



Principal Welcome

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 2019-20 school year.

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. It is clear from the start that our students are eager for another school year to learn and grow in a school community that supports their academic, social and spiritual needs. Students are encouraged to share their gifts and use their strengths by taking 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 Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Moffat Sharpe, Mrs. Johnson 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 a year of excellence in Catholic education.

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**

Mrs. T. Johnson – 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**

Mr. J Stewart Extension (Department Head) 20416. Students with last names **H to O**

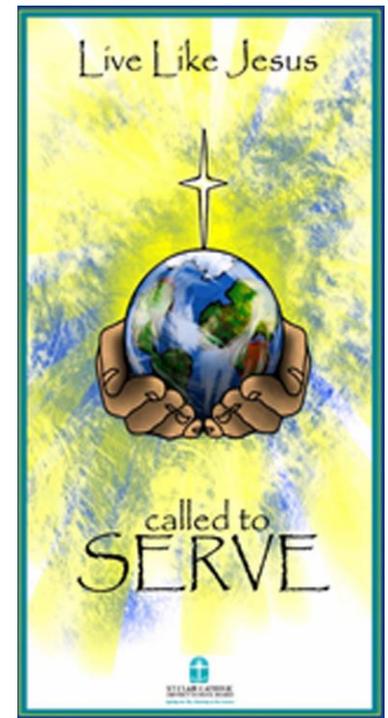
Mrs. T. Dizon Extension 20409. Students with last names **P to Z**

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.



Mrs. 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 Mrs. T. Johnson - Vice Principal

Science Help

Science Help is available to all students during both lunches in room 246 on odd days of the week. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch and will have science teacher support to complete homework, study for tests, or clarify concepts.



FIGHTING IRISH CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

There is still an opportunity for student athletes to come out for the cross-country team. Cutoff date to come out is September 17th, the team begins practice at 2:30 and meet in room 208. Students are to wear t-shirts and shorts and be prepared for inclement weather with sweatshirt and hat.



GRADE 9 PARENT NIGHT GRADE 9 STUDENT NIGHT

Tuesday, September 17th 6:00 PM – 7:00 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 17th 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
St. Christopher Resource Centre (Library)

From Chaplain Mrs. Ann Clarke

The Chaplaincy Department is issuing a challenge to our students this year - DARE TO BE DIFFERENT. As a Catholic Christian community we will be focusing on responding to the universal call to holiness, which in simple words, is our individual call to BE A SAINT. Saints are not just those who have been officially canonized by the church, but all those who are in heaven with Jesus. All Christians share in our goal to be with Jesus in heaven so it is truly our life's work to be a saint. We will be creating opportunities for students to learn and experience what it means to be a saint while celebrating the many signs of holiness in our everyday lives throughout the school year. You are encouraged to follow St. Patrick's Chaplaincy Department on Instagram @sphchaplaincy to share in the celebration of our faith journey this year. DARE TO BE DIFFERENT - BE A SAINT

Parking Lot Safety / Student drop off and Pick Up

As always, our paramount concerns when organizing our parking spaces, bus loading areas, and drop offs are surrounded around safety. Please review the pieces below, in particular if you plan to be picking up and or dropping off your child.

- Parking is available for staff, students and guests in North Lot, with entrance off of The Rapids Parkway. No parking passes are required.
- **No parking is allowed in the South Parking lot** that is close to St. Francois Xavier (limited spaces for staff only)
- All school buses will unload in the “**bus loading and unloading area**” in front of the school (East Side of Building), which runs parallel to the Rapids Parkway. We have identified the bus loading areas on our school website for your information, and also on asphalt outside school. Only school buses, drop off of students in Special Education programs, those who need accessible parking and emergency vehicles may enter this area. **NO dropping off or picking up of students may be done in this area.**
- Students may be dropped off and picked up on school property by entering the parking lot through our entrance off the Rapids Parkway, North of the school, and following the directional arrows and lines. Drop offs and pick-ups will be made outside the North West entrance to the school, (Entrance leading to the gym) however; **please note that this area is not a parking zone, but simply a drop off and pick up area.** Please follow the arrows and lines out of the parking lot, by exiting from the north entrance as well. No school buses will be loading or unloading in this area which adds to safety for all. We do ask that all drivers pay close attention to the safety of all walkers, as this will be a busy area at the beginning and end of the school day. We appreciate your patience, please allow for additional time each day for pick-ups and drop offs.
- Bike racks will be set up for students in our parking lot area, opposite the football field. We do have security cameras in this area; however, we strongly advise that all bikes be properly locked each day.

