

St. Patrick's Catholic High School Student Trustee Report

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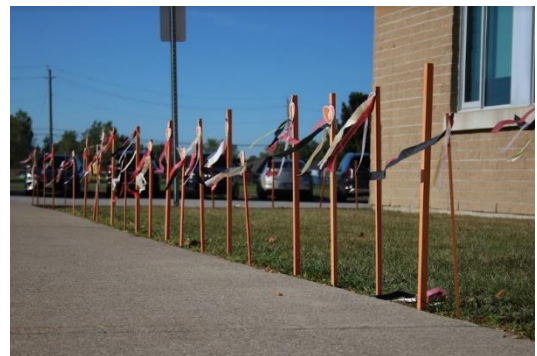


PREFACE

With the school year now in full swing, this past month students have been diving into their courses as they complete daily homework, course assignments, and unit tests. Now being into the first month of school, students have also had the opportunity to get involved and participate in different extracurricular activities while making new friends. The school hallways have come to life with student work and fall decorations as well as posters and promotions for school events. Of course, all staff and students were excited for the long Thanksgiving weekend to have some time to reflect and celebrate with their friends and family.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

On September 30, 2022, St. Patrick's participated in Orange Shirt Day to reflect on the impacts of Residential Schools on Canada's Indigenous peoples. The school was decorated with orange and a variety of significant symbols and outside the school, wooden crosses with ribbons representing the colours of the medicine wheel were placed in the ground to honour the children who never made it home. Throughout the week, the school's Almost Corner Store was selling orange shirts to ensure that all students and staff could participate in the event. On the morning of Orange Shirt Day, our Student Council and Mrs. Woodward and her broadcast team hosted a reflective broadcast for the event. The broadcast included traditional





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Indigenous drumming, singing, and dancing all themed around healing and reconciliation; messages and reflections from local elders and members of our local First Nation Communities; traditional Indigenous prayers; and a moment of silence. This provided the opportunity for all members of the St. Patrick's community to learn more about Indigenous culture and the impacts of Canadian Residential Schools.



TERRY FOX RUN

This month, Mrs. Woodward's grade twelve Business Leadership class hosted our school's Terry Fox campaign. On Wednesday, October 12, the class hosted a morning broadcast featuring educational and awareness videos regarding Terry's journey, the impacts of cancer, and cancer research. Afterwards, classes were invited outside to participate in a Terry Fox walk around the school track. Leading up to the event, Mrs. Woodward's class advertised and promoted donating to the school's Terry Fox campaign with a goal of raising \$4000. If the school reaches this goal, we will be rewarded with a jean day and the period one class that raises the most money will be rewarded with a pizza party.



THANKSGIVING LITURGY

On Wednesday, October 5, Mrs. Clarke and the student council hosted two Thanksgiving Liturgies. These liturgies were the first in-person school liturgies since the pandemic. To ensure that there was enough space and to reduce crowding, there was a liturgy hosted for grade ten and twelve students and then another liturgy hosted for grade nine and

eleven students. The liturgies were a great way for us to connect with our faith as a school community and to celebrate all that we are thankful for.





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LINK CREW CLASS VISITS

On Thursday, October 6, members of the school LINK Crew visited grade nine classes and hosted relationship and team building workshops. These sessions included class discussions, ice breakers, a strategy game, and time for reflection.



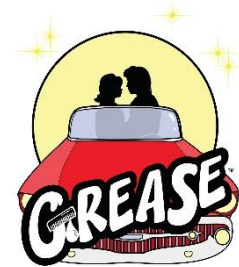
OUTDOORS CLUB CAMPING TRIP

From October 15 to 17, Mr. Morrison is taking a group of senior students on a fall camping trip to Tobermory. The group is excited to explore nature, learn more about our province's natural environment, and to enjoy the beautiful fall weather.



SCHOOL MUSICAL

This year, the St. Patrick's Drama Department is putting on a production of GREASE! Auditions were held on October 12 and 13 after school in the drama room with practices starting up in the next few weeks.



UNIVERSITY VISITS

With the university and college application period coming upon us, our grade twelve students are starting to prepare and research for their pathways after graduation. This month, our guidance department has visited classrooms to present about the application processes and what students can do to prepare. Additionally, there have been a variety of university information sessions hosted at the school such as Trent University, the Toronto Metropolitan University, Lambton College, Fanshawe, and McMaster. Furthermore, prospective graduating grade twelve students received their Ontario University Application Centre pins numbers and can now start applying to programs.





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SPORTS JERSEY DAY

On Thursday, October 6, students were allowed to wear their favorite sports jersey with uniform pants for a Sports Jersey Day to celebrate the success of our current athletic teams.



EXTRACURRICULARS

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

- ❖ Dungeons and Dragons
- ❖ Gay-Straight Alliance
- ❖ Math Club

Additionally, our football, golf, baseball, and cross-country teams have started their seasons with great success.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Fall Fest
- ❖ Take Your Kid to Work Day
- ❖ Halloween

