MID-MONTH MESSAGE
November 2022
St. Patrick Catholic School. (Brantford)

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Brantford

Dear parent community, we hope you enjoy the new format. The intent is to feature student work, goings on, and information in a more visually appealing and informative way. As always, we encourage you to contact us if you have questions of points of clarification as this is intended to provide snip-its rather than complete details.

Our Motto: Achieving Personal Best through Faith

The Mid-Month Message and Beginning of Month emails are intended to provide quick, easy, and regular communication on school items.

However, our Twitter page will provide you with reminders, messages, and pictures of student life at St. Pat, and student work. We try to provide update on a daily basis.

@stpatseagles

Spirit Days

Soccer Jersey Day – Nov 25th

School Council

Our school council is in the process of organizing some favourite fundraisers.

Stay tuned. Info will follow.

Lunch with The Principal Winners

Nash T.

Oliver J.

Reid L.

Isla B.

Carter G.

Congratulations!

Winter Playground Safety Rules

We would like parents to be aware of the following Winter Playground safety rules at St. Patrick School:

1. No throwing snowballs.
2. Students are asked to not kick snow and/or ice.
3. No picking up snow to place down someone's back, hood, face, etc. All snow stays on the ground.
4. Students are asked to play non-contact activities (no tackling).
5. No sliding on icy areas or standing on top of forts.
6. Students cannot slide down the snow hills or snowbanks.

Students are currently **allowed** to build forts and snow sculptures, but we are monitoring this closely to see if issues arise. Should issues arise we will have to restrict this particular play with the snow. We want our students to enjoy the winter season but at the same time we need to ensure their safety here at school and therefore we continue to encourage respectful play outside during these winter days.

We also ask if you are picking up your child(ren)

after school that you watch them CLOSELY in the parking lot.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 20 @ 6:30pm.
Central Baptish Church.

Mental Wellness and Belonging Team:

We are establishing a team to promote, educate and support. A parent, 2 students, admin, and a teacher. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Caltagirone. It will involve approximately 2 meetings a year during the day.

Thank you to everyone that could attend our Remembrance Day Liturgy. The staff and students did an amazing job!! Their respect, and attention to detail was remarkable. To see videos and the beautiful art, please go to our Twitter.

That time of the year is almost here. If buses are cancelled in the Entire Board or in ZONE 4, then the school will be CLOSED to all. This includes those who walk and or get dropped off. Students will have access to online activities via BrightSpace

Check local radio, stsbhn.ca and bhncdsb.ca

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Dec. 9 at 7:00 pm. St. Pius Church

Where does the fundraising $ go?

Rather than putting out only a final report in the spring, we will do our best to give you an idea in our newsletters as to what our fundraisers have gone towards.

This month we have purchased software for our learners to learn to read!

Please join us for our First school mass at St. Pius Church at 9:30 a.m. on November 23rd .

Remember, the staff and students will be travelling by bus to and from Church. Please sign the acknowledgement form (Cashnet) and that if your child will be late that morning, you may have him/her join us by taking them to St. Pius as that is where the staff will be.

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

If you still have unsold bars, please return them to the school office. Also, if you have not yet paid for sold bars, please send in your money. Please check with the teacher of your youngest or only child to inquire if you think you have outstanding bars.

Staff and students love our school-wide Christian Meditation.

We have reinstituted this practice because it is a great way to spend one on one time with God and to promote calm and refocus. We sit up, relax our hands and bodies, close our eyes mediate in silence while calming music is played on the PA system. The goal is to increase the amount of times per week we engage in this activity and to involve students (ie, jr/int students) to lead this.

Office Items:

-Please make sure we have your most current email, phone numbers, contacts.

-Register for purchases: bhncdsb.schoolcashonline.com

-Safe Arrivals: If you child needs to be absent, please call 519-759-0380 (Both Virtual and In Person learners).

Our Students are amazing. Mr. Caltagirone has met one on one with almost every student from gr 1 – 8. The goal was to get to know them and gather info on how to help them with Math, Reading/Writing, and belonging and mental wellness. You can see that the Mental Wellness and Belonging team is in response to student suggestions. In addition, our re-focus on meditation is also from the input of our staff and students. Mr. Caltagirone looks forward to continuing the conversation with students who have not had a chance to meet with him yet. Slowly but surely, we are getting there. By the way, all students will be re-interviewed in the spring to gauge how they are feeling about their progress / goals and more 😊 Thank you for your input students and staff!!

Church News

First Eucharist & First Reconciliation

A reminder to all parents that registration for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist in the spring of 2023 is now available. Head to https://stpiusbrantford.ca/first-communion/ to find out more or to register. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 519-753-8439 and speak with Andrew.

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation began a few weeks ago, and we're excited that roughly 70 young people have chosen to celebrate this Sacrament with us this year. Please pray for them - and our leadership team! - as we navigate this preparation process together. We are blessed to have these young people seeking the Lord's good gifts!

Child to be Baptized?

If you have a child you would like to have Baptized, please call the Church Office at 519-753-8439 or email us at office@stpiusbrantford.ca. Baptisms take place monthly, except during Lent.
If your child is over the Age of Reason (around age 7), they will need to go through a special preparation process and will celebrate all three Sacraments of Initiation at once. If your child is interested in this program, please contact Andrew at pastoralassociate@stpiusbrantford.ca as soon as possible. This preparation journey is scheduled to begin in the month of November.

Attending Mass

If you temporarily stepped away from attending Mass during the pandemic, as many folks did, please know that we'd love to welcome you back. Things are mostly back to "normal" in the church now, and our new Pastor, Fr Steve Murrin, would love to meet you.

If you're still not comfortable attending in person, you're always welcome to join us on our weekly livestream - just head to live.stpiusbrantford.ca/

WE ARE A NUT SAFE & Pineapple safe environment – do not send nut/nut based or pineapple products in your child's lunch.
http://www.bhncdsb.ca/resource/students-prevalent-medical-conditions-anaphylaxis-asthma-diabetes-andor-epilepsy-20005.....if you need to report a new allergy potentially leading to anaphylaxis, please complete the above forms and call the school for further direction.

Ages 12–19

Youth Transitions Program

You're closer to reaching your potential than you think.

About Youth Transitions Program (YTP)

YTP gives participants a sense of belonging through one-on-one support and mentorship, and offers workshops to develop the life skills they need to be healthy, stable adults.

Using a trauma-informed and strengths-based approach, students gain resiliency, cultivate positive mental well-being and gain the capacity to reach their fullest potential.

What YTP offers

- One-on-one support
- Life skills workshops
  - How to Adult
  - Learning to Breathe
  - Personal Development
  - You Can Go/On Y Va
- Peer Mentorship

Length of program

Enter or leave the program when you're ready.

You can sign up for all activities or only be involved in one stream of the program.

It's your choice!

Life can be complicated — the YMCA makes navigating it easy with Youth Transitions Program!

No cost to participate!

Signing up for YTP

Teens aged 12–19 can sign up for YTP through self-referral by contacting our YMCA Youth Transitions Program team at:

Addison.Barlow@ymcahbb.ca

Janessa.Walters@ymcahbb.ca

Or scan the QR code to complete a form and get in touch:

Tree of Warmth

We have a brand-new tree and can't wait to get it put up. It is beautiful. Thanks, Kelly, for helping to get it. We will be collecting new (for health reasons) gloves, hats, scarves to donate to needy children in our community beginning on Monday, November 21st.