

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

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September marks the exciting new beginning of the school year. To kick things off we begin the school year with our annual first day assembly. Next - *we have suicide awareness day on September 9. The next event to take place would be the activity fair for our junior students. Finally we have the grade 9 representative elections, for student council, on September 20. It seems to be the beginning of a busy and fulfilling year here at St. Patrick's.

First Day of School:

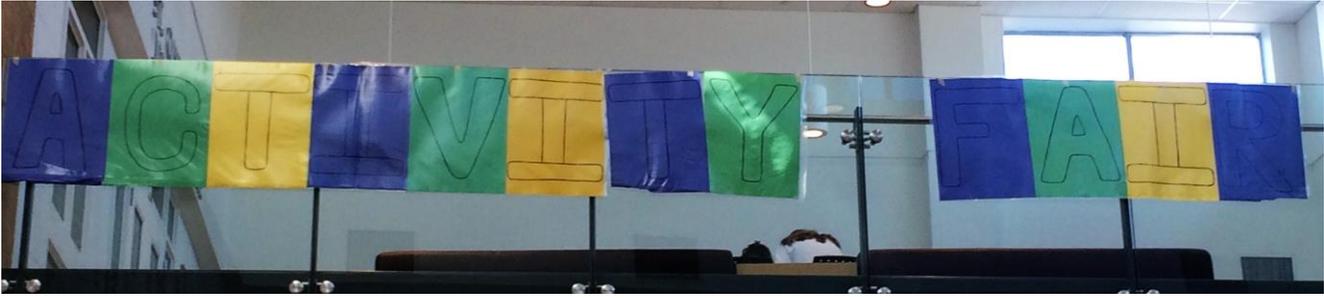
September 6 was the first day of school for St. Patrick's Students. This brings new beginnings for everyone here at St. Patrick's. The first day starts with the first assembly of the year to welcome everyone back. Grades 11-12x and grade 10 are called down separately to attend the gathering. Each year a story is read to the grades, to help start the year off with an inspiring message. This year's story was "For Those Who Want to Fly ". It was about a bird that goes through many stages of life. It conveys many important messages such as learning that falling down in life can be freeing and that you have to move at your own unique pace. This was followed by a speech from our prime minister and deputy prime minister. The assembly ended with a performance from the band "Woods". All in all, it was a very exciting and motivating way to start the school year.



Students pictured above wearing yellow for suicide awareness day.

Suicide Awareness Day:

Suicide awareness day happened on September 9th. It was a day to show our support for those silently struggling every day. The whole community of St. Patrick's gathered together on this day to support those who struggle with or have lost loved ones due to suicide. Almost everyone was wearing yellow and it truly felt like a very supporting and loving family. Next year we hope to have more information on the subject to better help those in need.



Activity Fair

On September 12 we had our annual activity fair. This is a great opportunity for junior student to get involved in school activities. Each club and sport sets up a booth at junior lunch and tries to get the junior students to come out for their extracurricular activity. There were over 20 booths set up along the halls and in the cafeteria. This is especially helpful to the grade 9 students who are just entering high school. It really shows of the diversity we have in relation to clubs and sports at St. Patrick's.

Chaplaincy Corner

Each year, at St. Patrick's, we have a religious theme. Last year's theme was "Priest, Prophet, King". This year's theme is the first commandment, "thou shalt have no false gods before me." As a school, we try to work this theme into our everyday lives and of course our everyday morning reflections. Next year's theme is going to be the second commandment and so on.

Dates to Watch:

System Wide Mass – September 23
Thanksgiving – October 10
Progress Reports – October 13
Academic Award Night – October 13
Halloween – October 31
Homecoming – November 4