



St. Patrick Elementary School

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MISSION STATEMENT

- St. Patrick Elementary School is committed to excellence. In order for all students to become lifelong learners, our goal is to ensure that they are supported and engaged in their learning.
- The staff is committed to the global learning of each child in reaching their full potential. This includes not only improving their academic abilities, but also ensuring their sense of wellness and belonging in the school community.

SCHOOL HOURS

7:50am – 8:00am	Students enter school
8:00am – 11:20am	Morning classes
9:00am-9:20am / 9:30-9:50 / 10:00-10:20	Morning Recess
11:20am – 12:10pm	Lunch
12:10pm-12:30pm / 12:40-1:00	Grade 1-6 Afternoon Recess
12:10pm – 2:30pm	Afternoon classes
2:00pm-2:20pm	Kindergarten Afternoon Recess
2:30pm – 2:40pm	Departure - Busses leave school

KINDERGARTEN

- Bilingual Program - French and English in kindergarten and all three cycles
- Program facilitates and enhances child's natural development
- Classroom environment encourages interaction and cooperative learning
- Child-centered environment with an activity centers approach
- Smartboards in all of our kindergarten classes
- Physical education, outdoor education, music and literacy taught by specialists
- Field trips planned to complement the classroom curriculum
- Programs designed to connect kindergarten students with students in senior grades
- Social skills programs incorporated throughout the year into the curriculum
- Theme based units of study throughout the year
- Bus buddies in grade 6 support the kindergarteners when riding the school bus

SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS

Music Program

- Our kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 students prepare for and perform in a vocal and choreographed holiday presentation in the month of December.

Violin Program

- Starting in grade 3, students learn the violin and perform in a concert on their instruments at the end of the school year.

Choir

- The choir is an extra-curricular activity for students in senior grades. They sing at our Remembrance Day ceremony and at other school functions throughout the year.

SPECIALIST ACTIVITIES

- *Literacy (additional support given to complement early reading skill acquisition)*
- *Music (choir ensemble and instruments)*
- *Movement & Skills – K & Cycle 1 (indoor physical education activities)*
- *Outdoor Education (snowshoeing, skiing, handball and numerous outdoor activities)*
- *Physical Education (includes team sports, individual skill acquisition and health and wellness as a component of the curriculum)*

RESOURCE SUPPORT

- Early Intervention Literacy Program, focused on French & English language acquisition
- Individual and/or small group support for special needs or at-risk students
- Homework Success Program focusing on study skills and remediation, after the regular school day, for Cycles I, II and III (grades 1 through 6)
- Social skills programs for students as the need arises
- FSSTT Behaviour Technician supporting students in all grade levels
- Psychologist for assessment/counseling & Speech Language Pathology services
- Multi-disciplinary team approach with CLSC Nurse and Social Worker

STRONG COMMUNITY/PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Home & School
- Governing Board
- Parent Volunteers: library, field trips, reading groups, school-wide activities, etc.

BUSSING

- Available to those students living within designated zones
- For K students (0.8 km or further), Grades 1 - 6 students (1.6 km or further from school)
- St. Patrick Elementary has senior students supporting younger students on the bus
- Kindergarten and grade 1 students must be met by a parent at the bus stop afterschool

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES (Activities may vary from year to year)

- Robotics
- Lunchtime physical education activities
- Choir
- School play
- Kids Igniting Change for Kids (K.I.C.K)
- Math Olympics for grade 6 students
- School-based fundraising activities throughout the year
- Eco-friendly activities – school-wide composting and recycling clubs