

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Isn't it amazing to think that we are quickly approaching the end of another school year? The children at Saint Patrick School have experienced another eventful year, thanks to the numerous people who are actively involved in our school community! Thank you to the staff who work diligently to offer students many positive learning opportunities both in class and through extracurricular activities.

I want to thank the parent volunteers who readily donate their time and talents to enrich our school community. Your assistance in classrooms, on class trips, in fundraising, with pizza lunches and at Kiss and Drop is invaluable! Thank you to the dedicated members of the Catholic School Council. I appreciate your advice and support.

I also want to thank Father Roy, our spiritual leader. Father Roy is always willing to celebrate Mass with the students and staff. I appreciate his enthusiasm and support for our school community.

I wish to extend a fond farewell to those families who are leaving Saint Patrick Catholic School. Best wishes in your new homes and school communities! I also would like to say "au revoir" to several staff members. Mrs. D. Hare, who teaches grade two is retiring at the end of June. Thank you, Mrs. Hare, for your 33 years in education, particularly the last 7 years at Saint Patrick School. Ms. Haynes will be moving to St. Elizabeth Seton School to teach Junior Kindergarten. Mlle. deLuca will be taking a year off to travel. Also, congratulations to Mrs. Austen who will be a student at the Faculty of Education at York University in September. So long to Ms. Church who will be teaching full time at Notre Dame Secondary School. Good bye also to Miss Webb, Ms. Kryshka and Mrs. Gergolas.

As well I wish to thank Mrs. Heeney for her dedication to our school community. Mrs. Heeney "came out of retirement" to assist Mrs. Morrison during my absence. She then very graciously agreed to remain at St. Patrick's until the end of June. I appreciate her efforts and very capable assistance.

On Tuesday, June 8, 2004 our final Catholic School Council meeting for the year will take place in the school library at 7:15 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Our year end school Masses will take place on Thursday, June 17, 2004. Please join us if you are able to attend.

The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 24, 2004. Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

Thank you for the opportunity of serving you and your children as Principal of Saint Patrick Catholic School. I wish you and your families a warm, relaxing and safe summer. I look forward to working with you and your children once again in September.

Sincerely,

M. Simpson
Principal

What is a Father?

A Father is a helping hand
To lift you when you fall.
A Father is a caring heart
That hears you when you call.
A Father is a loving arm
That comforts all your tears
A Father is a Shining Knight
That takes away your fears
A Father loves you staunchly
No matter what you've done
A Father has a ready laugh
He knows how to have some fun
A Father stands beside you
Through good times and through bad
He daily earns the title
When he's lovingly called Dad.

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St. Patrick Catholic School Council

Dear St. Patrick School Community:

Thank you to all those who attended our last council meeting on May 4th. The turnout was small but the continued support of a few is greatly appreciated.

Presentation: Council would like to thank Donna Anderson for coming out to speak to us. She presented council with a proposal for a fundraising activity that the school community would participate in. The purpose is to raise funds for the building fund of St. Francis de Sales Parish. The activity involves magazine subscriptions and is totally voluntary. Council unanimously supported the activity. Council reinforced that parents in our community would not be involved in helping out run the activity as we are already volunteering enough. This was supported by Donna who agreed this would not occur.

Literacy Night: Council was present during the night and had a table set up to answer questions that any parents may have had. It was poorly attended. We encourage all parents to take a more active role in the school and volunteer. There are many spots available from those that can commit a little time, to those that can give lots. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering. We have many committees.

Fundraising: Council discussed and unanimously decided to send out a survey to parents in our community to let them decide the fundraising activity that they would like to have for the coming school year. Once they are totalled, a meeting will be held to discuss fundraising for next year and elect a chairperson. Anyone interested in helping out? Contact myself or Judy LaPointe.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 8th at 7:15 in the Library. Deadline for any new recommendations is May 25th.

Yours sincerely,
Susan Dowd
Chairperson

SCHOOL NEWS

STAFF DRESS DOWN DAYS

Each Friday, throughout the school year, the staff at St. Patrick's have dressed down to raise money. This year, approximately \$2500.00 has been raised and donated to ten different charities. If you would like to suggest a charity or organization which our St. Patrick community could benefit from, please let the office know. We add new charities/organizations to our donations every year.

SCHOOL AGENDAS

The Gr. 1 to Gr. 8 student agendas will again be used for the 2004-2005 school year. It is strongly recommended that an agenda be purchased for each student in these grades. The agenda is an effective means of communication between home and school. It also assists students in developing organizational skills. The agendas will be available in September at a cost of \$6.00. Fundraising money will defer half of the cost of the agenda.

