



**JANUARY 2019
VIRTUE AWARD
RECIPIENTS**

Students who exemplify the virtue of:

**COURAGE: BEING BRAVE & DOING WHAT IS RIGHT
A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN**

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Mrs. Draaisma/Mrs. Dean - FDK1: MJ B., Ellis A.

Mrs. McKee/Mrs. Huber - FDK2: Xavier L., Henk V., Camden R.

Miss Wilcox - Gr. 1A: Ashril A.

Mrs. Vanderhoek - Gr. 1B: Naomi F., Nico D.

Mrs. Martens - Gr. 2: Maggie V., Brynnelea V.

Mrs. Pezzutto - Gr. 3: Odie B., Carter B., Jude B.

Mrs. Glanville/Mrs. Mazariegos - Gr. 4/5A: Claire W., Jacob R.

Mr. Raytrowsky - Gr. 4/5B : Edward B., Rebekah H., James M.

Mr. Taylor - Gr. 6/7: Chloe W., Mason G., Abigail L., Anna R.

Mr. Ionata - Gr. 7/8: Lucas M., Will K., Katie H.

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Congratulations to the

January 2019

Virtue Award Recipients



February 2019

**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Members of the St. Patrick Catholic School Community:

Looking back on the month of January, Gymnastics and Girls' and Boys' Basketball are all up and running. We are so fortunate that our teachers with parental support provide extra-curricular activities for our students. Thank you to all for their continued dedication to our school community. February is the perfect month to continue the celebration of "love". It calls us to "warm up" our community and continue to make an effort to spread cheer and feelings of warmth and love. As we all know, **Thursday, February 14th** is Valentine's Day. This special day is then followed by "Family Day" which will be on **Monday, February 18th**. There will be no school on Family Day. This day will be a perfect opportunity to spend additional time with your loved ones.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. -- John 13:34-35

Please be informed that January Report Cards will be going home on **Friday, February 15th**, which marks the start of a new term. With the start of a new term comes a number of opportunities for parents to visit and become involved in and around our school this month: February Virtue/CGE Kick-off Assembly, French mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Parent/Teacher Interviews, IPRC Meetings and Carnival. Our Grade 7/8 Parents will be facilitating the sale of Spring Bulbs and a hot dog day to support the Gr. 7/8 trip to Ottawa & Quebec. Our School Council will be facilitating Bingo days and a School Council Meeting. Please see the February calendar for dates and times.

Please come join us!

Yours in Faith,

Helen Bobyk
Principal





CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATION

The Catholic Graduation Expectation we explore this month is **A Self-Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learner** (in child friendly language: **We are Learners for Life**). The Catholic graduate is expected to be a self-directed, responsible life-long learner who develops their God-given potential. As people of faith, we are challenged to learn God's ways, by living fully life's gifts. This message can be reinforced at home by encouraging child/ren to:

- Set goals
- Build on personal strengths
- Be open to change
- Use gifts and talents given by God
- Be thankful for these personal gifts and the gifts of others
- Always do one's best
- Be proud of the good things we do



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH IS LOVE

Love draws us together as friends, families, communities, and most importantly, as God's people. Jesus gave us the gift of His love at Baptism so that we could love one another as He commanded. This gift makes it possible for us to truly love God and each other. Jesus continues to reach out to help us become persons of love. He hears us when we pray and answers with what we need; He heals us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; He guides us with the words of His Gospel and the teaching of His Church; He feeds us with His Body and Blood at Holy Communion; He gives us the gift of His Spirit to help walk in His ways.

Jesus reaches out to us in love through our family, teachers, friends and parish community. Their love for us, and our love for each other are a living sign that tells everyone: Jesus is alive! He is with us every moment of the day!

By living Jesus' Great Commandment to love, we can become everything God wants us to be. This is what Jesus wants most for us: to be all that we were created to be – here on earth, and together in heaven for eternity. And so, we are never alone in our call to love one another. We are one body, held together in Jesus' love: a love that was with us before we were born, that walks with us today, and invites us to be with Him forever. Every act of kindness we do is one more step forward in this great journey of love.

We show love by speaking and acting with kindness.

