



Saint Patrick's School

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January Newsletter

January 7th is the first day back for students.

Parents are reminded to inform the school of any changes in address or phone numbers. It is very important that the school be able to contact you in the event of an emergency.

Kindergarten Registration

All parents/guardians who have a child born in **2009** are expected to register their child for school. Children must reach the age of 5 before December 31, 2014.

Parent/guardians go to their community schools during regular school hours to register and **bring their child's**;

- **Proof of age (birth certificate, passport)**
- **Medicare card**
- **Proof of immunization**

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program will begin on the first day back to school for the new year. The program is open to all children who are unable to have a breakfast at home prior to leaving for school. Just a reminder that students are expected to arrive on time in order to have sufficient time to eat and get to class for the 8:10 bell. **The basement door opens at 7:50** for breakfast and students remain in the breakfast room, supervised until the 8:10 bell.

PALS Make a Difference at Christmas

At St. Pat's we are extremely fortunate to have many dedicated PALS partners who help us throughout the school year, but especially during the Christmas Season. Thanks to these many wonderful folks we are able to provide a number of Holiday Hampers, special treats, trips and gifts to the students as well as special breakfasts leading up to the Christmas break. Special thanks to all of them for the difference they make in the lives of all our students.

Congratulations to our latest Shamrocks that Rock

Daniel R., Hailey S., Adam S., Hannah H., Lucy V., Rya-Lynn D., Rory B., Tyson L., Jeremiah C. They had a delicious lunch at Cora's.

New Parent Cafe at St. Pat's

On Tuesday, January 14, join Mrs. Turnbull for our first Parent Cafe. Come and join other St. Pat's parents in the Art Room (basement door entrance please) for conversation and some light refreshments. It's a time to connect with other parents and perhaps chat about some programs you would like to see available to parents in the community at our school. Younger children are welcome. **The Cafe runs from 1:00-1:35** with the lending library following for anyone who is interested. For further information you may contact Mrs. Turnbull, our community schools coordinator at 721-7314.



Lending Library

Lending library will be held in the Art Room every Tuesday 1:35-2:05. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

Students Late For Class

The school is experiencing consistent disruptions to the positive learning environment as many students are arriving late for school. Both parents and students are responsible according to the Education Act, to be on time. If a child is consistently late, their learning and the learning of others suffers. Students who are consistently late will lose certain privileges in order to complete unfinished work. Please ensure that your child arrives on time.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Important Message for Parent & Guardians
ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Formerly School Districts 6, 8 & 10)

SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Anglophone South School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students and recognizes that it may be necessary to cancel a bus run(s), close school(s), or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather or road conditions.

The following options are considered when deciding what to do during inclement weather situations:

1. Schools are open as usual in which case no announcement will be made.

2. All schools are closed for the day with an appropriate announcement being relayed to:
 - the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.,
 - the District website (www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca)
 - follow us on twitter http://twitter.com/ASD_South
 - the District Information Phone line (toll free: **1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]**).

Parents are encouraged to access the above noted methods early in the morning, particularly on days when the weather is inclement.

3. Schools are closed by Education Centre:
 - Hampton Education Centre (formerly District 6)
 - Saint John Education Centre (formerly District 8)
 - St Stephen Education Centre (formerly district 10)

Schools within an Education Centre may be closed depending on conditions.

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4. School bus routes are delayed one hour. **On these occasions, all schools will open at their regular time to receive students. Students arriving late will not be penalized.**

5. Schools may be closed early on days when the weather conditions are anticipated to deteriorate significantly during the day. Every effort will be made to notify parents via the radio or by telephone for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring alternate arrangements are in place for their child(ren) in cases when they or another adult will not be available to be home.

During the winter months, there may be occasions when the condition of a particular road along a bus driver's route is hazardous. Individual school bus drivers have a responsibility to recommend to their supervisor either the cancellation or delay of their individual bus runs should they have a safety concern. Whenever possible, notice of a late bus or a cancelled bus run will be announced on the radio and posted on the Website.

While the loss of valuable instruction time is always a concern, the safety of students is paramount. The decision to close schools is always made with this in mind. **If schools remain open, and as a parent/guardian you feel that conditions in your area are not conducive to your child going to school, then ultimately, you have the final decision whether or not to send your child to school.** Absences on these days will not be a factor in a student's attendance record.

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