LOST AND FOUND

Many articles of clothing and personal belongings are in our lost and found box. Please ask your child(ren) to check for any missing articles. Unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society at the end of June.

SCHOOL MATERIALS/ TEXTBOOKS

Please look around your home for any textbooks and library books which belong to the school. School materials should be returned by the end of June. Please return all library books to Mrs. Neubauer by June 14th. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU

The front of St. Patrick School is 'blooming beautiful' thanks to some very special people. Thank you to Mrs. Heron and Mrs. Catarino for organizing and supplying the plants and materials needed for the gardens. A special thanks also to Daniel, Joseph and Paul Heron for helping to beautify our flowerbeds. We will gladly accept donations of any perennials that are overcrowding your gardens.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs., September 16 7:00 pm
Friday, September 17
Friday, October 15
Monday, October 18

Curriculum/Meet the Teacher Night
Toonies for Terry—Terry Fox Run
Walkathon
Raindate for Walkathon

REMINDERS

ST. PATRICK DRESS CODE

As the weather warms up, we would like to remind parents and students about our school's dress code. Parents and students are reminded to come to school dressed appropriately. We respectfully ask that students refrain from wearing any clothing with obscene language, pictures or graphics. Many concert T-shirts, beer logos and violent images on clothing are inappropriate for an elementary school setting. Clothes should cover the midriff section and shorts should be an appropriate length for elementary school. From Grades 4 to 8, we ask that shoulders be covered. All caps are to be removed once the students have come indoors. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Since we have a number of students with severe, life threatening allergies to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut products, nuts and kiwi fruit, we respectfully request that you do not send the above items or food containing those items to school with your child. Your co-operation in reducing the risk for children with severe, life-threatening allergies is greatly appreciated.

GRADE EIGHT GRADUATION

The Grade Eight Graduation Committee needs volunteers on Tuesday, June 22, 2004 to help with setting up and decoration the cafeteria at Notre Dame Catholic High School for that evening's celebrations. If you are able to help any time during the day or evening please contact Lisa Stead at 905-428-3603.

HELP WANTED!

We still need a chairperson for our **Fundraising Committee**. No experience is necessary. A group of parents will assist you with the task. Our **Walkathon** is scheduled to occur on **Friday, October 15**. Would you please consider chairing this committee? Please fill out the form below and return it to the office by Tuesday, June 8, 2004.

? Yes, I will be glad to chair the Fundraising Committee

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

? Yes, I will be happy to assist with the Fundraising Committee during the 2004/05 school year.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTRE ...

AUTHOR'S TEA UPDATE

The following students were honoured on:

Friday, April 29—Grades 3 & 7

Mrs. Gazarek—Danielle S., Sarah M.
Ms. deLottinville—Cierra C., Andrew M.
Mrs. Gergolas—Lisa B., Silvana K.
Mrs. Delaney—Erika V., Theresa C.

Ms. Aughney—Deanna N., Lacey M.
Mr. Chaisson—William M., Jordan C.
Mr. Mowat—Trinity W., Jordan S.
Mr. Coburn—Nicky K., Laura B.

Friday, May 6—Grades 2 & 5

Mrs. Hare—Alexander D., Nicole F., Alyssa R.
Mrs. Chiasson—Daniel K., Natalie M.
Ms. Hadden—Ebenezer A., Simonne R.
Ms. Garrard—Christina C., Eric R

Ms. Kryshka—Glen M., Alexander L.
Ms. Webb—Juleesa C., Alannah J.
Mrs. Oldman—Connor K., Marina A.

Friday, May 14—Grades 1, 2 & 8

Ms. Charette—Melissa B., Kaprice B.
Ms. Robbescheuten—Michael P., Nicole S.
Mrs. Armstrong—Connor W., Julia M.
Ms. Culhane—Daniel P., Stephen S., Alyssa H., Faye S.

Mr. Goff—Matthew W., David L., Nicky L.
Ms. MacMillan—Meggie V., Darren P.
Mrs. Romani—Adrienne A., Brandon N.

Friday, May 21—Grades 2 & 7

Mrs. Hare—Gabriella G., Aaron P.
Mrs. Oldman—Maryet B., Nathaniel Y.
Ms. Charette—Jacob F., Lily O., Matthew F.
Ms. Aughney—Matthew P., Jessica C.

