



# St. Patrick's Elementary School

## September 2018

### Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year...we're looking forward to a great year of learning and growing.

This year the theme for our Catholic schools in Vancouver is **'What Do You want of Me, Lord?'**.

The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's resurrection, proclaims Jesus and announces the Good News of salvation for all nations; and the Church invites us to rejoice. "The salvation which God offers us is the work of his mercy. No human efforts, however good they may be, can enable us to merit so great a gift. God, by his sheer grace, draws us to himself and makes us one with him. He sends his Spirit into our hearts to make us his children, transforming us and enabling us to respond to his love by our lives. The Church is sent by Jesus Christ as the sacrament of the salvation offered by God..." (EG 112) Each of us is a member of Christ's Church sent by Him to proclaim Jesus with loving hearts.

The Church invites and encourages us to a life of prayer and sacrament as well as service...the unity of an inner life of prayer together with external acts of charity is necessary to love God and to love our neighbour.

To be sure, the world we live in offers many challenges; and we are easily distracted. Some may convince themselves that they don't have time; they're too busy! Can anyone be too busy to love and serve the Lord?

Thank you for choosing Catholic education for your children. Hopefully you realize the tremendous opportunity it provides for you too! Together as a community of faith, each and every one of us grows closer to our heavenly Father and our eternal destiny.

Imagine the ways that you are able to proclaim Jesus and the good news of salvation...and as we contemplate the possibilities, know that we are called to be his hands, his feet and even his voice in this world and in this moment.

May God bless you always for everything you do in His name!

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2018**

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| Tuesday, September 4   | 8:40 am to <b>11:00 am</b>              |
| Wednesday, September 5 | 8:40 am to <b>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</b> |
| Thursday, September 6  | 8:40 am to 3:00 pm                      |
| Friday, September 7    | <b>NO SCHOOL</b>                        |

### **PARENT REMINDER REGARDING STUDENT ABSENCES:**

Parents are asked to please phone the school (604-879-4411) or text the Remind 101 by 8:45 am to let us know that your child will not be at school that day or for a portion of the day (for any reason).

The purpose of the call back program is designed for your child's safety. If we do not receive a phone call and your child is not at school we will be calling home first, then emergency contacts, to ensure that the child is safe. It is your responsibility to ensure that your contact phone numbers are up-to-date. **Please remember that we also require a signed note from home when your child returns to school explaining his/her absence.**

### **SUPERVISION:**

Supervision of students is provided by school personnel and parent participation volunteers each morning beginning at 8:00 a.m., recess 10:30 – 10:45, at lunch 12:00 – 12:50 and after school 3:00 until 3:30 p.m. (Wednesdays 2:30-3:00 pm). In our efforts to provide a safe school, students are asked to arrive at school as close to 8:30 a.m. as possible. After school students are asked to proceed home quickly or wait in the basketball court area under supervision until their parents arrive to pick them up. After 3:30 (3:00 Wednesdays) they must report to the office to call home. All students who are picked up late are asked to have their guardian sign the "Late Pick-Up Book" at the front office.

\*On a daily basis you send your children to school with the expectation that they remain on the school grounds from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm under supervision. Students leaving the school grounds without permission during these hours will be suspended until their parents are able to meet with the principal to resolve the matter.

### **STUDENT SAFETY (PROTECTION AGAINST INTRUDERS):**

We welcome visitors, but require them to report to the office upon arrival at the school. In an effort to make the school a safer place for your children, visitors (parents included) and volunteers (parent participation) are asked to pick up a badge at the front desk.

If you are picking your child up for any reason, please report to the office and Mrs. Evans will call your child for you. All visitors are asked to enter by the front doors on Quebec Street.

### **FUNDRAISING:**

Walkathon Letters and Pledge Sheets will come home this week. Each family is required to do a minimum of \$100 in fundraising as part of their family commitment.

Entertainment Books will be sent home next week. Please be sure to return the book or payment on the scheduled turn-in dates. Each book sold will count as \$6 toward your fundraising total.

### **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Students will be reminded of our code of conduct in greater detail over the course of the first week. Remembering to use the 5 C's is an expectation of all St. Patrick's students. Our coming and going is guided by our 'Celtic Heart'

\*CARING \*COURTEOUS \*CONSIDERATE \*COOPERATIVE \*COMMON SENSE

### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM:**

Our After School Care Program will open in September. Following our PEC Meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be able to advise parents of the monthly fees for the program and invite you to register. Registration is limited. Our opening date will be confirmed as soon as the Vancouver Coastal Health Child Care Licensing Officer is able to meet with our program supervisor and approve our license.

### **STAY INFORMED.....**

- 1) It is very important that all Parents sign up for the Remind Text Message system. This is our main source of communication with parents. Please sign up today if you haven't already. If you need help stop by the office.

Text the message: **@stpat2850** to **778-653-6277**. Press send and you should receive a message. Respond by entering either your name or your child's and you will be set up.

- 2) Check the School Website @ [WWW.SPEV.CA](http://WWW.SPEV.CA)
- 3) Like us on Facebook. Follow us on twitter @StPatsElemVan

### **WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS!**

This is the last monthly newsletter you will receive via your children. All future newsletters will be posted on the website and you will be notified through a Remind Text when a new one is posted. The school calendar is available on our website at all times at [www.spev.ca](http://www.spev.ca).

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>: **Meet the Teachers/AGM**. This is an evening to meet with your child's teacher and familiarize yourself with the curriculum. Please make an appointment at a different time if you wish to discuss a specific aspect of your child's learning.

Meet in the gym at 6:30 pm, followed by classroom meetings at 7:15.  
At least one parent from each family is expected to be present.

September 18 - 20: The Grade 6 & 7 students are at Outdoor School at Zajac Ranch.