

# AN IRISH UPATE

Student Trustee Report



## OUR OCTOBER

AT A GLANCE...

September came and left in a whirlwind. October provided some much needed change of pace for teachers and students alike. However, to say that October was uneventful would be completely untrue. October has kept a steady pace between readjustment to high school life, continuous club recruitment, and ever-'brewing' excitement for Halloween, if you can pardon a pun. Some highlights of this month included our astounding Homecoming, eager Irish Miracle planning, and successful first progress reports. With that, let's 'fall' into October.

## Upcoming Events

University Information Night - Nov. 5

Remembrance Day - Nov. 11

Take Your Kid To Work - Nov. 14

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## HOMECOMING 2018

The Irish certainly bled green this year for our Homecoming game this year! We took on Chatham Kent for a well-fought game on both sides. In the end we defeated our competition, a proud moment for the Irish students who flooded the bleachers to watch. The day itself was filled with amazing Beavertails, Frozen Yogurt, and other fun treats. If you weren't just there for the food you could see the spirit in the halls with the continuous cheers and tie-dyed shirts....and glitter. So. Much. Glitter. The pep rally had audience members sing our School Anthem lead by our very own Link Crew. There was also a special appearance made by our happy school Leprechaun, a surprise to nearly everyone there! At the game itself, a student parade filled with St. Patrick's School Sports and Activities marched around the field to show off more Irish Pride. Overall, this year had to be one of our best homecomings yet! A huge thank you to everyone involved, especially Student Council!



## PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports went home on October 11th to give parents and students an idea of how their first few weeks of school have gone. Many teachers were happy to report an overall positive review of where students were in terms of grades and work ethic. Around the same time, Link Crew made the rounds to Grade 9 classes to give their fellow Irish some advice. Grade 9's participated in a slightly challenging game, and were asked to make some reflections. In the end, it all came down to the topic of good and bad influences. Senior students reminded the Grade 9's of the importance of keeping up their great first progress reports, making good choices socially, and how the two correlate. This is one of many future monthly visits from Link Crew.



## THE BIG CRUNCH

CRUNCH! That's the sound of 1400 apples simultaneously being bitten into at 9:20 am on October 18th. This St. Patrick's Tradition promotes healthy eating and local produce! All the apples were eaten right up, and all cores put towards composting for our food's teacher. A great-big thanks goes out to the Irish Wellness Committee and our Community Pathways class for putting this event together. We look forward to crunching again next year!



## IRISH MIRACLE COMMITTEE

You guessed it! It's that time of year again! Get your buddies, get a car, and get some well-deserved hot breakfast on December 1st for this year's Irish Miracle. The committee started up on October 10th and has already began all the prep work required to run this community-wide event. As always, our goal is to collect even more non-perishable food items than last year, and that requires a lot of hands. So spread the word! Get ready to go out and make a positive change in the community! Wishing our committee luck with planning over the next few weeks!



## iMatter

A meeting was held on October 25 to bring together this year's iMatter Leaders. iMatter? What's that you ask? It is a student-lead program in the school dedicated to ending the stigma surrounding Mental Health and promoting awareness surrounding the topic. We live in a generation where Mental Health is finally becoming an approachable topic, and it really needs to be. These amazing community and school leaders spend the year coming up with ways to integrate positive Mental Health within the school. We cannot wait to see what these new and returning leaders will do to enact positive change within our school and our community.



"ABOVE ALL, KEEP LOVING ONE ANOTHER EARNESTLY...OFFER HOSPITALITY TO ONE ANOTHER...EACH USE WHAT GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS."

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