Ms. Webb—Rebecca R., Bradley A.
Mr. Coburn—Katie J., Nicole M.
Mr. Mowat—Tyler T., Michelle H.
Mr. Chaisson—Joey C., Daniela C.

Friday, May 28—Grades 4 & 6

Mrs. McCool—Nicole R., Daniel K.
Mr. Speakman—Elizabeth V., Dominic N.
Mr. Wright—Kyle L., Alexander M.
Mrs. Miskelly—Jesse A., Jordan Y.

Mrs. Penney—Michelle H., Vanessa D.
Mrs. Cook—Gabriel A., Kevin M.
Mrs. Rigo—T'Mikah F., Darrell G.
Mr. Costello—Jamar B., Brendan C.

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RED MAPLE AWARD

The Grade 7 and 8 students who have been reading over the winter months voted for their favourite book nominated for the Red Maple Award. This award is offered by the Canadian Library Association to a new paperback fiction book written by a Canadian author. Our students joined hundreds of others from across the province at the Red Maple Award Celebration held in Toronto on May 6th, for the presentation of this award. A number of the nominated were in attendance. Stephanie M. read all 10 of the books on the short list for the Red Maple Award.

SILVER BIRCH AWARD

On Friday, May 28th students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 attended the Durham Silver Birch Awards Celebration held in Oshawa at the Civic Auditorium. The Ontario Library Association offers the Silver Birch Award to one new fiction and non-fiction book written by a Canadian Author. We had 100 students in Grades 4—6 reading these 20 new books. Three of our students read all of the books on the Silver Birch list—Khadijah P., Meghan M., Kathryn L. These students were recognized at the Silver Birch Celebration for their wonderful achievement. One of our students, Meghan M., was chosen to introduce Robert Sutherland, one of the attending authors. Five authors and one illustrator attended the Celebration, spoke to the students and, of course, signed autographs.



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Soccer Team!

After a 2—1 victory in their first game and competing in an overtime shoot out during their third game for a 2—0 win, the girls advanced to the final. It was a very competitive game, but in the end Mother Teresa won 2—1. All team members represented St. Patrick with superior skill, determination and sportsmanship. **Thank you** to all the team members for all your hard work and dedication. Team members include, Megan C., Shanice S., Sarah V., Diane S., Terra R., Alli M., Karina M., T'mikah F., Samantha M., Shelby S., M'kaylah F., Michelle H., Stephanie B., Kathryn L., Helen L., Jessica K. and Nikeisha J.

Miss deLottinville and Miss Webb—Coaches

This year's **Junior Boys Soccer Team** was a hard working group of boys who were chosen from over 40 boys who attended try outs. After several weeks of focused practices the boys played in 3 hard fought games in the tournament at Jack Wilson Park in Whitby. The boys were unable to advance to the playoff round, but showed true St. Pat's grit and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. This year's players were: Brett H., Steven D., Teddy S., Sean J., Adam V., Jon L., Daniel H., Jordan M., Oke N., Charlie O., Daniel K., Eric R., Scott G., Nahuel B.R., Jamar B. and Martin W. Special thanks to Tyler C. and Matthew K. for their help with the team this year.

Mr. Robert—Coach

Congratulations to the members of the **Senior Girls Soccer Team** for their great job at the tournament on May 25th. The girls played extremely well, but unfortunately were unable to advance to the finals. Well done girls! We are very proud of you! Team members are: Vanessa J., Stephanie T., Ainslea H., Chantelle C., Felicia S., Samantha C., Samantha Q., Alison B., Sommer J., Joanna T., Brooke S., Ariana R., Alexa P., Daniela C., Danielle D. and Llashe-Kaye E.

Summer Basketball Anyone?

Summer vacation will soon be upon us. Students will kick back and relax; watch television, swim and play with friends. By August most kids (and parents!) are ready for a change to their leisurely schedule. How about some **HOOPS**?

The **Cougar Basketball Camp** is excited to be holding two camps during the month of August. The camps are being held at the newly built *Notre Dame High School* and will run from August 9th to 13th and August 16th to 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. The Cougar Basketball Camp is sanctioned by Basketball Ontario and is open to **girls and boys ages 8 to 14**. The cost for each camper is \$145 per week which includes a camp t-shirt and medallion. Family rates are also available.

Registration will take place on June 9th and 15th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Notre Dame High School 1375 Harwood Ave N. You can also meet the camp co-ordinators and view the facility. For more information please visit the Cougar Basketball website at <http://ca.geocities.com/cougarbballcamp.htm>.