Adapted by a reflection by: T. Cosentino, Renfrew County CDSB, 2011



Mad Science

We are pleased to inform everyone that we will once again be offering to have the Mad Science Program (Kid's Science Club) at our school during the months of March and April. All students from Grades 1 – 6 are invited to **register online** to participate in this six-week program. The topics will be different this year than when Mad Science was last at the school. The Mad Scientist Visit will occur on Thursday, Feb. 21st, 2019 and flyers will be sent home on this day outlining the registration process. The six-week program will take place on Tuesdays at lunch from **Tuesday, March 19th, 2019 – April 23rd, 2019** in our library. More info. to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February:

February 1 st	Chess
February 6 th	Sacrament of the Eucharist at St. Patrick's Parish at 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – Session with parents and children
February 7 th	French Mass at 9:15 a.m. at St. Patrick Parish – Mme Ansems to lead mass
February 7 th	Hot Lunch – Marshall's Pasta
February 8 th	Chess
February 11 th	100 th Day of School
February 12 th	February Virtue/CGE Kick-off Assembly at 1:35 p.m. – Mrs. Marten's class to facilitate
February 14 th	Valentine's Day – Students are encouraged to wear Red/White or Pink
February 14 th	Annual Cake Walk in the gym – Donations are welcome 😊
February 14 th	Hot Lunch - Pizza
February 15 th	First Term Report Cards go home
February 15 th	I.E.P. s go home – Term 2
February 15 th	Chess
February 18 th	Family Day – No School for Staff and Students
February 19 th	Grad Photos at 9 a.m.
February 19 th	School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library
February 20 th	Carnival in the morning – Optional Blue/White & Red Day. Staff and students will be invited to bring in \$2 to support the Gr. 7/8 trip. Students are reminded to dress warmly for outdoors play
February 21 st	Hot Lunch – Swiss Chalet
February 21 st	First Term Parent/Teacher Interviews – 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
February 22 nd	Chess
February 22 nd	Hot Dog Day
February 26 th	Swim to Survive at Carling Heights – 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
February 27 th	First Communion Preparation Launch
February 27 th	Multi-Year Consultation Session at St. André Bessette Secondary School from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. – All are welcome!
February 28 th	Hot Lunch – Pita Pit
February 28 th	Gymnastics Meet at Carling Heights Optimist Community Centre in London

SPORTS, RECREATION and ACTIVITIES



Basketball

Our Junior Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams played hard, represented our St. Patrick Catholic School well and exemplified great sportsmanship. Both teams had great seasons. The boys' team ended the season being the 2nd Annual Spartan Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament Champions at the Mother Teresa Tournament this year. Congratulations boys! Special thanks to our coaches: Mr. & Mrs. Turney, Mr. Raytrowsky and Mr. Ionata and our parents for their support in making this season a success. Our Senior Girls' and Boys' Basketball season is just beginning. Here is looking forward to another great season!



Grad Photo Day

Please be advised that our Grad Photo Day will take place on the morning following our Family Day Holiday. The date is **Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 at 9 a.m.** Any Grade 8 students being driven to school, please ensure you arrive at school on time.



Carnaval

On **Wednesday, February 20th, 2019** in the morning we will have our annual Carnaval. It will be an optional paid themed day. It will be Blue/White & Red Day, the colours of the French Flag. Staff and students will be invited to bring in \$2 to dress in these colours. All donations collected will go to support our Gr. 7/8 trip to Ottawa. There will be a lot of fun-filled, outdoor games, so please make sure to bring/send the appropriate clothing for activities in the snow. Children should come prepared to spend lots of time outdoors, so snow pants, hats, extra mitts, warm coats and boots are advised.



Gymnastics

The 2019 Gymnastics Season began in January, with tryouts for all interested students in grades 1 - 8. The students are now perfecting their gymnastics skills in order to be ready for the Gymnastics Meet. The date of our Educational Gymnastics meet will be: **Thursday, February 28th, 2019** with a snow date set for March 7th. The meet will take place at Carling Heights Optimist Community Centre in London, Ontario (656 Elizabeth St.). Parents are welcome to attend but must view the event from designated areas.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES...

WELCOME – WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

EARLY YEARS REGISTRATION



Spread the word! If you know of a family that would be interested in registering their child at our school, please pass on our telephone number so they might receive more information about our Kindergarten program!

If you have already picked up the Registration package for your child but have not returned it, please complete and return it to the school by Friday, February 8th, 2019.

