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PREFACE

Despite the many inclement weather days and cold, students and staff have been keeping busy and Irish Spirit high throughout this month. This month has been filled with many sports tournaments, events, and successes and we could not be prouder of the hard work and effort put in by our students and coaches. Many of our clubs have also been busy with working on different initiatives and projects for the school. Of course, after getting through the many assignments and unit tests before March Break, the highlight of the month was our signature Back to the Beach Day tournament and celebration on the last day of school before the break and was an excellent way to send students and staff off for a lovely March Break with their families and friends.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On Wednesday, March 8, St. Patrick's celebrated International Women's Day and the many incredible female staff, students, and alumni of our school. Since it is also Women's History Month, the broadcast is playing weekly videos on significant women in Canada's history.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB VIRTUAL WORKSHOP



On Wednesday, March 8, the St. Patrick's Social Justice Club participated in a virtual workshop on youth homelessness hosted by Covenant House. The workshop was also open to any students who were not members of the club, but were interested in participating and learning. The workshop was an excellent and eye-opening opportunity

for students to learn more

about the causes and impacts of homelessness and some possible solutions.



INTERVIEWS WITH FATHER PAUL KIM AND RECONCILIATION



For the season of Lent, Mrs. Clarke, our Chaplain, recorded several interviews with Father Paul Kim to help reflect and honour this time in the Church calendar. The

broadcast team has been playing these interviews on the

morning announcements for all staff and students. Additionally, Reconciliation was hosted this month in the school library for all staff and students.





EUROPE TRIP



During March Break, and after many months of planning and anticipation, students and staff travelled to Europe to discover and explore across Italy, Austria, and Germany. This was an

excellent way for students to learn and engage in world history while building bonds and connections. This was also a wonderful opportunity for all travelers to explore and see the world after being cooped up from the pandemic for so long.











BACK TO THE BEACH DAY



On Friday, March 10, Back to the Beach Day occurred once again at St. Patrick's. Students and staff all dressed up in their tropical attire and celebrated the last day before the March Break. It was an exciting day of volleyball games and competition as student teams and coaches participated in the tournament despite the frigid weather and snowstorm outside. Thank you to Student Council for your diligent work and effort in organizing this event.







EXTRACURRICULARS

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

- Junior Badminton
- Senior Badminton
- ❖ Girls' Rugby
- ❖ Boys' Rugby
- ❖ Senior Girls' Soccer
- Senior Boys' Soccer
- Track and Field



St. Patrick's had incredible athletic achievements this month and we are very proud of and wish the best of luck to all our athletes. Seven members of the Irish swim team participated in OFSAA and five members of the Irish wrestling team participated in OFSAA. The girl's curling team



placed second overall at SWOSSAA and the boy's curling team won the SWOSSAA championships and will be participating in OFSAA after March Break.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **&** E-Sports Tournament
- Curling Boys OFSAA
- Cyclone Aid

- **❖** Lambton County Science Fair
- ❖ New York Trip