



St. Patrick's School

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September Calendar

- Sept. 17 7:00 pm Curriculum Night Parent/
Teacher BBQ
- 18 Used uniform Sale
- 18 9:00 am Terry Fox Walk
- 22 6:45 pm Gr. 7 Parent's Confirmation Meeting
- 23 9:30 Mass Primary Students
Hot Lunch Day
- 24 Photo day— Individual student photos
Entertainment Books due back
- 24 Last day to order winter uniforms
- 25 NO SCHOOL—Staff Retreat
- 27 4:30 Sunday Mass followed by BBQ Dinner
and Blessing of New School Building
- 29 7:00 pm Education Committee meeting

Entertainment Books! Thanks for helping us with the selling of Entertainment coupon books for \$46. The demo books will be available until Sept. 24, by which you may send in your cheque should you choose to keep it, along with any other orders you took, so that we can fill them for you the following week. Tell your friends and family! This is an easy way to save money and support our programs at the same time!

Terry Fox Walk: Our school will be once again honour the goal of local hero Terry Fox by participating in an abbreviated walk on Friday, Sept. 18. Permission slips came home with your youngest child on Monday and should now be returned. We will require parents to walk with the intermediate students, as they will leave the school grounds. This involves a time commitment from 9:00 until approx. 9:30. Remember, your child may wear play clothes instead of the school uniform, and is asked to bring in a toonie for Terry. Thanks for your support as we try to raise at least \$300 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Principal's Message

What We Know About Children as Learners:

Children need to make connections between what they know and what they need to know. Children need to learn through play and active participation. Children need opportunities for cooperative and individual experiences. Children have a wide range of developmental levels. Children learn in a variety of ways. Children need to know they are loved and accepted unconditionally.

We are excited to be working together with you to develop all our students here at St. Patrick's School.

H1N1 Flu: This is a reminder to **please** take the time to review the attached information from the Ministry of Healthy Living regarding managing the conditions of this latest virus. There is much useful material ranging from protecting your children, to recognizing if your child may have the virus, to helping them cope with the related stress. It is important that we work together to keep our children healthy, and your cooperation is critical.

Smokies at St. Pat's: We are looking forward to see you at our school barbeque on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00. Thanks for sending in your responses that allowed us to decide how much food to purchase. The PEC will make a short presentation to begin the evening, after which we will enjoy the opportunity to socialize over a smokie and some salads. (This is not to be confused with the barbeque that will be held after the blessing of the school building.) Teachers will be available to answer questions about their programs and will have all the pertinent information about their programs and expectations available in paper form. (This evening is appropriate for adults only.)

Help Us Help Others – Please!

We are still looking to increase our enrollment for next year. The best advertisement is always word-of-mouth, so if you are proud to send your child to St. Pat's, tell your friends and neighbours! If you are able to convince a family to enroll in our school, we will reward you with a \$200 Smart Card of your choice as a way of showing our appreciation. Please talk to your PEC members if you'd like more information, and thanks for your help.

Used Uniform Sale: We will be holding another used uniform sale on September 18th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am and from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. As we do in the Spring. This will give you an opportunity to purchase and / or sell used uniforms before submitting your order for the Winter uniform. Anyone wishing to sell uniforms are asked to attach an envelope to the garment with your name, phone number and the amount you are asking. Once again we will not be responsible for lost items. As in the spring we need help to do this. If you have some spare time to help out with the sale please contact Tonya Polz, our uniform coordinator at 604-462-9685. All unsold items not picked up by Monday, September 21st. Will be put in the used uniform cupboard and sold by donation to the school.

Blessing of our new building: In thanksgiving for seeing this long-awaited dream made a reality, we are proud to invite Archbishop Michael Miller to bless our new building. This event will take place on Sunday, September 27 after the 4:30 mass, followed by a BBQ dinner. (Note the change of date from what was originally scheduled.) Please come and join us in the celebration!

Help Our Library If you are available in the next couple of weeks, we need your help with cleaning shelves, moving boxes of library books upstairs, and shelving books (eventually). A more detailed job list will eventually be posted, but at this point, our goal is still to take care of the basics. Thank you to the Francis family for donating a slipcover

Calling All Chefs! We would like to create some community spirit by putting together a St. Patrick's School cookbook. Each child will soon be asked to bring in a favorite family recipe; the primary students will focus on appetizers, soups, and desserts. Intermediate students will focus on salads, pasta, and main course recipes. Stay tuned for more details. We hope to have the books ready for purchase as Christmas gifts, and to sell at our trivia night.

ONGOING SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENTS



- Smart Cards are still available from the parish office.



- We are still taking order for coffee.
- All order forms are on our website.



- Don't forget to send in your local Save-on-Foods till tapes.
- We can turn them in for cash.