

# STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

## September Issue



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## A FRESH START

As the leaves begin to fall and the weather becomes even more unpredictable, a brand new school year commences at St. Patrick's. The student body was officially welcomed back at the annual first day assembly, and the Grade 9 students smoothly transitioned into their new school environment. Within the first month, activities and events were already getting into full swing. Yearly events such as the Terry Fox Fundraiser and Positivity Day helped to start off the school year on a high note. In addition, Student Council conducted the Grade 9 representative elections on September 14. All in all, the 2017-2018 school year will certainly be one to remember.

## Grade 9 Orientation Day- August 31

The St. Patrick's Link Crew helped the graduating class of 2021 to transition smoothly into their new school environment. Link Crew consists of dedicated staff and senior students that serve as mentors for incoming Gr. 9 students. Since the beginning of high school can be an extremely exciting yet frightening experience for many, Link leaders do their very best to make sure that the Gr. 9 students feel comfortable and confident to start their journey. During the orientation, Gr. 9 students participated in various small group activities, a school tour, and rallies in the gym. Together, these all assisted in creating a closer connection and a sense of community among students and staff. In addition, the day consisted of several inspirational speeches about reaching personal goals and making the most out of their high school experience.



Several Gr. 9 students and their Link leaders before the school tour

Students listen attentively as Chaplaincy Leader, Mr. Palko explains how faith will guide them through high school



## Beginning of the Year Assembly- September 5

September 5th marked the start of a brand new year at St. Patrick's. To welcome everyone back, students attended the beginning of the year assembly. Each year, the principal reads a story to the student body that consists of an inspiring message. This year, the book chosen was titled, "The Golden Rule" by Ilene Cooper. The story described the true meaning behind the moral, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," through the eyes of a young boy. It explained how the Golden Rule is found in almost every religion and culture. Although it is phrased differently, a unifying moral principle shines through. Hearing the story allowed for students to better grasp the concept of the Golden Rule, while also tying into this year's school theme; "Respect."



## **Upcoming Events**

Homecoming- October 6

Progress Reports- October 12

Academic Awards Evening- October 12

Thanksgiving- October 9

Parent/Student/Teacher conferences- October 26

Halloween- October 31