

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We are thrilled to welcome each and every one of you back to St. Patrick's for another exciting school year! As we prepare to embark on this new journey together, I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering support to our wonderful Catholic school community.

Our school is not just a place of learning; it's a place where we come together as a family to nurture academic growth, spiritual development, and personal excellence. Our exceptional staff are dedicated to guiding and inspiring each student to reach their fullest potential, academically and spiritually. This year, our Division theme is ***Inspired by Christ on Journey to Encounter, Nurture and Serve***. This means that we want to reconnect our students and families with their faith and our parish. We invite you to celebrate mass with us at either Sacred Heart or St. Mary's Parish.

Let's work together to make this school year one of growth, achievement, and memorable moments. We look forward to witnessing the accomplishments of each student and the collective achievements of our St. Patrick's Community School family.

May this school year be filled with joy, learning, and blessings for all. Welcome back!

### **Here is some information about our first opening days.**

#### **School Opening**

- The school office will be open to the public on August 8th starting at 8 am. Please come in if you need to bring in documentation, or need assistance.

#### **Meet the Teacher**

- We will be having Meet the Teacher on August 16th from 4 pm - 6pm along with Popsicles in the Park.

#### **Staggered Entry**

- Based on parent feedback, we will have a staggered start this year. This allows teachers to build community with their students in a smaller group and it allows students to familiarize themselves with a smaller group of peers.

### First Days of School for K-9

Monday, August 14th: Last Names A-K

Tuesday, August 15th: Last Name L-Z

Wednesday, August 16th: All students attend

**Start time:** 8:25 am

**End time:** 3:09 pm

### School Council

- We are excited to renew School Council's presence at St. Patrick's. School council is also known as the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).
- School Council depends on volunteers to help run events, like Family Fun Night, dances, and field trips. Let Mandy Reed, Principal, know if you would like to volunteer.

### School Supplies

St. Patrick's Community School is excited to offer you the opportunity to purchase your school supplies through School Start for the 2023-24 school year. This is optional, you can also choose to purchase them at any store. Please see our website for details.

### Attendance Email

There are now 2 ways to let the school know if your child will be absent from school. You can call 403-343-3238 and leave a message on the attendance line or email in your absence at [spcsattendance@rdcrs.ca](mailto:spcsattendance@rdcrs.ca)

### New Administrative Staff



Mrs. Sara Toms is our new administrative assistant who will help you access your children's records on PowerSchool, School Engage, Schoology, or other needs you may have. She is looking forward to getting to know

our students and families at St. Patrick's Community School.



Mrs. Angela Ward is excited to join us as our Vice Principal. Mrs. Ward has spent the last 6 years as a Vice Principal at St. Gregory. She has also taught at St. Teresa, Maryview and St. Elizabeth Seton Schools. She can't wait to meet the

students and see what makes St. Patrick's such an amazing place!

Here is to a great 2023-24 School Year.

Sincerely,

Mandy Reed and Angela Ward