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Principal Welcome

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic High School - home of the Fighting Irish! On a daily basis we are called to be the best we can be in living our faith, academic excellence and stewardship of our community. Many people including our support staff, custodians, teachers, admin team and students have been working and collaborating over the last few weeks of summer and early into the school year to ensure a welcoming and inclusive start up to our 2018-19 school year. I personally feel blessed and am extremely grateful for the warm welcome I have received from staff, students and families.

We continue to welcome new students, families and staff to St. Patrick's Catholic High School. We expect to be a school community of approximately 1375 students this year. Our students have brought forward a very positive spirit to start the year and are encouraged to participate in the life of the school by sharing their gifts and using their strengths as they take advantage of the many opportunities offered by our staff.

On that note, I am thankful for a great team of staff members who share their commitment and creativity to provide many opportunities for our students on a daily basis. Their influence, leadership and care is such a tangible part of our school community, that makes us as close to a family as possible.

Again, on behalf of our administrative team made up of Cynthia Blair, Erin Moffat Sharpe, Frank Torti and myself, we thank you for all your support and your commitment to our Catholic school community.

Please visit our school website daily for information about our school community.

<http://www.st-clair.net/sph/home.aspx>

I look forward to meeting you throughout the school year within our school and at school events.

Sincerely,

C. Kehoe - Principal

St. Patrick's CHS Administration and Students they directly supervise

Mrs. C. Blair – Extensions 20407 Students with last name **A to G**

Mrs. E. Moffat Sharpe Extension 20404 Students with last name **H to O**

Mr. F. Torti – Extension 20406 Students with last name **P to Z**



St. Patrick's CHS Guidance Councilors and Students they directly council

Mr. B. Braekevlt Extension 20413. Students with last names **A to G**

Ms. J. Hubbard Extension (Department Head) 20408. Students with last names **H to O**

Mrs. T. Dizon Extension 20409. Students with last names **P to Z**

Bus Information

For School Bus Information, visit www.schoolbusinfo.com

Late Bus

Our school runs late buses Monday Through Thursday. Please visit <http://www.st-clair.net/sph/home.aspx>, for more information.



Deb Crawford - Director of Education

Mr. S. Johnson - Superintendent of Education

Mr. C. Kehoe - Principal

Mrs. C. Blair- Vice Principal

Mrs. E. Moffat Sharpe - Vice Principal

Mr. F. Torti- Vice Principal

REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE FOR 2018-2019

ODD NUMBERED DAYS OF THE MONTH - 1, 2, 3, 4

8:00 a.m.	- Warning Bell	
8:07 a.m.	- 8:14 a.m.	<i>Opening Exercises</i>
8:14 a.m.	- 9:29 a.m.	Period 1
9:29 a.m.	- 9:34 a.m.	<i>Travel Time</i>
9:34 a.m.	- 10:49 a.m.	Period 2
10:49 a.m.	- 10:54 a.m.	<i>Travel Time</i>
10:49 a.m.	- 11:29 a.m.	LUNCH – Grades 11&12
10:54 a.m.	- 12:09 p.m.	Period 3 Grades 9 &10
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From Chaplain Joseph Palko

Each year your Chaplaincy Department chooses a theological theme which it develops over the course of the academic calendar. For the 2018-19 school year, the theme is "Welcome to the Revolution".

The revolution that we are welcoming our community into this year is not one of power, or violence, or coercion. These kinds of revolutions are of the world, not of God.

Rather, the revolution we have in mind is the only one truly worthy of the name - the revolution of love.

"Love is to will the good of the other" (1-11, 26, 4).

This single idea - properly understood and then put into action - has the power to revolutionize our personal lives, our families, our school community, even our entire country, and world.

Join us this year as we unpack the true meaning of love and show how "to will the good of the other" is the most powerful and certain way to bring about the world of justice, peace and joy which we all desire.

Welcome to the revolution!



Student Attendance

Did you know.....?

All students are expected to attend school regularly (a legal requirement of the Education Act). Student attendance matters for academic performance. Regular attendance is directly related to academic success.

Parents must call the school to report student absences and need to state the student's name, the date of absence and the reason for absence (i.e. illness). To report an absence, call Mrs. Pamerter, attendance secretary, at 519-332-3976 ext 20411.

A note may be brought to school when returning from an absence if a parent has not called the school. This note must be brought to the attendance secretary before returning to class.

