

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

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A MONTH TO REMEMBER

As November comes to an end, the impact that was created within the month shall never fade away. Students and staff gathered together to support and honor the brave Canadians who fought for our freedom. Inspiring topics such as kindness and men's health awareness were acknowledged and acted upon throughout the school. In addition, the St. Patrick's school community was blessed to have the relics of St. André Bessette for a period of adoration that led to the consecration to Christ the King. All in all, this month was a truly memorable experience!

Relics of St. André Bessette- October 25

On October 25th, the St. Patrick's community was fortunate to have the relics of St. André Bessette in the school chapel. Students and staff had the opportunity to visit and pray in the presence of the relics. The worship of relics is a gesture of love for a person who has been recognized by the Church as a saint. It is a sign of devotion inspired by faith. Throughout Brother André's life, he always found ways to express his devotion and to heal others. On December 19, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated a decree recognizing a second miracle at Blessed André's intercession and on October 17, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI formally declared sainthood for Blessed André. It is truly amazing how small steps can lead to a massive change as they did for St. André Bessette.



"It is with the smallest brushes that
the Artist paints the best paintings."

-St. André Bessette

"Our hopes are high. Our faith in the
people is great. Our courage is strong.
And our dreams for this beautiful
country will never die."

-Pierre Trudeau

Remembrance Day- November 11

Students and staff gathered together to watch the Remembrance day broadcast produced by the Irish Media class. The broadcast was dedicated towards remembering those who were lost in the war and honoring their loyal service to our country. Many students contributed towards creating this inspiring service. The live broadcast included a sentimental interview with war veteran, Clair Whyte, and several videos that truly showed the sacrifice made by over one hundred thousand Canadians. A two minute silence tied it all together, honouring our fallen soldiers. The entire St. Patrick's community showed their support for war veterans by wearing the symbolic red poppy. Lest we forget.



Kindness Day- November 13

The school community celebrated World Kindness Day on November 13th. The element of kindness is essential in one's daily life, thus the St. Patrick's Wellness committee took it upon themselves to promote this wonderful event! Through inspirational posters and lively announcements, students and staff members recognized that even the smallest acts of kindness can go a very long way. In addition, bright colored socks were worn by many to advocate for this day. The amount of participation throughout the school was not only motivating, but also showed the true colors of the St. Patrick's community!

"Kindness is the language
which the deaf can hear and the
blind can see."
-Mark Twain



"It was fun connecting
men's health awareness
through an awesome
gaming tournament..."
-Maddie McCarthy

Connect 4 Men's Health Tournament- November 16

November 16th marked the beginning of St. Patrick's very first Connect 4 tournament. The idea for the tournament was created by English teacher, Christian Dempsey, in order to support men's health awareness. A dedicated group of students planned and executed the event. Through the tournament, students were able to address some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health and suicide prevention. In addition, generous donations were made by students and staff members. This event not only served as a powerful message regarding men's health, but also as a bonding experience for the St. Patrick's community!



Consecration to Christ the King - November 26

The St. Patrick's community consecrated itself to Christ the King on November 26th. The significance of this meaningful action acknowledged that we solemnly recognize Jesus Christ as the ultimate head of the school community, we solemnly commit to Jesus' laws (the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the teachings of Christ's Holy Catholic Church) and we solemnly implore Jesus to use our community in a singular way to build his kingdom. Many people from the local Catholic community came and supported this once in a lifetime event! The celebration commenced with Holy Mass in the gymnasium followed by the Eucharistic procession throughout the school.



"The root of all steadfastness is
in consecration to God."

- Alexander MacLaren

Upcoming Events

Irish Miracle Food Drive- December 2

Co-op Carrier Fair- December 6

Sounds of the Season Concert- December 14

Advent Mass- December 20

Christmas Assembly- December 21