

January 2025

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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

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

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a blessed Christmas, and a relaxing break with your families.

I am very thankful to the St. Patrick Catholic School Community for all your support, kindness and patience during this last year.

We are happy to welcome Sabrina Fortino to the position of Head Secretary at St. Patrick effective January 6, 2025.

God Bless you as we begin this new year together with a spirit of hope, gratitude and faith.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Katherine Pellegrini
Principal

Prayer for New Beginnings

**God of new beginnings,
Bless us with your goodness and love. Guide us to see the beauty and wonder of all that you have created. Free our souls to sing, dance, praise and love. Fill us with delightful anticipation of the year ahead. Nurture our hearts so that we may continue to blossom and grow into the people you call us to be.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ST. PATRICK CES CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024

Thank You...

To the dedicated staff of St. Patrick who prepared the students in every way for their wonderful performances

To the parents, family members, and friends who have supported the students in their efforts.

Thank you to **Long & McQuade** for their generosity in providing sound equipment.

Thank you to Ms. Berardi for directing and choreographing the Christmas Concert

Most of all, to the students who put in so much time and effort and were courageous and confident enough to present their talents to all of us.

HAPPY NEW YEAR BLESSINGS!



VIRTUE OF JUSTICE



Congratulations to the Virtue of Justice recipients.

"I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.
I will play by the rules, take turns and share.
I will be open-minded and listen to others."

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY, HOT DOG LUNCH, ST. BROTHER ANDRE CHS BAND, REINDEER GAMES AND MORE JOY!



Thank you to the Catholic School Council for a wonderful Christmas Craft Day, Activity Centres and Hot Dog Lunch . We were also fortunate to have St. Brother Andre Band come to entertain us. It was an amazing day!

Gong Xi Fa Cai!

January 29, 2025 is the start of the Lunar New Year celebrations which usher in the Year of the Snake. We wish all those who celebrate the Lunar New Year peace and prosperity in the year ahead.

We we will celebrate the start of the Lunar New Year on

January 29, 2025

at St. Patrick, by wearing red, orange or yellow.



JK/SK Registration begins January 6, 2025

Visit www.ycdsb.ca to register online.

Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Cold Weather and Outdoor Recess

Just a reminder that it is necessary for all students to have proper outdoor clothing for their recess and lunch breaks. Outdoor breaks are an important aspect of the school day. Board policy directs that individual schools determine a temperature between -15° and -20° Celsius at which students be kept in for recess. After consultation with the members of the Catholic School Council, we decided to adopt the following criteria for calling indoor recess:

- At -16°C Kindergarten students do not go outside. Students in Grades 1-8 go out for morning and afternoon recess. For the lunch recess, students in Grades 1-8 go out first 20 minutes (11:45-12:05) and then come inside for the second 20 minutes (12:05-12:25).
- At -17°C or colder with the wind chill all students stay inside.

Students may also be kept in under other circumstances such as rain. For the most part, however, students will go outside for recess.

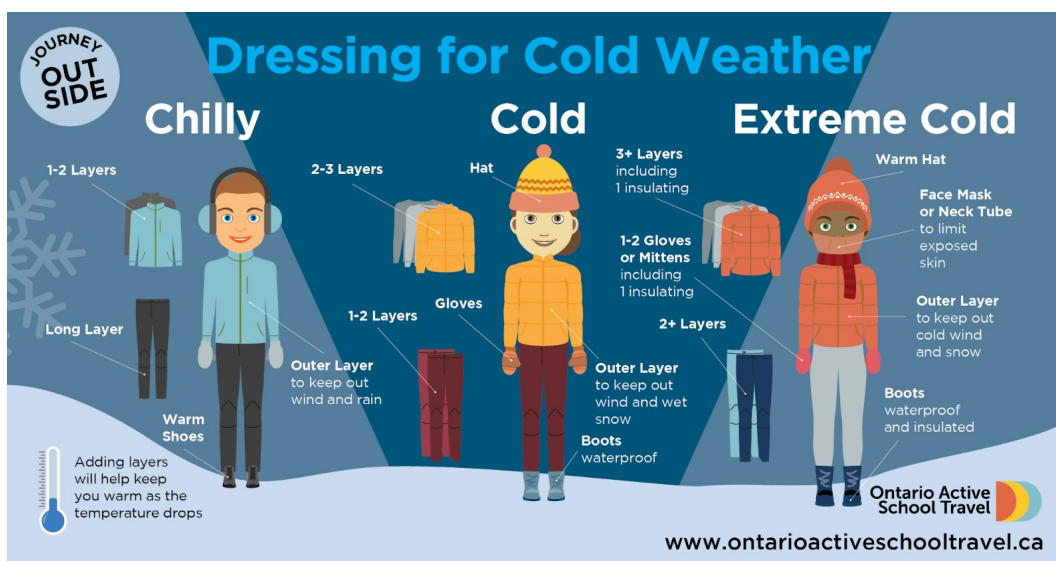
In typical winter weather students should:

