

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Choir and Orchestra Program

St. Mary School has begun the application process for entrance to Grade 5 for 2019/2020.

Brochures with application forms are available in all elementary schools. Please contact your Principal for further details of the application and audition process or call St. Mary School at (519) 675-4423.

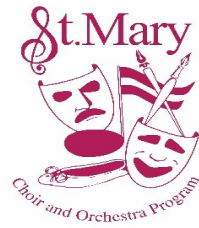
Applications are due to back to St. Mary School by **Friday, December 21st, 2018.**

Application to the program is open to all Grade 4 Students of the **London District Catholic School Board.** **All applicants must meet the admission requirements.**

Upcoming Events:

November:

November 1 st	Hot Lunch (Pizza)
November 2 nd	Indigenous Art Activities for primary classes in the a.m.
November 3 rd (Sat.)	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance at St. Patrick's Parish at 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Group learning sessions for children
November 5 th	November Virtue/CGE Kick-off Assembly at 2:40 p.m. in the gym – Mr. Ionata's class to facilitate
November 8 th	Hot Lunch (Swiss Chalet)
November 9 th	Remembrance Day Service at the Lucan Community Centre – *Students are encouraged to wear Scouts/ Guides uniforms or red and black.
November 9 th	Progress Reports & Kindergarten Initial Observations go home
November 10 th (Sat.)	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance at St. Patrick's Parish at 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Group learning sessions for children
November 11 th (Sun.)	Remembrance Day
November 12 th	Buster the Bus & Safety Presentations at 9:45 a.m. (Primary) and 10:45 a.m. (Jr. Int.)
November 12 th – 15 th	Scholastic Book Fair
November 13 th	Annual Optimist Youth in Government Program
November 14 th	Grade 8 Visitation Day at St. André Bessette CSS
November 15 th	Hot Lunch (Pita Pit)
November 15 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews – 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. – No child-minding available
November 16 th	PD Day – FAITH DAY – No School for students
November 17 th (Sat.)	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance at St. Patrick's Parish at 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Group learning sessions for children
November 19 th -23 rd	Belonging (Bullying) Awareness and Prevention Week
November 19 th	Take the Pledge Day *Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink or an anti-bullying t-shirt in support of anti-bullying day
November 20 th	Gr. 7 Vaccine Clinic at 1 p.m. – students born in 2006 – in the library
November 20 th	Catholic School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library
November 21 st	Gr. 2 First Reconciliation Day
November 21 st	Christmas Basket Donations Due
November 22 nd	Hot lunch (Pizza)
November 24 th (Sat.)	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance at St. Patrick Parish at 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—Group Learning sessions for children
November 26 th	Photo Retakes at 9:00 a.m.
November 27 th	Gr. 1 & 2 Field Trip - Lambton Museum
November 29 th	Hot Lunch (Marshall's Pasta)
November 30 th	Hot Dog Day - Parent fundraiser in support of the Gr. 7/8 Ottawa trip



**ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October is over and what a busy month it was with Thanksgiving, Hallowe'en, Mass, Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams, United Way activities, Photo Day, Parent Info. Night re: Gr. 7/8 class trip, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance Sessions, class trips, Fire and Shelter in Place Drills, and of course learning! November should be slightly calmer, but we do have Progress Reports going home, Parent-Teacher Interviews, Remembrance Day Service, Anti-Bullying Pledge Day, class trips, Bus Safety Presentations, Vaccine Clinic, Photo Retakes, Scholastic Book Fair and the Grade 2 Reconciliation Day.

Our virtue for the month of November is "Peace" – Harmony in our lives. Our Catholic Graduate Expectation is a Creative and Holistic Thinker. As Reflective and Creative Thinkers we are asked to create, adapt, evaluate new ideas in light of the common good and make decisions in light of gospel values. During this month, we invite you to be intentional reflective thinkers and ask you to please reinforce at home the values we are encouraging at school:

Peace is a goal of all spiritual people.

Peace begins within ourselves and is an inner state of well-being and calm.

People of peace promote non-violence, practise conflict resolution, and believe in cooperating to solve problems.

The root of the Hebrew word for peace, "shalom," means "whole" and points to this twofold meaning: peace within oneself and peace between people.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God (Matt 5:9).

During the month of November, we remember all those who contribute to a call for peace in today's world. We remember those fallen soldiers, young men and women who fought for peace. We remember them with grateful hearts. We will have a Remembrance Day Service at the Lucan Community Centre on Friday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m. You are invited to attend.



