



ST PATRICKS STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

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MONTH OF JANUARY

SPH Admins

Principal - Daniella Mancusi
Vice Principal - Michelle Salisbury
Vice Principal - Jacqueline Matthews
Vice Principal - Ryan Hare

Verse

- **Philippians 2:10-11** "so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".



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AT A GLANCE



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Irish Miracle



This year, our school's annual Irish Miracle event had a very successful outcome. The event took place on the first Saturday of December, and the school community showed strong support through both volunteering and donations. On the Friday before Irish Miracle, we held a school pep rally hosted by the Irish Miracle team. The rally included games and activities, as well as an introduction explaining what Irish Miracle is and why it is important. This helped ensure that the Grade 9 students, especially those who may not have been familiar with the event, understood its purpose and impact. On the Saturday, Irish Miracle had an excellent turnout. We had a great number of volunteers, and we were also able to collect over 4000 non perishable food items, donated by the residents of Sarnia. The generosity and community involvement helped make the event a major success. Later that evening, our school also participated in the Christmas Parade. The band and student council volunteers took part in the parade to represent our school, share our Christmas spirit, and show our appreciation and gratitude for the continued support of Irish Miracle.



Academic Awards & Advent

On December 4th, our school held our Academic Awards Ceremony in the gym. It was a wonderful evening that celebrated student success and recognized the hard work and dedication of many students. It was especially meaningful to see so many students being acknowledged, with almost all staff members in attendance to support and celebrate them.

Earlier that same day, our school also gathered for a special Advent Calendar celebration, which highlighted the strength of our faith community. Having the entire school come together for this was a very positive moment and created a strong sense of unity. The Academic Awards Ceremony was also made even more special by the presence of Grade 12 students who returned to be recognized for their achievements. It was truly nice to see them come back and be celebrated, and it made the event even more memorable for everyone involved.

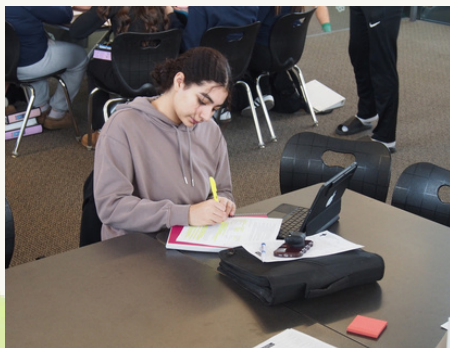


Christmas assembly

On December 19th, the Student Council hosted the annual Christmas Assembly, providing an exciting and festive start to the holiday break. This year's theme was inspired by the movie *Elf*, including a recreation of the iconic shower scene using a fake shower, which brought lots of laughter and energy to the assembly.

The creative theme immediately captured the audience's attention and set a joyful tone for the event.

The assembly featured several interactive games that encouraged student involvement, such as a challenge to see who could recreate a Christmas tree the fastest. A spirit-o-meter was also used throughout the assembly to keep Christmas spirit high and engage the crowd. Students and staff responded enthusiastically, and the overall atmosphere was lively and inclusive. Feedback following the assembly was extremely positive, with many praising the creativity, organization, and festive spirit. Overall, the Christmas Assembly was a great success and a memorable way to begin the Christmas



Cocoa and cram

Cocoa and Cram took place on January 13th, led by Business Leadership and Link Crew members, and it was a great way to kick off exam prep for Grade 9s while giving senior students a chance to support and help them succeed.

special olympics

On December 11, Ms. Woodward's Business Leadership class hosted the Special Olympics basketball tournament at St. Patrick's High School. Schools from across the county attended, creating a strong sense of community and inclusion. The gym was filled with energy and excitement throughout the day, and all of the athletes demonstrated excellent effort, sportsmanship, and determination. Community partners made the event extra special, and we thank the Sarnia Police Service and Father Matthew for helping make the event meaningful!



Sound of the season

On December 9, following Irish Miracle, Mr. Sonier's band classes hosted Sound of the Season, a festive event that helped continue our school's holiday spirit. This celebration gave students, staff, and families the opportunity to enjoy the performances, especially for those who may have missed the Christmas Parade.

The evening featured multiple performances, including Christmas music, singing, and holiday treats. The atmosphere especially in the drama room, was welcoming and full of school spirit. It truly felt like a strong community gathering, which is an important part of building a positive school environment.

There was a great turnout, and the band students clearly worked very hard in preparing their holiday music, making the event a successful and memorable celebration for everyone involved.



IRISH SPORTS



Congratulations to the **Freshman Boys Basketball team** on two huge wins, over Pain Court on December 5th and then another big 48–37 comeback win over LCCVI on December 11th.

Irish wrestling also had an incredible stretch, starting at the Bishop Ryan Invitational in Hamilton where Mathys Carrier-Moreault earned silver after defeating the defending OFSAA champion, then continuing at the Matmen Classic in Brampton with standout finishes from Gage Corvers (silver), Brant Higgins (4th in Greco), Abby Phelan (two silver medals in two divisions), and Alexandra Campbell (5th in Ladies Greco). Most recently, Irish pride was strong as we hosted the Sarnia Invitational on January 10th where nearly 500 wrestlers competed and St. Patrick's won first overall.

St. Patrick's is proud to report that **Chase Capes** competed in the U20 World Cross Country Championship in Talahassee Florida last month. Chase finished 37th and was the second Canadian runner to cross the finish line!



Office Talk

Irish administration is busy preparing for second semester. As well, on February 11, St. Patrick's will host our grade 7 and 8 families, as well as community partners, for an evening that showcases St. Patrick's. We expect approximately 1000 people visiting our school that night for our Irish Open House!

Upcoming

- Exams
- Kindness Week
- Irish Open House
- Semester Two
- Winter Semi Formal
- Algonquin Winter Trip