Ellie V, Makayla C, Carly C, Aliya W, Olivia F, Madeline B, Madison L, Madeleine R, Samantha K, Izabela V.



## ST. PATRICK JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM



**Congratulations to the St. Patrick's Junior Boys Volleyball team. The boys were enthusiastic and displayed sportsmanship and tenacity for a successful season! Coaches Mrs. Rizza and Mr. Fiore are so proud of their hard work and dedication they demonstrated. Congratulations to the junior boys volleyball team; Brian G., Nathan L., Koen A., Stephen T., Nathan K., Harry L., James B., Marcus A., Marcus C., Mason M., Sebastian W.**

## ST. PATRICK CES CELEBRATES BLACK HERITAGE MONTH



February is Black Heritage Month. During Black Heritage Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. Black Heritage Month is about celebrating Black Excellence. It is about celebrating resilience, innovation, and determination to work towards a more inclusive and diverse Canada.



In February X Movement is coming to St. Patrick CES! Students from JK-8 will be participating in a program that celebrates diversity, fosters inclusion and develops an equity mindset among students. This program also supports mental health and well-being through engaging activities.



Mrs. Brennan's Gr. 3/4 Class will be sharing daily announcements about Black Excellence during the month of February by celebrating recognizing and honouring the history and many contributions made by Black Canadians and their communities, which have helped to make Canada an amazingly diverse country.

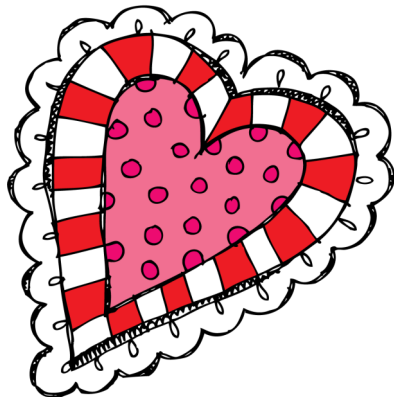
**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR ST. PATRICK  
VIRTUE OF HOPE AWARD RECIPIENTS**



**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.”

## Valentine's Day



Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy, it does not  
boast,  
it is not proud.  
It is not rude, it is not self-  
seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects, always  
trusts,  
always hopes, always perse-  
veres.  
Love never fails.



*1 Corinthians 13:4*

## WINTER WEAR AND BUS ROUTINES



In the winter months we check the weather bureau online for local temperatures. If the temperature is below  $-17^{\circ}\text{C}$  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 remember that if it is an inclement weather day and our busses are cancelled in the morning, there will be no bus transportation at dismissal. Please check the YCDSB Website for updates regarding school bus cancelations.**



## ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES

### Raising Awareness for International Angelman Day



International Angelman Day (IAD) is observed on the **15th February** to *raise awareness* worldwide for Angelman Syndrome (AS). So let's spread the word about what Angelman syndrome is!

*Angelman Syndrome* is a rare neurogenetic disorder that affects chromosome 15. People with AS experience developmental delays and lack of speech as well as distinct characteristics that include a happy demeanor, frequent laughing, smiling, and excitability... *It affects about 1 in 15,000 people.* We celebrate this day each year on the **15th February** in recognition of the **15th chromosome** affected, and with **February** being *International Rare Disease* month.

There will be a slide show that is sent to each class and we will be creating feathers for our banner the first two weeks of Feb. The banner will be displayed in the school and at our Activity day in May. Profits from Tuck shop for the month of February will be our charity donation.



### PINK SHIRT DAY

On February 26, 2025 we encourage everyone to wear a Pink shirt or pink ribbon to support Bullying Prevention. We all have the capacity to be kind and compassionate. On Pink Shirt Day we wear pink as a friendly reminder that no matter what our differences, being kind is always a choice worth making.



## BLESSED AND THANKFUL

Thank you to our wonderful CSC for all your planning and preparation for our annual Pancake Breakfast.

We are looking forward to our next CSC sponsored event. On Shrove Tuesday, March 4, 2025 the St. Patrick.CES community will participate in a Pancake Breakfast. We are so thankful and blessed to our generous volunteers. Please let us know if you are able to help out on Pancake Tuesday.

All resources for this event are provided by our Catholic School Council. To make this event possible, we also rely on donations from community partners in the area. This event benefits our students by allowing us to provide a nutritious food event while celebrating the tradition of Mardi Gras.

The ingredients in the pancakes are as follows:  
The pancake mix is Krusteaz pancake mix from Costco.  
The pancake syrup is President's Choice  
The mix is prepared at a local baker that cannot guarantee a nut or egg safe product

Please advise the classroom teacher if you do not want your child to have pancakes.



Our next Catholic  
School Council Meeting  
April 28, 2024  
At 6:30 pm  
in the Library  
All Parents Are Welcome

It Takes  
A VILLAGE  
To Raise a Child

~ African Proverb

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Large community settings, like schools, can at times experience an increase in absenteeism due to illness. Your child's school is working with York Region Public Health to stop the spread of illness from person to person within the school. There are also steps to prevent the spread of illness that you can take at home too.

You play a big role in ensuring that the germ(s) that are

causing the illness in your child's school are not passed onto family members and potentially other students that attend the school.

Following some important infection prevention and control practices, such as proper hand hygiene and proper cleaning and disinfecting at home, will help to protect your family and prevent further spread at school.

**Proper handwashing is the most effective way to prevent the spread of illness.**

- **Before** serving food or eating
- **After** coming home from public places such as school or the walk-in clinic
- **After** interacting with anyone who is ill
- **After** using the washroom
- **After** coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose
- **After** cleaning up body fluids such as vomit and feces

Wash hands frequently for at least 15 seconds using the six step method.



\*It is recommended to use paper towels if a family member is sick with vomiting and/or diarrhea. If a cloth towel is used to dry hands, ensure it is changed regularly (e.g. three to four times a day) to prevent spread of illness.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

1-800-361-5653

[york.ca/infectionprevention](http://york.ca/infectionprevention)

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**York Region**



# February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 	4 	5 	6 Int. Tubing Trip  Harvey's 	7 Math Jam Presentation JK-3	8
9	10 X Movement 	11 X Movement 	12 X Movement 	13 	14 	15 Angelman's Day 
16	17  	18 Hat/Toque Scarf Day  	19 Canada Colours Day 	20 Sweater Day 	21 Krispy Kreme Fundraiser 	22
23	24 Scholastic Book Fair 	25 Scholastic Book Fair 	26 Scholastic Book Fair  	27 Scholastic Book Fair 	28	