Thank you for your attention to these safety processes and continued support.

Uniform Focus - Parent Message Notice

At St. Patrick's High School all **students are required to wear a school uniform** and meet the specifications of the uniform policy. The vast majority of students meet this requirement daily and should feel affirmed. Some students, however, have found creative ways to circumvent the uniform in subtle ways (Example: non-uniform pants or sweatshirts in school colours, t-shirt under their uniform that is a colour other than white or black, rolling up shorts, etc.). Other students, more boldly, violate the uniform by wearing a ball cap or being completely out of uniform.

Our past practice has been to politely remind them of the uniform policy and ask the student to change. For the most part this has worked very well yet we are still having a number of issues. Moving forward we will politely remind students of the **uniform expectations**, ask the student to change and **assign a detention**. Please take this opportunity to discuss with your student any barriers they may have to uniform compliance. In the event of **unforeseeable circumstances** please have the student **report immediately to the office** upon arriving to school and we will help the student get through the day in uniform.

Diocese of London: Year of Prayer

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and fill the hearts of your people with an
ardent desire to follow Jesus,
to be his missionary disciples.**

**Fill us with joy and a desire to know your word.
May we boldly proclaim the Good News to others;
for when we help others to know that God loves them,
they will know true happiness.**

**Fill us with a deep desire for the Eucharist.
May we recognize Jesus in the proclamation of the
Scriptures**

**and in the Breaking of the Bread;
for when we are united with Jesus, joy is constantly born
anew.**

**Fill us with a true love of neighbour.
May we seek opportunities for reconciliation,
and with big hearts serve those in need;
for in serving them, we know we are serving your Son.
With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we commit ourselves
to loving you and doing your will.**

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



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 the 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 excused 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.



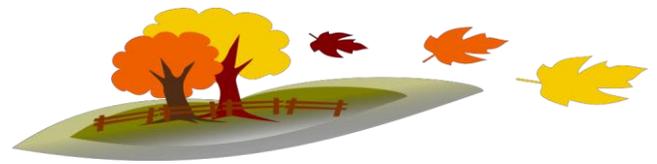
REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE FOR 2018-2019

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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>
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 17—Grade 9 Parent/Student Night
September 17—Catholic Council Meeting
September 27—PD Day
October 1 – Progress Reports Go Home
October 17—Academic Awards Evening
October 9—Picture Retakes
October 14—Thanksgiving
October 17 —Big Crunch
October 24—Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
October 25—PD Day
November 4—University Information Program
November 6—Take Our Kids To Work Day
November 11 —Celebrating Remembrance Day
November 12—Catholic School Council Meeting
November 14 to Dec. 4—Graduation Photos
November 14—Mid Term Report Cards go home
November 22—PD Day
December 5 – Advent Mass
December 7 – Irish Miracle Food Drive
December TBD—Advent Confessions
December 12—Sounds of the Season
December 20—Christmas Assembly
December 23 to Jan. 3—Christmas Break
January 14—Catholic School Council Meeting
January 16 – EQAO Gr. 9 Mathematics
January 17 – EQAO Gr. 9 Mathematics
January 24 to January 30 —Exam Week
January 31 – PA Day
February 3 – Second Semester Begins



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.

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.

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.