"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Progress Reports will be going out on **Friday, November 9th, 2018** for all students from **grades 1 to 8**. These reports will focus on students' work habits and learning skills, not their grades. Our **Kindergarten classes** will also have an **Initial Observations Report**. Please sign up for **Parent-Teacher interviews for all grades (JK to 8)** on the form that goes home. Please note that there was one form per family that was sent home with the "youngest and only child".

Interviews are ten minutes long and will occur from 4 to 8 p.m. on **Thursday, November 15th** at the school. 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!

At our last School Council Meeting, we approved our budget. We have posted the minutes on our School website, for your reference. All parents and guardians are invited to attend our next School Council Meeting on **Tuesday, November 20th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. It has been wonderful to have many parents attending. We would always appreciate more.

May God fill our students, staff and families with peace within themselves and between each other,

Yours in Faith,
Helen Bobyk
Principal



**OUR CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATION IS
A REFLECTIVE CREATIVE HOLISTIC THINKER—WE HAVE IDEAS!
*Un penseur réfléchi, inventif et holistique – J'ai des idées!***



- I have thoughts and opinions that matter.
- I can make good choices.
- I have hope for our future.
- I solve problems with knowledge, understanding and prayer.
- I know we are all equal, unique and special.

Because I have ideas, I have a purpose and I will live my life as a follower of Jesus.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year, St. Patrick Catholic School will celebrate Christmas with a Grade 1—8 Christmas Concert on **Monday, December 3rd, 2018** from 7 p.m.—8 p.m. followed by a Kindergarten Christmas Concert that will take place on **Monday, December 10th, 2018** at 1:15 p.m. Please "save the date". More information to come in our December Newsletter



LUCAN BIDDULPH SECRET SANTAS

The Optimist Club of Lucan is once again conducting their Secret Santa program in which they collect small gifts that are distributed to senior citizens living at the Prince George Retirement home. St. Patrick school community has been a great supporter of this initiative in the past and the Optimist Club of Lucan is once more seeking your assistance. Families are asked to donate small gifts valued up to \$10.00. Some suggestions are gloves, scarves, socks, slippers, blankets, games, puzzles or toiletries but please refrain from donating food items. Please submit labelled donations indicating "Secret Santa Gift" to the school by **Friday, December 7th, 2018**. Your support is greatly appreciated as we try to spread some Christmas cheer to all of our community members!



LUCAN SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The Lucan Santa Claus Parade will take place on **Saturday, December 1st, 2018**. With parental permission, students from Grade 3 – 8 are invited to be part of the Lucan Santa Claus Parade Float sponsored by the Lucan Optimist Club. Further details will be provided, closer to the date.



OUTSIDE CLOTHING:

The weather has been turning colder; please be sure your child comes to school prepared to go outside at recess. Layering clothing is a good option at this time of the year.

ARE YOU A SCHOOL CASH ONLINE MEMBER?

If not, become a member today!

Make School
Purchases
Online



Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

Create Your Profile: Go to ldcsb.schoolcashionline.com/ and click on "Get Started Today".

Confirm Your Email: Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign with your new login details.

Add a Student: Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees. Once an event is

created for your child, you will be notified of any new fees assigned to your child and updates on school-related activities. Just a reminder that Hot Lunch cannot be paid through cash on line as of yet.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



Staff are excited to offer students the opportunity to do their Christmas shopping at school at our second annual White Elephant Sale.

On **Wednesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 13th, 2018**, students are invited to bring in money so that they can shop for gifts for their family. They will also enjoy free gift wrapping!

Information went home recently asking families to please send in gently-used or new items such as toys, books, trinkets, kitchen items, jewelry, crafts, games, etc. These are items that students would enjoy purchasing for family members. For hygienic reasons, please refrain from donating stuffed animals.

We are also in need of gift bags and tissue. Funds raised will go to the purchasing of technology for the school. Please start to send in gift items to the office as soon as possible. Please send in your items no later than Monday, December 10th, 2018.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our next School Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 20th, 2018** in our library at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome! Please visit the school web site to view the Minutes of School Council Meetings and the approved 2018/2019 budget.

School Council is also very appreciative of the families who have already helped at a bingo. Your support of School Council activities is valued! Our next bingo will take place on **Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.**

An e-mail was sent to parents recently outlining future bingo dates. Thanks very much to the families who have already responded to volunteer for a bingo. **We are still in need of volunteers.** If you can spare a couple of hours, please contact: Mrs. Bloemen at: 519-808-0772 for further details.

