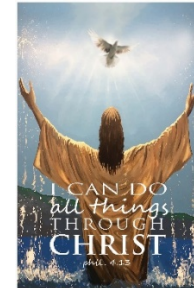
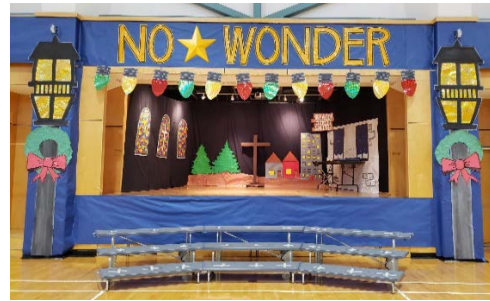


St. Patrick's Elementary School

Newsletter

January 2020

2850 Quebec St. Vancouver



UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Wednesday is a 2:30 p.m. dismissal due to staff meeting. Please pick your children up promptly.

Every Friday school begins at 8:15 a.m. with a school mass. Please be prompt to celebrate the Eucharist.

St. Patrick's Regional High School OPEN HOUSE Mon, Jan 13th 2020 6:00pm



Parent Evening: February 5th 2020

Let's talk! How to talk to your kids about challenging subjects

On **Wed Feb 5** our guest speaker Sue Dvorak will share her professional and personal experience, and teach parents how to deal with some of the challenges in today's culture.

How to transmit your values to your children as their guide in life

How to apply your beliefs in the particular situations that your children will face as they grow up

How to deal with: puberty, sexuality, technology & social media, relationships, and teen culture

STAY INFORMED

Please refer to our school website

www.spev.ca

for newsletters, calendars and classroom bulletins.

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to welcome everyone back from the Christmas break and wish everyone a happy new year. We pray that you will be blessed with good health and fortune!

The staff would like to express their sincere gratitude for the many blessings, well wishes, thoughts, snacks and gifts that they received. They would like to also express their many thanks for preparations of class Christmas parties and celebrations that united everyone as one family. Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it was very much appreciated!

The Christmas break was a much-needed time to come together and spend quality time with family and loved ones to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is because of Jesus' birth that we are united, entering into His family and celebrate this season. The students were reminded of this when they watched the movie "The Star" in the school gymnasium. This was a story re-told from the animal's perspective. While the students wrapped themselves in their blankets, they connected with the message that Jesus is the reason why we celebrate Christmas.

The Christmas break was an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate while reflecting on what things have been successful and what could use some adjusting. This led to the launch of our new on-line footprint at Saint Patrick's school. We are excited to introduce the new redesigned and user-friendly website featuring current photos, up to date information and accessible downloads. Please visit www.spev.ca to rediscover how we as a community learn, celebrate, and share with each other. It would be great to hear your thoughts and feedback about our new website. All of our families are encouraged to come and see me throughout the day or email me your thoughts.

The theme for all the schools in the Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) this year is "I Can Do All Things Through Christ". This month's bulletin board will be prepared by our grade two class. I Can choose to follow Jesus.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I'm a Gift from God program

This Spring we will be implementing an Archdiocesan-approved program on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The program is designed for children at the primary level. We will be using the program in Kindergarten to Grade Three. Until recently, sexual abuse was a crime rarely discussed with children. Our own parents may have given us vague warnings about "strangers", but few of us received any specific information on sexual abuse or methods to protect ourselves. Research has shown that children who have been informed about this crime are less likely to be victimized. We believe that children can and need to be safeguarded. We educate our children regarding many aspects of growth and development such as bike, traffic, water and poison safety.

The focus of this program, I'm a Gift from God, is the prevention of sexual abuse. Children will learn ways to say "no" and whom to tell if an incident occurs.

2020-2021 Registration

Registration for new students entering our kindergarten class for the 2020-2021 school year is now open! If you know of any friends or families potentially interested in enrolling their children in St. Patrick's Elementary School please encourage them to visit the school website or call the office, we would be happy to share information about our fantastic school!

For applications please visit our school website www.spev.ca and click on the Registration tab to download the application packages. A completed application and supporting documentation are to be submitted to the school office by January 31st, 2020. Once all the applications have been received, families will be contacted to set up a time to meet the principal and or pastor.

Re-registration for 2020-2021 School Year

Re-registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be completed on-line. More information will be provided in the next few weeks.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

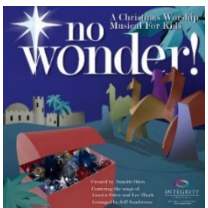
EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE (reference SPEV Parent Handbook pg. 29)

Severe weather or other emergency situations such as loss of hydro power, interrupted water supply or heating system breakdown may force school closure. If a decision to close the school is made prior to 8:30 a.m., it will be broadcasted over the local radio station CKNW - AM 980 and Z95.3 – FM 95.3 as early as possible. Parents are also advised to check the school website www.spev.ca and refer to the Remind app.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Parents are expected to ensure that their children dress appropriately for the weather conditions. As the students are frequently involved in outdoor activities, they need to arrive to school in a warm water-repellent hooded jacket or coat. Gloves or mittens and boots are essential in cooler weather. If it is designated as an 'outdoor day', all students will be sent outside.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU



On Thursday, December 12th 2019 our students presented a wonderful Christmas musical ... No Wonder. Proceeds from the musical (entry fee and raffle) were distributed to our Arts program, BC Children's Hospital and Chalice. The students entertained us with their amazing singing, dancing and acting talents. A special thank you to the grade six and seven cast members who put in countless hours to learn their lines and develop their acting abilities.

