



St. Patrick's Catholic High School December Newsletter 2021

Principal's Message

With the Advent season upon us, we prepare daily as a school community to celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ. Advent also gives us a way to reclaim what really matters most. It is a time where we are drawn to prayer as we anticipate the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Advent Prayer

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen

Our last day of class before Christmas is Friday, Dec. 17th 2021. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 3rd 2022.

I wish all staff, students and families a blessed Christmas holiday. Stay well everyone.

Mr. F Torti

St. Patrick's CHS Student Support Teams

Administration

Ms. K. Lobsinger

Mrs. E. Moffat Sharpe

Mrs. T. Johnson

Extension 20407 - Students with last name A to G

Extension 20404 - Students with last name H to O

Extension 20406 - Students with last name P to Z

Guidance Counselors

Mr. B. Braekevelt

Mr. J. Stewart

Mrs. T. Dizon

Extension 20413 - Students with last names A to G

Extension 20416 - Students with last names H to O

Extension 20409 - Students with last names P to Z

Special Education Teachers

Mrs. S. Meza

Mrs. J. Matthews

Extension 20896 - Students with last names A to G and T to Z

Extension 20874 - Students with last names H to S



Irish Miracle

SUPPORT IRISH MIRACLE 2021

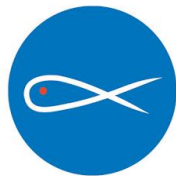
Through your generosity and that of our entire Sarnia/Lambton community, our goal is to meet last year's total of \$30000 so that St. Vincent de Paul can provide families with food and gifts this Christmas. There are two ways for you to participate.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: can be made through School Cash Online or <https://www.ssvpsarnialambton.ca/> (click on the Irish Miracle menu tab) AND/OR

Participate in our **DRIVE-BY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION:** On **Saturday December 4th, 2021 from 9am-12noon** drive into our school parking lot where students will receive your donations and load them onto the St. Vincent de Paul van so we can restock the food bank supplies.



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St. Vincent de Paul, Sarnia

"Together we
can do great
things."

 **IRISH** 
MIRACLE

Late Bus

ALL BUSES LEAVE THE SCHOOL @ 5:00 pm SHARP

All buses are operated by First Student and will run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Run: LATEBUS001	Brights Grove, Forest, Arkona
Run: LATEBUS002	Petrolia, Wyoming
Run: LATEBUS003	Corunna, Port Lambton



Bus Information

For School Bus Information, visit <https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/>

Attendance

If your child will be away from school, it is imperative that you inform the Attendance Office before 8 am by leaving a message (519-332-3976 ext 20411) or by emailing sphattendance@sccdsb.net from a parent email address. Please leave the student name, parent name and reason for absence.

St. Patrick's Catholic School Advisory Council

Our next School Advisory Council meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday, January 25th at 7 pm. Parents who are members of the School Council support our school in an advisory role concerning many aspects of school life at St. Patrick's. All new members are still welcome. Please email Mrs. Wendy McLean at wendy.mclean@st-clair.net to be added to the invitation list for the meeting.

2020-2021 YEARBOOK



From Chaplaincy Leader Mrs. Ann Clarke



With the return of school clubs and sport this semester we have started an exciting new student group at St. Pat's. The **Social Justice Club** is open to all students from grade 9 through 12 who are interested in working on projects that seek to address social justice issues locally globally.



This semester the group has focused on water privatization and the justice issues it creates. They have been educating our school through morning announcements and are asking students to join them in eliminating the use of disposable water bottles here at school.





Retreats have been happening for all grade levels throughout the months of October and November and we are thrilled to be back in the chapel this year for these events. If your student is taking a religion course this semester, take the opportunity to ask them about their class retreat.

The topics covered are:

Grade 9 - Belonging and Community

Grade 10 - Human Rights and Protecting the Life and Dignity of All People

Grade 11 - Vocation and Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts

Grade 12 - Learning about Ourselves and Connections to Prayer and Spirituality

Fighting Irish Sports

St. Patrick's had a successful Fall Sport Season.

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Soccer team. They won the LKSSAA championship in late October, beating Northern 3-1. They finished the regular season with 2 wins and 2 ties, advancing straight to the league finals. Coaches: Mr. Prudom/Ms. Cooper.

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball team. They had an impressive season going undefeated and winning convincingly in the finals. Coaches: Ms. M Mullen/Ms. K. James

It was a great season for the Senior Girls Basketball team who were not fortunate enough to win in the final, but had a great semi final win over Northern. Coaches: Mrs. J. Mathews/Mr. E. Dragan/Mel DeSena

Another competitive baseball season ended with St. Patrick's finishing 2-1-1 and just missing the playoffs. Coaches: Mr. J. Majeski/Mr. T. Parizeau/Mr. J. Parizeau

Congratulations to both the Junior and Senior Boys Volleyball teams for both making it to the semi-finals in their respective leagues. Coaches: Mr. D. Ostropolec/Mr. R. Walicki/Ms. A. Cimetta

St. Pat's also had some great performances in the individual sports, cross country, tennis and golf. Coaches: Mr. M. Voisey/Mrs. A. Johnston/Mrs. M. Eagleson/Mrs. R. Mestancik/Mr. Bristo

Thanks to all the athletes and coaches for representing St. Patrick's with pride. We are looking forward to a great Winter Season with all sports up and running. Go Irish!



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, 4 December

09:00 Irish Miracle Drive-by of non-perishable food

Tuesday, 14 December

Canadian Math League Contest-All Grades

Wednesday, 15 December

Sounds of the Season School Concert

Thursday, 16 December

Photo Retake Day

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.



Bring Your Own Device

Students are welcome and encouraged to bring their own devices along with a charger, to be used by the student for learning. They are expected to follow board policy for acceptable use and follow their teacher's direction about when it is appropriate to use/put away their devices. Parents need to sign a permission form only once in a student's SCCDSB school career to get access to the Wifi. If students are participating in BYOD (bringing your own device from home), the device must be cleaned each day, prior to returning to the school.

Registered Education Savings Plans

Important Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding Registered Education Savings Plans for Your Children

- Anyone can open an RESP account for a child—parents, guardians, grandparents, other relatives or friends.
- While you can open a plan for a child, you can also name yourself or another adult as the beneficiary.
- An RESP allows adults to earn interest on their RESP tax-free.

For more information about RESPs, visit the Government of Canada website at: [Information about Registered Education Savings Plans \(RESPs\) - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/govcan/education/education-savings-plans/registered-education-savings-plans-resps.html)