

St. Patrick's Catholic High School
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HELLO
My Name Is

Mrs. Ann Clarke

My first day working at St. Patrick's was Monday January 7, 2019 and it was truly a wonderful way to start the new calendar year. The students and staff have been extremely welcoming and I am excited to be serving the community of St. Pat's as the chaplaincy leader.

I have a passion for our Catholic Christian faith and love working with young people. One blessing of Catholic education is that we are able to address the whole person: spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical. School chaplaincy brings unique opportunities for our students to grow in their faith while integrating it into all other aspects of life.

Celebrating the sacraments, prayer, social justice, leadership and retreats are some of the faith experiences that chaplaincy facilitates. All students are invited and encouraged to become involved in a specific way by joining the Chaplaincy Team. More information can be found on the website under "Chaplain's Corner". <http://www.st-clair.net/sph/chaplains-corner.aspx>

If you have any questions or would like prayer or pastoral support please contact me ann.clarke@sccdsb.net or 519-332-3976 x20417.

May God bless you and your family throughout 2019!



St. Patrick's CHS Administration and Students they directly supervise

Mrs. C. Blair – Extensions 20407 Students with last name **A to G**

Mrs. E. Moffat Sharpe Extension 20404 Students with last name **H to O**

Mr. F. Torti – Extension 20406 Students with last name **P to Z**

St. Patrick's CHS Guidance Councilors and Students they directly council

Mr. B. Braekevelt Extension 20413. Students with last names **A to G**

Ms. J. Hubbard Extension (Department Head) 20408. Students with last names **H to O**

Mrs. T. Dizon Extension 20409. Students with last names **P to Z**

Bus Information

For School Bus Information, visit www.schoolbusinfo.com

Late Bus

Our school runs late buses Monday Through Thursday. Please visit <http://www.st-clair.net/sph/home.aspx>, for more information.

St. Patrick's CHS has an 8:07 a.m. start time. It is important that students are at school and in their classes prior to the bell as Opening Exercises begin promptly at 8:07 a.m.



Mrs. D. Crawford - Director of Education

Mr. S. Johnson - Superintendent of Education

Mr. C. Kehoe - Principal

Mrs. C. Blair- Vice Principal

Mrs. E. Moffat Sharpe - Vice Principal

Mr. F. Torti- Vice Principal

Tower Building Competition

Michael Cotton and Charlie McAllister, won the Tower Building Competition in Mrs Kirchmair's grade 12 Mathematics Class.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- February 11**—First Semester Report Cards
- February 13**—Grade 8 Family Day
- February 14**—Valentine day
- February 18**—Family Day Holiday
- March 6**—Ash Wednesday
- March 11 to March 15**—March Break
- March 19**—Lent Confessions
- March 19**—Catholic Council Meeting
- March 21**—Downs Syndrome Awareness Day
- March 21**—Progress Reports
- March 26**—Epilepsy Awareness Day
- March 27**—Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
- March 30**—Cyclone Aid Food Drive
- April 4**—Parent Teacher Interviews
- April 5**—PA Day
- April 11&12**—Scholastic Book Fair
- April 19**—Good Friday
- April 22**—Easter Monday
- April 25**—Easter Mass
- April 25**—Mid Term Reports
- May 1**—Grade 12 students 40 hour Community Services due
- May 6 to 10**—Muskoka Woods
- May 8**—Cosmo Day
- May 11**—Senior Prom
- May 16**—Spring Into Summer, Music Department
- May 20**—Victoria Day Holiday
- May 28**—Catholic Council Meeting
- June 4**—School Closing Mass
- June 6 to 8**—OFSAA Boys' AAA Soccer Championships
- June 9**—Graduation Ceremony
- June 13**—Sports & Activities Banquet
- June 21**—Exams Begin

Math Contests

Every year math contests are held at St. Patrick's Catholic High School for interested students. The contests are an opportunity for students to have fun and to develop their mathematical problem solving ability. Two types of contests are offered.



Math League Contests: These are written monthly and are offered to all students in grades 9-12. They are ½ hour long and are held during the school day.

Upcoming contests:

February 12 and March 19

Practice materials available at:

www.mathleague.com

University of Waterloo Contests: These are grade specific contests and they vary in length. These are also written during the school day.

Upcoming contests: Pascal, Cayley and

Fermat Contest,

February 26 (grades 9-11)

Euclid Contest,

April 3 (grade 12 or keen grade 11)

Fryer, Galois, Hypatia Contests,

April 10 (grades 9-11)

Practice materials available at:

www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca

Register with Mrs Kirchmair in room 152 or Mr Majeski in room 162. Be there or be 'a regular quadrilateral'!



The OSSLT is quickly approaching! All Grade 10s must complete this graduation requirement on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Preparation will take place in Grade 10 classes but students are also strongly encouraged to prepare independently. There are Tutoring Sessions each Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30 in Room 168. These sessions will give you an opportunity to practice the tasks on the Literacy Test, to learn new strategies and get immediate feedback to improve. There are also online activities posted in the Google Classrooms (Grade 10- 4bzsc8 and Grade 11 & 12 Rewriters-q9uex). These practice tasks are meant to be completed independently and allow students (and parents) to evaluate their progress. Any questions or concerns about the Literacy Test, please contact Mrs. Eagleson at megan.eagleson@sccdsb.net or at (519) 332 3976 ext 20880

“The Almost Corner Store”: What’s Old is New Again!

Along with its fresh stock of spirit wear and St. Pat’s merchandise, the School Store is also rebranding itself in 2019, with a nod to the past. When St. Pat’s was situated on East Street, the Store was affectionately known as “The Almost Corner Store”. Now into our fifth year at the new Rapids Parkway location, we have decided to bring back this designation. As we move forward with this rebranding, stay tuned for new logos and signage.

