



# St. Patrick's Elementary School October Updates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 STUDENT PHOTOS	5 WORLD TEACHER'S DAY	6	7 Living Rosary (K-7)	8 8:15 a.m. Mass gr 2&3  WALK-A-THON 12:00 noon dismissal
11 NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING	12 Thanksgiving Mass (K-7) 9:30 a.m.	13	14	15 8:15 a.m. Mass k&1 K&1 playground surprise
18	19 Volleyball Playoff Tournament Grade 7 girls	20	21	22 NO SCHOOL Provincial Professional Development Day
25 Book Fair  Hip Hop Dance Workshops	26	27	28	29 8:15 a.m. Mass gr 6&7 SPEV Halloween Fundraiser CSL Interim cards distributed.
1 Photo Retakes	2 All Souls Day Mass (K-7) 9:30 a.m.			



I would like to acknowledge and thank all our families for the extraordinary work you are doing to support our staff and students through the first month of the school year during this once again challenging year. As always, the health and safety of our students, teachers and staff is our top priority.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Lancaster will be taking her maternity leave effective October 22, 2021. Please join me in offering Mrs. Lancaster prayers and well wishers for her delivery. May God bless Mrs. and Mr. Lancaster.

We are beginning to see a pattern forming in our daily attendance. We are seeing students being sent to school when they are sick and or exhibiting symptoms. Let me be absolutely clear, for the health and safety of all our students, staff and community, if your child has ANY symptoms DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL. This is important more now than ever given the variants and that many of our students are unvaccinated due to their age. Please take the time to complete a daily health check. This app is quick and user-friendly, [www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck](http://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck)

**REMINDERS: Uniform** All articles of clothing, as well as shoes and school bags, need to be labelled clearly with your child's name. St. Patrick's cannot accept responsibility for lost items. Please check the identification labels on your children's clothing regularly throughout the school year to verify that they have not faded, fallen off and are legible. Please return any items that do not belong to your child to the school office immediately.

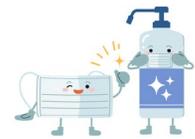
**Book Fair:** St. Patrick's Elementary School will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair the week beginning Monday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> through to Friday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> in the after-school care room. This is a great opportunity to explore new literature for your children. A share of the proceeds will go directly back to the library.

**Halloween:** Students may come to school in costume on Oct 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Halloween. We ask each student to Please bring a toonie to participate. All proceeds from this event will be donated to Chalice. Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family, and community development. For a number of years, St. Patrick's Elementary School has been sponsoring two children. We are looking forward to continuing this important work. Students are asked not to wear full face masks or costumes that promote evil or violence. Wearing Fall or Halloween Colors (e.g. brown, orange, black) is also acceptable. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to see the costume parade, however we will send out a video to families through REMIND.

**COVID-19 Updates:** All students in **kindergarten to grade 7** and staff are now required to wear a non-medical mask at all times while indoors at school subject to the following exceptions:

- if a person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons;
- if a person who is unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- if the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- if the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. playing a wind instrument, engaging in high-intensity physical activity, etc.);
- if a person is eating or drinking;
- if a person is behind a barrier; or
- while providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability

Please discuss these new requirements with you children.



### Walk-a-thon

As of last Friday, our students have raised just over \$7,000.00. This annual school Walk-a-thon fundraiser will take place on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. This will be our 38<sup>th</sup> walk-a-thon. As in the past, this fundraiser generated much-needed funds to help enhance our school in technology, sports, the arts, and reduce the cost per person for field trips and workshops. Please help us reach our goal of \$22,000.00.

**Individual Prizes and incentives:** A SPEV walk-a-thon t-shirt (designed by Ms. May) will be awarded to each student who raises \$100.00.

The student who raises and collects the most money will be awarded a pair of Celtic shoes. As a bonus incentive, this shoe will be permitted to be worn as part of the uniform should the student choose.



Any student who raises a minimum of \$150.00 will be entered in a draw to win one of the following prizes: Principal for a day, Teacher (of your choice) for a day and various Beach themed sport's equipment.

The class that raises and collects the most money collectively will receive a non-uniform day, an afternoon with a beach themed movie and an ice cream.

In order to win or qualify for draws, all pledges sheets must be returned and paid in full by October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021. Cheques may-not be post-dated past October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021. An incentive for parents: Tax receipts for 2021 will be provided for donations of \$25.00 or more. This is also a great opportunity to fulfill the families' fundraising requirements.

*Happy Thanksgiving  
Mrs. Sorochnik*