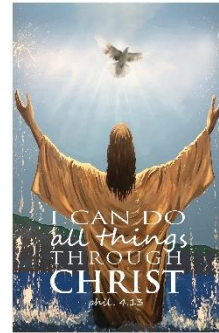


# St. Patrick's Elementary School

## Newsletter



September 2019  
2850 Quebec St. Vancouver



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Wednesday is a 2:30 p.m. dismissal due to staff meeting

☺ Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

AGM and Meet the Teachers Night (This is a Mandatory Meeting - one parent/guardian must attend). Parents are to meet in the gym at 6:30 p.m. Following the AGM, we will have classroom meetings. These will take place in your child's classroom where you will meet your child's teacher and familiarize yourself with the curriculum, routines and expectations.

☺ Every Friday school begins at 8:15 a.m. with a school mass.

☺ September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 6 and 7 camp

☺ Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>  
School Portraits

### STAY INFORMED

Please refer to our school website  
[www.spev.ca](http://www.spev.ca)  
for newsletters, calendars and  
classroom bulletins.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

The staff have been working diligently on putting the final touches on the school in anticipation for the beginning of the school year! As educators an excitement builds at the prospect of supporting your children's learning and in their quest for a meaningful relationship with God. Thank you for choosing Catholic education and entrusting your child's education with St. Patrick's Elementary School.

We would like to welcome all of our new families to our community and ask that our existing families extend the same warm welcome throughout the year. Our staff have spent the last few weeks preparing the school with personal reflections, lessons, bulletin boards and setting up the classroom furniture. We all are ready to meet and connect with the students and begin another great year of learning.

The theme for all the schools in the Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) this year is "I Can Do All Things Through Christ".

The staff was grateful to begin the school year together with a retreat held at the Queen of Peace Monastery in Garibaldi Highlands. Lead by Father Hughes with support from Deacon Felix, we shared our faith encounters forming closer friendships with new and current staff. The day was amazing! We celebrated the Eucharist with a majestic snow-capped mountain backdrop, had a picnic lunch and reflected on our love for God our Father.

Throughout the year we will continue to reflect on our CISVA school theme, showing how we can do all things through Christ. Remember to please stop by and view the monthly board display. The September board shows the staff sharing Christ's Power with Others.

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### SUPERVISION

Supervision before school is provided on the school premises by school personnel typically at 8:30 a.m. While we do have parent volunteers supervising from 8:00 a.m. on the school property, it is ideal that you drop off your children closer to 8:30 a.m.

Students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. (2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays). After 3:20 p.m. (2:50 p.m. Wednesdays) they must report to the office to call home. Continuing the practice instituted last school year, any students who are picked up late are required to have their guardian sign the "Late Pick-Up Book" at the front office and will be charged a fee of \$1.00 per minute. If you are unable to pick up at regular dismissal time, please consider the After-School Club as an option for your child's supervision and safety.

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE

If a child cannot come to school for any reason, parents should inform the school in advance, or by phone before 9:00 a.m. on the same day. This is to ensure safe arrival of students and that the absence is approved by the parent. A letter stating the reason for absence from the parent or guardian is required when the child returns to school. Sick leave of three days or more requires a doctor's certificate.

### STUDENT SAFETY

Doors at the side of the school are locked for security purposes. All non students or staff entering the building **must** enter from the front of the school and are to report to the office, sign in and receive a name tag before proceeding to any room in the building. We will not be opening the side doors to parents or other community members.

### SCHOOL HOURS

School Begins (Mon, Tue, Wed & Thurs.) 8:40 a.m.  
 School Begins (Fri) 8:15 a.m. with Mass. Students are to go straight to their classrooms before 8:15 a.m. and drop off their bags. They will then walk over to the Church and join their class to celebrate the Eucharist. Please be on time.

Morning Recess for Kindergarten - Grade 7

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Lunch Recess (Play First) for Kindergarten – Grade 7

11:50 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Lunch for Kindergarten – Grade 7

12:20 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. (15 min for intermediate students)

Dismissal (Mon, Tue, Thurs. & Fri) 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday Dismissal 2:30 p.m.

Early Dismissal on special days 1:00 p.m. (refer to the school calendar for dates)

*Our coming and going is guided by our  
Celtic Heart*



CARING ♥ COURTEOUS ♥

CONSIDERATE ♥ COOPERATIVE ♥

COMMON SENSE

### CLUBS

Students will soon receive a notice to sign up for clubs and sports clubs for the year. Please read the student responsibility and commitment statements carefully prior to signing and submitting them to the office.

### PEANUT/NUT AWARE ENVIRONMENT

Ensuring the safety of the students affected by anaphylactic reactions depends on the cooperation and support of the entire school community. To minimize the risk of exposure and to ensure rapid response to emergencies; parents, students, and school personnel must all understand and fulfil their responsibilities - **OUR SCHOOL IS A PEANUT AND NUT AWARE ENVIRONMENT!** This means that parents, caregivers, students and staff are to avoid consuming and bringing in any items that contain nuts or peanuts to St. Patrick's Elementary School.



Walkathon Letters and Pledge Sheets will be coming home shortly. Just a reminder that each family is required to do a minimum of \$100 in fundraising as part of their family commitment.



St. Patrick's Elementary is a Peanut and Nut AWARE school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank you and may God bless you!

Diane Sorochuk, Principal

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day Holiday	3 School Opens, 11:00 a.m. dismissal, PEC Meeting 5:00 p.m. 	4 2:30 p.m. dismissal	5 School Welcome Mass 9:15 am., AGM and Meet the Teacher Night Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6 8:15 a.m. Mass 	7
8	9	10	11 2:30 p.m. dismissal	12	13 8:15 a.m. Mass 	14
15	16	17	18 Grade 6 & 7 Camp, 2:30 p.m. dismissal	19 Grade 6 & 7 Camp	20 Grade 6 & 7 Camp, 8:15 a.m. Mass 	21 Education Committee Leadership Conference
22	23	24 PEC Meeting 5:00 p.m.	25 Kindergarten Hearing Tests and Immunization, 2:30 p.m. dismissal	26	27 8:15 a.m. Mass 	28
29	30 School Portraits 	1 Living Rosary 11:00 a.m.	2 CISVA Cross Country Meet - Swangard Stadium, 2:30 p.m. dismissal	3	4 8:15 a.m. Mass	5 
6	7	Notes <b>I can share Christ's power with others.</b>		"Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Mk 16:15	Discuss how you can share your gifts and talents to make a positive difference in the world.	