I would like to thank Mr. Gregory Coles and the entire staff for all their hard work to support our students, plan the backdrop, music, decorations and props. A special thank you to Ms. May Laureles for her artistic skills and vision for the backdrop. Thank you to all our wonderful parent volunteers for assisting us with the sound and the painting of the backdrop and decorations. Thank you to Mrs. Casandra Fredrickson for her assistance with choreographing the movements to all the songs and being there to help lead all the rehearsals and performances. Last but not least, an important thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors who donated prizes for the raffle.

SCHOOL SURVEY

We would like to thank all the families who participated in the school survey, it is an important tool that will aid us in making adjustments and to continue our tradition of excellence. Congratulations to Chloe Delos Santos in grade two who won the \$25.00 gift card to Save-On-Foods for her family.

POINSETTIA PLANTS

Congratulations to Adria Richards for selling the most Poinsettia plants.

Happy New Year and May God bless you!

Diane Sorochuk, Principal











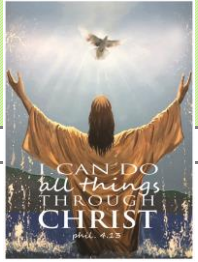
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4	
5	6 School Reopens 	7	8 2:30 pm Dismissal	9 Skiing Grades 6-7 	10 8:15 am Mass 	11	
12	13	14	15 School Mass 9:15 a.m., 2:30 pm Dismissal	16 Skiing Grade 6-7, Field trip Grade 3 	17 8:15 am Mass 	18	
19	20	21 Cypress Mountain Field trip Grade 5 	22 2:30 pm Dismissal, Grade 2 Sacramental Parent Meeting 7-8:15 p.m.	23 0	24 8:15 am Mass 	25	
26	27	28 Cypress Mountain Field trip Grade 5 	29 Grade 7 Sacramental Parent Meeting 7:00-8:15 p.m., 2:30 pm Dismissal	30	31 Student Led Conferences 	1 	
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Open House and Application Information 2020-2021

November 8, 2019

Dear Parents and Grade 7 Students,

On behalf of the community of St. Patrick Regional Secondary School, we hope you have had a fantastic start to the school year and wish you blessings for the rest of your journey. This letter is intended to give you important information regarding your application, registration and possible acceptance into St. Patrick Regional Secondary School.

Our **Open House will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 beginning at 6:00 pm.** During the Open House, you will have an opportunity to see our facilities and student projects and talk with students and teachers. We believe the most accurate picture of a school can be found by talking to the students, so please take the time to converse with the many on hand. Instructions on how to apply to St. Patrick Regional Secondary will be provided at the Open House.

**Completed applications will only be accepted
Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

As you are probably aware, St. Patrick Regional Secondary offers a priority acceptance to applicants from its 23 regional parishes. We are able to provide 100 places in grade eight, but with an increasing demand for admission, it is critical that your application be complete and on time.

Families who are active members of regional parishes and whose first choice is St. Patrick Regional Secondary tend to be successful in their application. We encourage you to apply regardless of the number of seats your Parish holds at St. Patrick. We look forward to seeing you in the years to come at St. Patrick Regional Secondary.

**PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR IMPORTANT DATES ON THE APPLICATION AND ADMISSION
PROCEDURES TO ST. PATRICK REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Sincerely,

R. Gabriele
Principal



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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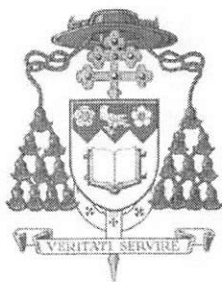
Open House starting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Date for submissions of new applications

Friday, February 21, 2020

Letters of acceptance sent out



Archdiocese of Vancouver
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

Dear Parents:

You are invited to attend the Archdiocesan program designed to support you in sharing the truth and meaning of human sexuality with your children. Young people today face many social, emotional, physical and spiritual challenges, especially in the area of human growth and development. Catholic schools have an obligation to assist you, as the *primary* educators of your children, particularly their faith and moral development.

St. Patrick's Elementary School is committed to supporting you in communicating to your child the truth about sexuality as taught by the Catholic Church.

Your school will host a parent evening between 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on 05 February, 2020 for parents of students in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7. You will hear about proven communication strategies and about the resources available to help you share with your child God's purpose for his or her life.

I encourage you to attend, as together you play a vital role in your child's physical and spiritual maturation as well as in his or her understanding of human sexuality in the light of God's plan.

With gratitude for your cooperation and invoking God's blessings on you and your family, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller CSB

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