This School year's remaining bingo dates **requiring volunteers** include:

Sat. Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. (**1 person at 1:45 p.m.**)

Mon. Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. (**2 people are required at 5 p.m., 1 person at 6 p.m.**)

Sun. Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. (**2 people required at 5 p.m., 1 person at 6 p.m.**)

Sat. March 2 at 7 p.m. (**2 people required at 5 p.m., 1 person at 6 p.m.**)

School Council is once again sponsoring an exciting fundraiser. Families will have an opportunity to buy tickets on themed gift baskets. A flyer will be sent home soon outlining the details of this fundraiser and how you can support it. Each class will be responsible for a specific theme. Once you are informed of your theme, please send all of your donations in to your child's classroom teacher no later than Wednesday, November 21st, 2018. Tickets will go on sale for the beautiful baskets on Monday,

November 26th, 2018 until Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 – Good luck!

Thanks to Michelle Bernard and Hiram and Cathy O'Neil for leading the organization of this fundraiser.



I BELIEVE THAT EVERYBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY WHERE THEY FEEL SAFE, INCLUDED, VALUED AND ACCEPTED REGARDLESS OF DIFFERENCES.

I PLEDGE TO BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS AND STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING WHENEVER AND WHEREVER I SEE IT.

TAKE THE PLEDGE

The Catholic pledge (for adults and teens):

"We believe that each and every person is made in the image of God and that we all belong to each other as members of God's family. All people must be treated as respected, valued and responsible members of our community. I pledge to uphold the God-given dignity of each person, to be a peacemaker, to recognize the gifts of all people and to stand up against and report all injustices, including bullying, whenever and wherever I see it."

The Catholic pledge (for students 12 years of age and younger):

"We believe that all people are made in the image of God and are children of God. Every person must be safe, valued and included. I pledge to respect others to be a peacemaker and to report bullying whenever I see it."

The Catholic pledge (for students in the Primary grades):

"God loves you and me. I will care for and get along with my classmates, brothers and sisters and other members of my community."

SPORTS, RECREATION and ACTIVITIES



United Way Events:

Thank you to our families for supporting United Way during the month of October. Our school raised \$265.60 and counting! Thank you also to Mrs. Draaisma for organizing the fun school activity of Crazy/ Wacky Hair Day. Special thanks goes out to the staff members who donated money for our Friday Dress Down Days.



Remembrance Day Service:

We will have a Remembrance Day Service at the Lucan Community Centre on **Friday, November 9th, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.** Students who participate in Scouts and Guides are encouraged to **wear their Scouts and Guides uniform**. Everyone else is encouraged to **wear red and black**. **All are welcome!**



Professional Development (P.D.) Day

Please be advised that there will be a P.D. Day on **Friday, November 16th, 2018**. There will be **no school for students** on this day.



Anti-Bullying Pledge Day:

On **Monday, November 19th, 2018**, we will be taking the pledge on this day, as a community and we are encouraging our students to **wear an anti-bullying shirt or wear pink** in support of Anti-bullying awareness.



Photo Retake Day:

Please be advised that our photo retake day will take place on the morning of **Monday, November 26th, 2018**, beginning at 9 a.m. Any students who are being driven to school, please ensure that you arrive at school on time.



LOST AND FOUND:

Our Lost and Found Bin is overflowing!!! Please be sure to check the bin during Parent – Teacher Interviews on **Thursday, November 15th, 2018** and see if any of the items belong to your child. Any unclaimed items will be sent for donation to charity.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place from **Monday, November 12th – Thursday, November 15th, 2018**. The theme this year is "St. Patrick's Enchanted Forest". Also, on the Parent Teacher Interview night,

Thursday, November 15th, 2018, we will have the Scholastic Book Fair in the library until 8 p.m. We invite you to please take a look and possibly purchase an item or two. If you spend \$25, you will be entered in a draw to win \$25 in books for your home library, plus \$25 in books will be given to your child's classroom. All sales proceeds will benefit our school. This might be a great opportunity to begin your Christmas shopping.

NEW ALTAR SERVER INVITATION

All children from Grade 3 to 8 are invited to become Altar Servers at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a special way at Mass and to serve the parish. Training is provided and serving involves being scheduled to serve at Mass once a month.

Training dates are Saturday, November 17th, 2018, December 8th, 2018 and January 12th, 2019 (11am-12:30) ** please note that other arrangements for training can be made, if these dates will not work for your family

For additional information and a registration form please contact:

-Melissa Francis, Secretary, at the parish office -519-227-4762 x20 or stpatlucan@dol.ca

Or

-Sharon Abel, Altar Server Coordinator, at 519-639-2504 or sharonabel@icloud.com

Or

-talk to Father Ross Bartley after Mass.

A response would be appreciated a.s.a.p. and by Wednesday, November 14th, 2018.



Thank you for considering serving!