

St. Patrick's Catholic High School Student Trustee Report

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PREFACE

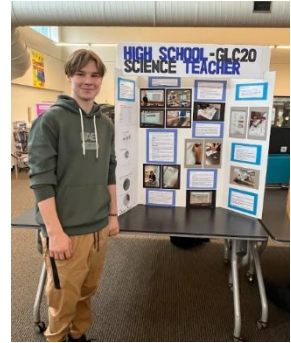
The Irish Community certainly had a very busy holiday season; however, after some time off to relax with friends and family, students and staff are now busier than ever with the upcoming exam period. Of course, our school has taken some time to come together and demonstrate significant feats of leadership as we approach the end of the semester. Our community spirit is also alive and well as students gather together before and after school and during lunches in study groups to support each other during this time. Best of luck to all students as they complete their final unit tests and culminating projects and as they write their exams.



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CO-OP CAREER FAIR

On December 7, the school's co-op students hosted a co-op career fair in the school library throughout the day to showcase different career opportunities for students and to promote and display the benefits of participating in a co-op. This was a wonderful chance for students to demonstrate their learning and help guide other students towards finding their vocations.



COSMO DAY



During the last week of December before the break, Mrs. Culverhouse's cosmetology classes hosted the first school Cosmo Day since the pandemic. Students were able to book appointments during the day to have their hair washed and styled, to get manicures and pedicures, or to receive henna tattoos. This served as an excellent way to help the student body relax and unwind before the holidays and for cosmetology students to demonstrate and improve their learning.



CONSERVATION CLUB WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

During the month of December, the Conservation Club hosted a winter clothing drive to collect winter clothing items for the River City Vineyard and the Inn of the Good Shepherd. A total of 187 winter clothing articles were collected.





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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On January 12, St. Patrick's hosted numerous guest schools for the Special Olympics. This was a wonderful event and excellent fun for all participants.



GRADE TWELVE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP CLASS CULMINATING PROJECTS



Throughout December and January, Mrs. Woodward's grade twelve Business Leadership students have been hard at work on their culminating projects working to benefit the school and greater communities which, have resulted in incredible outcomes. For example, one group organized a bowling event for the People Program to help create sports involvement for all students. Another group made and delivered Christmas cards to the hospital to help reduce



loneliness during the holidays. One group is producing and coordinating spirit wear for the graduating class and one group sold St. Pat's football Christmas ornaments to fundraise for the school's football program. A huge success and highlight each week has been the

group of students who coordinate Wednesday trivia in the cafeteria to boost school spirit and community while creating social engagement during lunch. Additionally, one group of





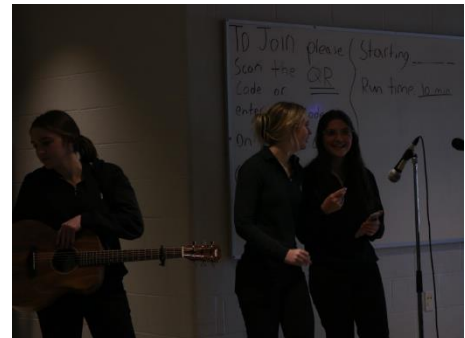
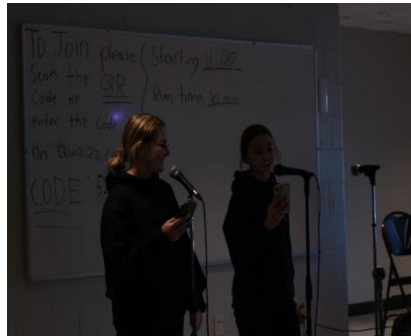
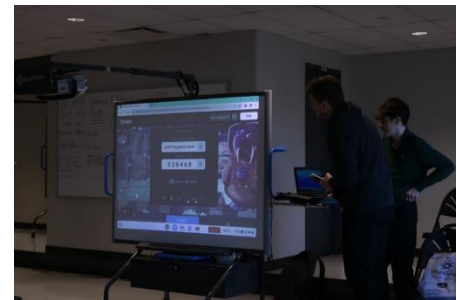
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students are helping coordinate the LINK Crew Cocoa and Cram event to help grade nine students study for exams. In addition, one group is making a mural on missing and murdered Indigenous women and has been giving presentations on the topic to other classes while raising awareness of the issue through red dress posters around the school. Finally, a group of students hosted a teachers versus students basketball game to fundraise for Noelle's Gift. Congratulations and a huge thank you on the behalf of the St. Patrick's community to the grade twelve Business Leadership students and Mrs. Woodward for all of their incredible work this semester and leadership initiatives.



HOLIDAY TRIVIA AND OPEN MIC

On December 21, students from Mrs. Woodward's grade twelve Business Leadership class hosted holiday trivia in the cafeteria during all lunches to spread some holiday cheer and boost school spirit; they also had some other festive holiday games. In addition, the student council hosted an Open Mic in the cafeteria alongside this event.



SNOW DAY

On the evening of December 22, it was announced that schools across Ontario would be closed due to the predication of an incredible blizzard. Unfortunately, this meant that the St. Patrick's annual Christmas Talent Show and Holiday assembly was cancelled. I would like to thank the Student Council and other members of the student body who worked tirelessly for the weeks up to the event and note that it would have been the first time we this event would be hosted live in person since the





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pandemic instead of over the school broadcast system. However, this snow day did allow for students and staff to start their holiday break a day early and spend a day bundled up inside with their loved ones.

COCOA AND CRAM



On Wednesday, January 18, after school, members of Mrs. Woodward's grade twelve Business Leadership class and LINK Crew hosted Cocoa and Cram in the library. This event was an opportunity for Grade 9 students to receive advice and tips on how to best prepare for exams as well as receive help with their studying from senior student mentors. Of course, there was hot chocolate outside the library afterwards.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB AT THE DEANARY MEETING



On Wednesday, January 18, the St. Patrick's Social Justice Club presented at the Deanery meeting hosted at Our Lady of Mercy in Sarnia. The student leaders presented on their excellent work over the past year and a half to raise awareness of social justice issues in the school and take action. The club also presented their Food Insecurity and Poverty Awareness Seminar

which they presented to classes in November to the attendees of the meeting.





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COMFY DAY

On Tuesday, January 24, the St. Patrick's Wellness Committee is hosting a school Comfy Day where students and staff can wear their favorite comfy clothing such as pajama pants and hoodies to relax and have fun before exams.

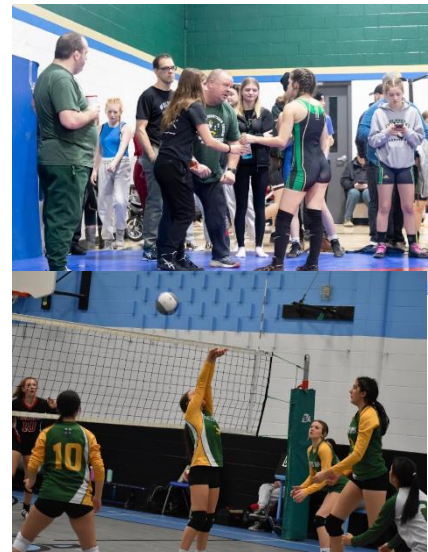


EXTRACURRICULARS

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

- ❖ Journalism Club
- ❖ Squash Team
- ❖ Senior Girls and Boys Soccer

Congratulations to the Junior Girl's Volleyball team and the Wrestling team for their excellent performance and success at their recent tournaments.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Exams
- ❖ Exam Break
- ❖ Outdoors Club Algonquin Trip
- ❖ LINK Crew Members assisting with KinderStart program
- ❖ Grease Show Week