We are very pleased to be registering students for Year 1 and Year 2 of the Early Years Program between January 21st 2019 and February 8th, 2019. For Year 1, children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2019. For Year 2, children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2019. Please call the school to schedule an appointment and bring a Catholic Baptismal Certificate (of the child, if baptized Catholic, or of the parent who is baptized Catholic if the child is not), Birth Certificate, Proof of Address, Status in Canada Documents for Non-Canadian Citizens. Registration packages are available at the school office to pick up. For information or to schedule an appointment please contact our secretary, Mrs. Stokman, at: 519-660-2789



ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY CAKE WALK

Valentine's Day is taking place on **Thursday, February 14th, 2019** at St. Patrick Catholic School. We are planning to have our annual Cake Walk at our school on this day. We are asking that families consider donating a Valentine-themed cake / cupcakes / cookies to be raffled off to raise money for our technology fund at our school.

All baked goods MUST be PEANUT/ NUT FREE.

The baked goods can be homemade, or store bought. **They should be packaged so that students will easily be able to take them home at the end of the day and in a disposable container.** Please bring in your donation to the gym on the morning of **Thursday, February 14th, 2019 (starting at 8:30 a.m.)**. Students will have the opportunity to buy tickets starting Monday, February 4th, 2019. Tickets will be purchased from their child's teacher for 50 cents each or 5 for \$2.00. Please note that students can only win one prize. This will give more of an opportunity for your sweetie to bring home a sweet treat on Valentine's Day!

Thanking you in advance for your support!



REPORTING/PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

First term report cards will be going home on Friday, February 15th, 2019 for all students. Our Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on **Thursday, February 21st, 2019 from 4 – 8 p.m.** A Parent-Teacher Interview Request form will be going home with your “youngest and only” child. Please complete the form and ensure that your family interview request is submitted to your “youngest and only” child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible. The same form will then be returned to you with the times that have been scheduled. Please note only one form will be going home per family.

Similar to last time, interviews will be ten minutes long and will occur from 4 to 8 p.m. If you are unable to make this time frame, please call the teacher directly to set up a more convenient time. **Please note that there will be no child-minding available on this night.** If you bring your child/children, we are kindly asking that they either: sit outside the classroom, participate in the interview or will be in the classroom with you. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

We look forward to seeing you!



LOST AND FOUND:

Once again, our Lost and Found Bin is overflowing!!! We will be displaying the items during the week of Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please be sure to check the bin and see if any of the items belong to your child. Any unclaimed items will be sent for donation to charity.



Input Opportunity: LDCSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)

The Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) sets direction as the School Board strives to meet changing needs and realities. The London District Catholic School Board wants to hear the views and ideas of staff, parents, students, parish and community stakeholders in the areas of Catholicity and Community, Student Achievement and Well-Being, Technology and Global Learning, and Stewardship of Resources. Come and learn about the process and provide valuable input. The meeting for our family of schools will be 7-9 p.m., **Wednesday, February 27th, 2019** at St. André Bessette Secondary School.

Please come and join us!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW

Mr. John Sutton came to the school recently to run the Knights of Columbus basketball Free Throw. Many students from nine to thirteen years of age participated. They had lots of fun and cheered each other on as they got the chance to throw fifteen basketballs from the Free Throw line.

Each of the winners received a basketball with the Knights of Columbus crest on it. These basketballs are real keepsakes for our students. Congratulations to the following winners who will represent their age group at the upcoming District competition in Exeter:

Thirteen-year olds – Ashley B. & Gordon L.

Twelve-year olds – Sadie L. & Ben F.

Eleven-year olds – Nicole B. & Weston G.

Ten-year olds – Mckinleigh V. & Liam O.

Nine-year olds – Alyssa B. & Cash F.



SCHOOL COUNCIL – MAKING A DIFFERENCE

School Councils play a vital role in the education system in Ontario. They provide a forum through which parents can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance. Parental involvement in a child’s education has been shown to have a significant effect on his or her achievement. It is one of the most significant factors contributing to a child’s success in school. Being a Catholic School Council member allows parents a vehicle through which to support the entire school community and allows the parent to be kept informed about what is happening at the school. It is a rewarding experience for all those who value the opportunity to make a difference in their children’s education.

Our next meeting will take place in the library on: **Tuesday, Feb. 19th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

All parents are welcome.

Please come and join us!