

AN IRISH UPATE

Student Trustee Report



OUR SEPTEMBER

AT A GLANCE...

September has provided bounds of excitement in the hallways of St. Patrick's! For some this is the start to their first year of high school life, for others, a bitter-sweet last year. Link Crew worked tirelessly throughout the month of August to make the transitional first week as smooth as possible for our new members of the Irish Family. After a spirit-filled first week, clubs and plans around the school have come to surface! The school is abuzz with mentions of Homecoming, the newly founded Indigenous Leadership Group, and even whispers of a MASSIVE sticky note mural in the cafeteria! With the students and faculty of St. Pat's hard at work, and the new Faith theme "Revolution" in our hearts and minds, let's leap into our September!

Upcoming Events

Terry Fox Day - Sept. 27th

Academic Awards Night - Oct. 4th

Homecoming - Oct. 5th

Progress Reports - Oct. 11th

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LINK CREW AND THE FIRST WEEK

My oh my have the hallways seemed so much livelier since the addition of our new Grade 9's! After spending their final week of summer training and building the leadership skills St. Patrick's loves, our senior students welcomed in the Grade 9's on their Orientation Day! August 30th, Grade 9's were welcomed into the school and given the opportunity to meet their future classmates and better yet, future friends! Activities that broke the ice and lightened the "Summer-is-ending" moods brought not only the Grade 9's together, but the whole Irish community as well! The Link Crew members stood by the new students' sides for the first week and maybe even shed a tear seeing their kids get the hang of everything by the end of the week. Link Crew has plans to continue visiting Grade 9 classes and hosting activities on a monthly basis with the hope to see all Grade 9's involved! A heartfelt "Good Luck!" to you all!



THE REVOLUTION

Each year, our Chaplaincy lead Mr. Palko works around the clock to sanctify our school and merge our daily lives with the theme of the school year. This year our theme is "Welcome to the Revolution". with the quote by St. Thomas Aquinas, "To love is to will the good of the other."(1-11,26,4) in mind, we blaze forward, hoping to grow closer with God and our fellow students and to remember to show love and compassion towards others. Through reflections by Mr. Palko, and some very brilliant young minds in our student body, we are exploring exactly what this quote means to us as Catholics, and how we can use it to fuel the community.



HOMECOMING 2018

That's right everyone! The Irish are cheering loud and it's because Homecoming is just around the corner! Plans have already commenced, with the Homecoming committee hard at work developing countless ideas and events for the week leading up to Homecoming on October 5th! Hoping to tie in all the amazing events going on that week such as St. Patrick's Alumni Night and the Academic Awards Ceremony as well as keeping energy high for the moral of our Football team. The Homecoming committee is coming together to plan the BEST Homecoming yet! Make sure to attend the game, or else you may just miss our fantastic Irish Parade!



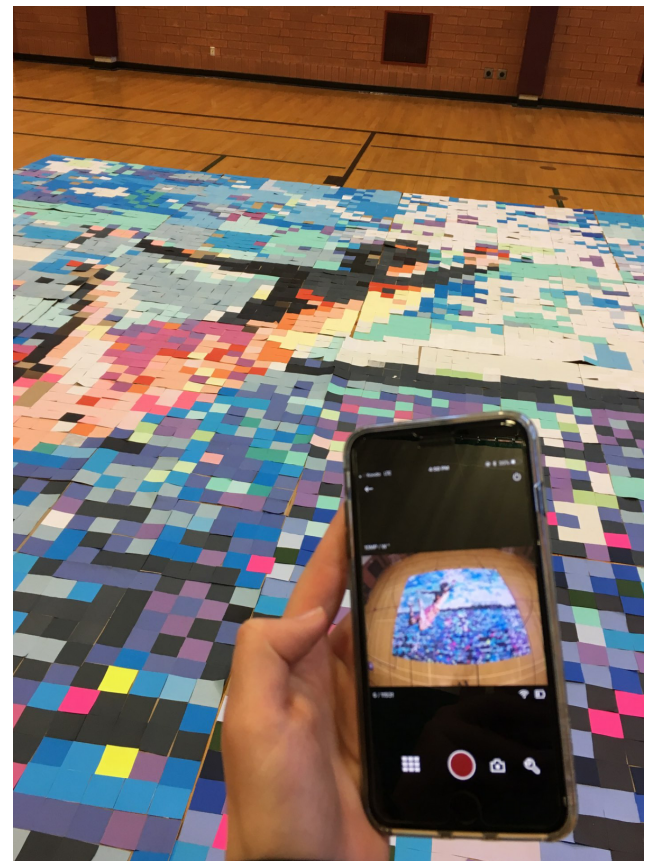
INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP GROUP

A wonderful new club has arisen at St. Patrick's! The Indigenous Leadership Group is open to all members of St. Patrick's, and provides youth with the opportunity to learn about Indigenous history, raise awareness, and experience Indigenous culture! The members have been a key part of St. Patrick's "Orange Shirt Day" on September 24th, which aims to raise awareness of the treatment Indigenous people suffered while in Residential Schools. The group will continue to be a voice for equality and mending relationships inside and outside of the school.



DID SOMEONE SAY "STICKY NOTES"?

Muskoka Woods 2017 was a massive success, and as per usual the Art Department outdid itself with creating a massive mural with the help of EVERY Grade 7 involved. If you've ever visited St. Patrick's and stand outside the Chapel you'll notice something different in the air. If you look up you'll see on our ceiling a replica of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel! It's amazing what these Grade 7's can do together! What if I told you the Grade 7's actually one-upped the Sistine Chapel? They did! A massive mural that covered around half a gymnasium floor composed completely of sticky notes! This 26 ft by 18 ft marvel of art is lined up to be displayed in our cafeteria in the next few months, and we cannot wait to show off this Muskoka Achievement! If one massive mural wasn't enough to bring you to St. Patrick's, you now have two reasons to visit the Irish Family!



GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU. A GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER AND RUNNING OVER, WILL BE POURED IN YOUR LAP. FOR WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU.

-LUKE 6:38