The note should state the date of the absence, the student's name and the reason for absence.

Students who are on school property are to be in class. If a student is on school property but is not in class at the appropriate time, he/she will be deemed truant and a consequence (i.e. detention will be issued by the Vice-Principal).

Students who become ill during school hours must report to the attendance secretary and parent/guardian will be contacted for pick up.

If a student needs to leave for an appointment or another personal reason, he/she must sign out properly at the attendance window by presenting a note or having a parent call the attendance secretary.

Parents will receive an automated voice message in the evening if their child has missed class without a reported or excuse absence.

Family holidays should not be scheduled during school time since a student's absences may have adverse effects on his/her achievement. Students are ultimately responsible for any work missed while absent.

Parents should also not schedule family holidays during final exams as students are expected to be present for all their exams.

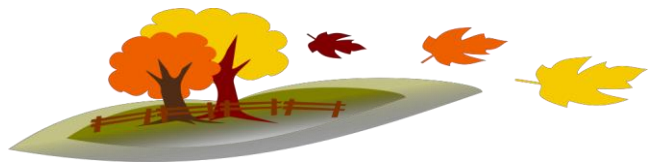
Any issue about exam schedules must be discussed with the Principal directly.

Responsible Use of Technology

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board's policy addressing expectations for the acceptable use of technology was updated in April 2013. The policy applies to all trustees, administrators, academic and support staff, students, parents, volunteers, visitors and other persons in relation to Board computer equipment, networks as well as personal devices while on Board property or in relation to Board

business or Board-related activities. To review the policy and procedures document go to

<http://www.st-clair.net/policies.aspx> and click on *Responsible Use of Technology* under Administration.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 18—Grade 9 Parent/Student Night
September 18—Catholic Council Meeting
September 28—PD Day
October 4—Academic Awards Evening
October 5—Homecoming Football Game
October 5—Homecoming Alumni Night
October 5—Picture Retakes
October 8—Thanksgiving
October 11—Progress Reports Go Home
October —Big Crunch
October 25—Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
October 26—PD Day
November 5—University Information Program
November 7—Take Our Kids To Work Day
November 9—Celebrating Remembrance Day
November 13—Catholic School Council Meeting
November 15 to Dec. 5—Graduation Photos
November 15—Mid Term Report Cards go home
November 23—PD Day
December 1—Irish Miracle Food Drive
December 12—Advent Confessions
December 13—Sounds of the Season
December 19—Advent Mass
December 21—Christmas Assembly
December 24 to Jan. 4—Christmas Break
January 15—Catholic School Council Meeting
January 25 to Feb. 1—Exam Week

Consent for Release of Student Information

In April 2017, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board adopted a new Social Media and Electronic Communications policy and procedures. The new policy can be found on the Board website at <http://www.st-clair.net/policies.aspx> Go to Section B – Administration.

Under the policy, signed parental consent is required for release of student photographs, videos, classroom work, etc. for various publications, including Board websites or social media sites, school yearbooks, newspapers, television and radio newscasts.

Once consent is obtained, it remains in effect for the student's entire school career. However, if at any time for any reason parents/guardians wish to revoke consent, you are asked to please contact the school.

GRADE 9 PARENT NIGHT GRADE 9 STUDENT NIGHT

Tuesday, September 18th 6:00 PM – 7:10 PM
Meet in the gymnasium.

Purpose of the evening: To connect with our Fighting Irish Family, Introduce Administration and Student Learning Team

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 18th 7:10 PM – 8:30 PM
St. Christopher Resource Centre (Library)



FIGHTING IRISH CROSS COUNTRY TEAM—is still accepting new members to run. Last call to attend first practice is week of September 17. This is a great way to get involved in extracurricular activities, and get fit while meeting new people. Team members are expected to come out to three practices and go to all meets. Come on out Monday, September 17 meet in room 208 by 2:30 pm and give it a try—wear running shoes, shorts and t-shirt and bring a bottle to fill up with water. Looking forward to welcoming new members.



Fair Notice Communication Regarding Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol **To Parents, Guardians and Caregivers of students in the St. Clair Catholic District** **School Board**

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice Principal, police and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations.

Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

As always, student safety is our first priority. This notification is being provided via avenues such as school newsletters and school and board web sites as fair notice to parents and guardians of the existence of the VTRA Protocol and its application if situations warrant. If you have any questions regarding the St. Clair Catholic District School Board Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol, please contact your school principal as the first step.