Why not visit The Almost Corner Store, and stock up on some new spirit wear for 2019? We are open during both lunches, and happily accept cash or debit transactions.

The store will also be open on the evening of February 13th from 7:00pm-8:30pm for the Gr. 8 Open House.

Items available for purchase at the ACS include hoodies, T-shirts, toques, water bottles, and our ever-so-popular lollipops.



GRADUATION INFORMATION

GRAD PHOTOS

Beginning Nov. 15 to Dec. 5, 2018 Book appointments online (check school website for info. – click here) *(There is a link on our school web site)*

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

- University PINs have been distributed. Students may log on and apply to Ontario Universities. The Ontario Universities’ Application Centre (OUAC) www.ouac.on.ca

- Provides a wealth of information about Ontario universities
- Application instructions and tutorials are available on this site

APPLICATION DUE DATE: JANUARY 16, 2019

eINFO www.electronicinfo.ca

- A guide to Ontario universities for high school students (research university programs, requirements, finances, and much more)

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

HOW: ONLINE ONLY @ www.ontariocolleges.ca

WHEN: October 2018 – February 1, 2019 Applications received AND paid for during this time frame will be given equal consideration by the colleges

Check specific program prerequisites

APPLICATION DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2019* * Deadline for highly competitive programs *

Students are encouraged to speak to a Guidance Counsellor about any questions or concerns.





***The Community of St. Patrick's Catholic High School
Invites Parents and Students to our Annual***

JK to 12

FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

St. Patrick's Catholic High School

1001 The Rapids Parkway, Samia

Welcome to the Fighting Irish Family

Learn more about our strong Catholic education and programing.

Student Open House

9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

- Information and activities on site
- Lunch to be provided
- Please call to register if not a student in our Catholic Partner school.

Family Open House

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

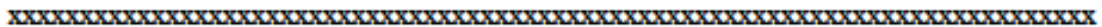
- 6:00 p.m. – Welcome and information session in the cafeteria for parents and students.
- 6:45 p.m. – Information and activities in gym and tours of facility for parents and students of all JK to 12 families.

Wednesday, February 13th

Students in our Catholic elementary partner schools will receive additional information in their home schools. Other interested parents and students should contact:

**Lori Gray
Student Services Department Secretary
St. Patrick's Catholic High School**

**519-332-3976, Ext. 20410
lori.gray@sccdsb.net
1001 The Rapids Parkway, Samia**



Please complete and bring this portion to be included in various draws during the evening session.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Present School: _____



Special Olympics Sarnia School Championship Basketball Tournament

Do you want to be on our Fighting Irish team?

When: Friday, February 22, 2019 from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Where: St. Patrick's Gym

Cost: \$5 registration fee

Registration: Email Mrs. Catherine Kelly (catherine.kelly@sccdsb.net)



Consent for Release of Student Information

In April 2017, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board adopted a new Social Media and Electronic Communications policy and procedures. The new policy can be found on the Board website at <http://www.st-clair.net/policies.aspx> Look under Section B – Administration. The new policy has required a new consent form for release of student photographs, videos, classroom work, etc. for various publications, including Board websites or social media sites, school yearbooks, newspapers, television and radio newscasts. You will receive the new consent form this year from the school. Please sign the form and return it to the school, either granting or withholding consent.



REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018

ODD NUMBERED DAYS OF THE MONTH - 1, 2, 3, 4

8:00 a.m.	- Warning Bell	
8:07 a.m.	- 8:14 a.m.	<i>Opening Exercises</i>
8:14 a.m.	- 9:29 a.m.	Period 1
9:29 a.m.	- 9:34 a.m.	<i>Travel Time</i>
9:34 a.m.	- 10:49 a.m.	Period 2
10:49 a.m.	- 10:54 a.m.	<i>Travel Time</i>
10:49 a.m.	- 11:29 a.m.	LUNCH – Grades 11&12
10:54 a.m.	- 12:09 p.m.	Period 3 Grades 9 & 10
11:29 a.m.	- 11:34 a.m.	<i>Travel Time</i> Grades 11&12
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12:09 p.m.	- 12:49 p.m.	LUNCH – Grades 9 & 10
12:49 p.m.	- 12:54 p.m.	<i>Travel Time</i>
12:54 p.m.	- 14:09 p.m.	Period 4

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Student Attendance

Did you know.....?

All students are expected to attend school regularly (a legal requirement of the Education Act). Student attendance matters for academic performance. Regular attendance is directly related to academic success.

Parents must call the school to report student absences and need to state the student's name, the date of absence and the reason for absence (i.e. illness). To report an absence, call Mrs. Pamerter, attendance secretary, at 519-332-3976 ext 20411.

A note may be brought to school when returning from an absence if a parent has not called the school. This note must be brought to the attendance secretary before returning to class. The note should state the date of the absence, the student's name and the reason for absence. Students who are on school property are to be in class. If a student is on school property but is not in class at the appropriate time, he/she will be deemed truant and a consequence (i.e. detention will be issued by the Vice-Principal). Students who become ill during school hours must report to the attendance secretary and parent/guardian will be contacted for pick up. If a student needs to leave for an appointment or another personal reason, he/she must sign out properly at the attendance window by presenting a note or having a parent call the attendance secretary.

Parents will receive an automated voice message in the evening if their child has missed class without a reported or excuse absence.

Family holidays should not be scheduled during school time since a student's absences may have adverse effects on his/her achievement. Students are ultimately responsible for any work missed while absent. Parents should also not schedule family holidays during final exams as students are expected to be present for all their exams. Any issue about exam schedules must be discussed with the Principal directly.