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FIGHTING IRISH TIMES

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Principal Welcome

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic high school home of the Fighting Irish and home of Irish Pride that leads us on a daily basis to be the best we can be in living our faith, academic excellence and stewardship towards others. Our school community has been very active this fall both within the classroom and in so many ways outside the classroom. 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 1350 students this year, and to date our students have brought forward a very positive spirit and significant participation within the school.

I am thankful to the many staff members who work tirelessly 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.

We want to thank all families for your efforts to make our parking lot a safe place for our students. Your attention to the driving lanes, and drop off areas has made our parking lot as effective as it can be. Please remember that no vehicles should be driven across the front of our school, or the bus lanes, at any time.

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>

Looking forward to meeting you throughout the school year within our school, and at school events.

Respectfully,

R. Cicchelli

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. Braekevelt 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.



Mr. D. Parr - Director of Education Mr. S. Johnson - Superintendent of Education

Mr. R. Cicchelli - Principal

Mrs. C. Blair- Vice Principal Mrs. E. Moffat Sharpe - Vice Principal Mr. F. Torti- Vice Principal

REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018

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

8:00 a.m.	- Warning Bell	
8:07 a.m.	- 8:14 a.m.	Opening Exercises
8:14 a.m.	- 9:29 a.m.	Period 1
9:29 a.m.	- 9:34 a.m.	Travel Time
9:34 a.m.	- 10:49 a.m.	Period 2
10:49 a.m.	- 10:54 a.m.	Travel Time
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
11:29 a.m.	- 11:34 a.m.	Travel Time Grades 11&12
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Chaplain Joseph Palko

Praised be Jesus Christ!

And a happy new school year to everyone.

This year, something very unique will be happening at St. Pat's on the faith front. On November 26th at 3:00pm, we will officially and solemnly consecrate our school to Christ the King. What this basically means is that: we will recognize and celebrate Jesus Christ as the ultimate head of our school community; we will commit ourselves anew to living according to Jesus' teachings – namely the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the teachings of Christ's Church; and we will ask Jesus to use our school community, in an intentional way, to build his kingdom in this world.

These festivities will begin with Holy Mass at 3:00pm. They will be followed by a Eucharistic procession throughout our high school. And they will conclude with a social in our cafeteria. All staff, students, families, parishioners and community partners are welcome to join us.

For more information, feel free to contact Chaplain Joseph Palko.



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.

"40 Weeks: An Ignatian Path to Christ"

Everyone in the St. Patrick's community is invited to participate in the faith sharing experience "Forty Weeks". It is based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola - founder of the Jesuits, the religious order of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

When: Every Monday morning from 6:45-7:45 am

Where: In our school chapel in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord

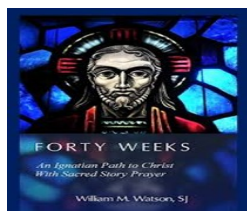
How: Attend as many sessions as your schedule allows

Cost: \$10 for the program book which we will be following

Why: Because I truly feel this program can significantly deepen each of our faith lives - a daily encounter with the Lord of Mercy

All are welcome!

To obtain a book or for more information please contact dino.petrucci@sccdsb.net or joseph.palko@sccdsb.net



Responsible Use of Technology – September School Newsletter Insert

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.

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> Look under Section B – Administration.

The new policy has required a new consent form 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. You will receive the new consent form this year from the school. Please sign the form and return it to the school, either granting or withholding consent.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 19—Grade 9 Parent/Student Night

September 19—Catholic Council Meeting

September 29—PD Day

October 5—Homecoming Alumni Night

October 6—Homecoming Football Game

October 6—Picture Retakes

October 9—Thanksgiving

October 12—Academic Awards Evening

October 12—Progress Reports Go Home

October 19—Big Crunch

October 26—Parent/Student/Teacher conferences

October 27—PD Day

November 1—Take Our Kids To Work Day

November 10—Celebrating Remembrance Day

November 14—Catholic School Council Meeting

November 16 to Dec. 6—Graduation Photos

November 16—Mid Term Report Cards go home

November 26—Consecration to Christ the King Mass

December 2—Irish Miracle Food Drive

December 6 to 8—Scholastic Book Fair

December 7—Sounds of the Season

December 12—Advent Confessions

December 20—Advent Mass

December 22—Christmas Assembly

December 25 to Jan. 5—Christmas Break

January 16—Catholic School Council Meeting

January 26 to Feb. 2—Exam Week



FIGHTING IRISH CROSS COUNTRY TEAM-is still accepting new members to run. Last call to attend first practice is week of September 18. 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 18 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.

New Drinking Water Regulations

Since 2007, the Ontario government has required that school boards flush water pipes in schools on a daily or weekly basis, sample and test drinking water, maintain logs and report drinking water test results of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. This regulation has required boards only to sample and test water for lead annually at one location in the building.

Effective July 1, 2017 amendments to the regulation now require that all fixtures used for drinking water or in the preparation of food must be flushed for 10 seconds. The amended regulation also makes it necessary for samples to be collected and tested at every drinking water fixture in the school. For water fountains in child care centres and for students in JK to Grade 3, boards will have until January 1, 2020 to complete the scheduled testing; for fixtures available to students in Grades 4 through 12, boards will have until January 1, 2022. Therefore, the Board will meet the 2020 deadline for all elementary schools; and the 2022 deadline for secondary. Fixtures not used for drinking water, such as bathroom taps and hand sinks, are not required to be tested; however, they must be posted with signage indicating that the water is not to be consumed.

In the event that levels of lead exceed ministry guidelines in a flushed sample of water, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and local public health officials must be notified. In such a case, the fixture would be bagged off and signage would be posted to indicate the fountain is out of service and will remain so until the matter is resolved. This can take place through a variety of measures – increased flushing, installation of a new lead-free fixture, or installation of an SNS/ANSI certified filter, which extracts lead.

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has been working over the summer months to install the new signage and develop plans to complete the flushing and testing protocols in keeping with the ministry's timelines. As always, the health and safety of our students, staff and visitors to our buildings are always our number one priority. If you have any questions, please contact your principal.