

St. Patrick's Catholic High School Student Trustee Report

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PREFACE

It has certainly been an exciting three months at St. Patrick's and it is difficult to believe how fast the time has flown. Between sporting events and practices, club meetings, concert band and Grease rehearsals, and of course, the hustle and bustle of midterm assignments and tests, St. Patrick's students and staff have been able to fully engage in the school community and experience and try out new things. Most importantly, the entire school came together for our paramount tradition of holiday giving, the long awaited return to a fully in-person Irish Miracle. Of course, the holiday spirit is filling the air of the hallways and everyone is excited to spend some time off with their dear friends and family.

HALLOWEEN

The spooky spirit filled the air of St. Patrick's as our school celebrated Halloween. On Monday, October 31, students and staff were allowed to dress up in costume to celebrate and Student Council hosted a door-decorating competition for period four classes.





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REMEMBERANCE DAY

On Friday, November 11, Mrs. Woodward's tech classes and Student Council hosted a school wide Remembrance Day broadcast. The broadcast consisted of stories of veterans from members of the Irish community; a history of Remembrance



Day; reading of letters from local veterans during the First and Second World Wars; speeches from Indigenous veterans; and a moment of silence. Mr. Morrison also took a group of students to represent St. Patrick's at the Cenotaph for Sarnia's local Remembrance Day ceremony.



ACADEMIC AWARDS

On Thursday, November 17, the St. Patrick's Guidance Department hosted the Academic Awards for the 2021-2022 school year. This was the first time that the event was hosted in the gym and open to family members and all grades at once since the start of the pandemic. The event was an excellent opportunity to celebrate the success and resilience of St. Patrick's students throughout the challenging past year. This event also served as the first performance of the year for Mrs. Chaulk's concert band. It was lovely as well to welcome back members of our 2021-2022 graduating class to receive their awards. Congratulations to all students!



KINDNESS WEEK

From Monday, November 21 to Friday, November 25, Mrs. Woodward and her grade twelve business leadership class hosted Kindness Week. They put up motivational posters around the school, provided daily kindness tips on the morning announcements, hosted a kindness burrito draw, and promoted the importance of kindness within the school.





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PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On the evening of Thursday, November 24, St. Patrick's hosted parent-teacher interviews. This was a lovely opportunity to welcome parents into the school and to engage in their student's learning.



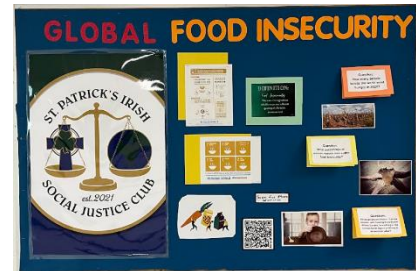
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SOCIAL JUSTICE SEMINARS

On Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22, the St. Patrick's Social Justice Club hosted poverty awareness and food insecurity seminars to classes. Classes were able to sign up and come to the library during their assigned time where Social Justice Club members presented to the classes



on the causes and impacts of poverty and food insecurity. The club members then led students through two different activities to highlight how 1% of the world's population controls 50% of the resource and opportunity gaps between the wealthy, the middle class, and those in poverty. The Social Justice Club then finished the seminar with more information on what students can do to fight poverty and food insecurity.





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ST. PATRICK'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On the evening of Thursday, December 1, the St. Patrick's Music Department hosted their Sounds of the Season Christmas Concert. The event included performances from Mrs. Chaulk's grade nine music class and concert band as well as a performance from the cast of the school's production of Grease. Additionally, the event included

collections for Irish Miracle and was a wonderful demonstration of the talent and hard work of the student body. Furthermore, this was Mrs. Chaulk's final concert with the St. Patrick's Music Department before her retirement and her students surprised her with a lovely video tribute from past and present band members.



IRISH MIRACLE

It is that magical time of year again when the school is beaming with generosity, holiday spirit, and Irish pride. All members of the St. Patrick's community were beyond ecstatic to be able to finally have a fully in-person Irish Miracle on Saturday, December 3. Of course, the event would not have been possible without all of the hard work of the St. Patrick's Irish Miracle Student Planning Committee led by Mme. Dubois and Mrs. Borody and Chaired by Annabelle Rayson and Olivia Thomas.

Within the school, there was a period four can collection challenge with a very stiff rivalry between period four classes. The winner of the challenge ultimately ended up being Mr. Gouveia's class.





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On Friday, November 25, the Irish Miracle Planning Committee hosted the annual Irish Miracle Pep Rally which included entertainment from Mr. Dempsey's drum corp; door-skits from Student Council; a video from Mrs. Woodward and the LINK Crew; a guest speech from members of St. Vincent De Paul; and important sign-up information from the committee. This was also the first in person assembly with all grades present hosted at St. Patrick's since the pandemic and was the first in person Irish Miracle Pep Rally since the pandemic as well. Additionally, the Irish Miracle Planning Committee hosted requirements and volunteer sign-ups for Irish Miracle during all three lunches every day from November 25 to December 2.

On Saturday December 3 the school cafeteria was filled with enthusiasm and spirit as students and drivers gathered to hit the streets. Collectively, we covered



112 routes and sorted and packed three cube trucks full of food on the day of. However, donations and support were so high that the entire front hallway of the school was filled with non-perishable food donations yet to be sorted and packed which will be done throughout the week of December 5th but it is estimated to fill two more cube trucks.



EXTRACURRICULARS

Within St. Patrick's, the following extracurricular activities are starting this month:

- ❖ Curling
- ❖ Hockey
- ❖ Squash Team
- ❖ Dance Team and Spirit Squad
- ❖ Conservation Club





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- ❖ Wrestling
- ❖ Swim Team
- ❖ Debate Club

Additionally, congratulations goes to the Junior Girls Soccer team and the Senior Football team for their victories at LKSSAA finals. We would also like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to all members of our Math Team who wrote the University of Waterloo's Canadian Senior and Intermediate Mathematics Competitions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Reach for the Top Tournament
- ❖ Christmas Talent Show
- ❖ School Christmas Celebrations
- ❖ Holiday Break