- Wear multiple layers and outerwear should be waterproof.
- Wear mittens, scarf and hat to keep the heat from escaping.
- Wear woolen/thicker socks.
- Have indoor shoes to help keep their feet dry, as well as the floors dry, and therefore safer.
- Keeping an extra pair of socks and change of clothes at school is a wise idea for young children.

Our next Catholic School Council Meeting
January 20, 2025
6:00 pm
Library
All Parents Are Welcome!

Welcome back! For January, we have some tips for how to get outside and still have fun in the cold, including while you're walking or wheeling to school or the bus stop. Being dressed for the weather is the first step to enjoying the outdoors. Here are a few suggestions on how to stay warm:

- Wear a base layer
- Wear an insulating layer (wool socks, shirt and pants but not jeans or cotton)
- Wear an outer shell (windproof jacket with a hood and snow pants with elastic or velcro fastening at the cuff)
- Wear insulated waterproof snow boots
- Have a hat that covers the ears (and a spare!)
- Add a neck warmer
- Finish with waterproof mittens
- Keep moving!
- Eat healthy snacks to keep your body going.



Winter Walk Day!

Winter Walk Day is celebrated by schools across Canada on the first Wednesday of February each year. Walking and wheeling to and from school is fun every day, so we encourage you to journey outside throughout the entire month of February!



Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

ATTENDANCE MEMO




Safe Arrival Information:

The Safe Arrival *attendance reporting program* allows parents and guardians to report their child's absence or late arrival in advance, or before the school start time for the current day. You can access the **Safe Arrival Attendance Program** using **one** of these three methods:

Toll Free **SchoolMessenger Phone Number: 1-855-856-7862**

The **SchoolMessenger Website:** go.schoolmessenger.ca

The **SchoolMessenger App**  from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

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 busses 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.

Effective Use of Our Resources



We Share The Air: Fragrance/Scent-Safe Environment

We would like to remind parents and students that St. Patrick Catholic School is a **'FRAGRANCE/SCENT-SAFE'** environment. There are staff members and/or students who could suffer severe adverse reactions when exposed to even the smallest amount of a fragrance or scents. We ask that the community support us in our efforts to maintain a healthy and safe environment by refraining from wearing fragrances or scented products when visiting the school, even if your visit will be short.

Background: Fragrances and scents are found in a wide range of products such as perfume, aftershave, deodorant, soap, shampoo and conditions, lotions/creams, air fresheners, fabric softeners, laundry detergents, facial tissues, and candles. Exposure to fragrances and other scented products may trigger adverse health reactions (e.g., asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction and shortness of breath) in individuals with asthma, allergies, migraines, or chemical sensitivities. Other less serious but equally debilitating symptoms include headache, sore throat, runny nose, sinus congestion, wheezing, dizziness, anxiety, depression, nausea, fatigue, mental confusion and an inability to concentrate.

Moving towards a fragrance/scent-safe environment: In order to protect those individuals with sensitivities to fragrances and scents, and to possibly prevent others from developing such sensitivities, we are asking for your cooperation towards a 'fragrance/scent-safe' environment at this school. Employees, students and visitors are requested to avoid the use of these products while at the school.

While it is recognized that it is a personal choice to use fragrances or scented products, the chemicals from these products are, by their very nature, shared as they vapourize into the air and are easily inhaled by others. Today's fragrances and scented products are made up of a complex mixture of chemicals which can contribute to indoor air quality problems and cause health problems.

What can you do to help? Be considerate of those who are sensitive to fragrances or scents. Avoid using these products in the school

St. Patrick Catholic School January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>First Day of School</i> 	7 	8 	9 <i>Rosary Apostolate</i>  <i>Mother's Deli</i>	10 	11
12	13 	14 	15 	16 	17 <i>PA Day</i>	18
19	20  Jr. Boys Volleyball@Sir Richard CES CSC Meeting 6 pm	21 <i>Jr. Girls Volleyball@ St. Benedict CES</i> 	22 <i>Intermediate Trip to Lakeridge</i> 	23 	24 	25
26	27 	28 	29  <i>Chinese New Year</i> 	30 <i>Gr. 8 Grad Photos</i>  <i>Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball @St. Patrick 7pm</i>	31 <i>PA Day</i>	