



March Greetings!

With Spring just around the corner, we anxiously await warmer weather, longer days of sunshine and the beauty of flowers and green grass!

This month we begin the Season of Lent - a time for Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 will receive ashes at a 1:00 p.m. prayer service in the Church on Ash Wednesday (March 6th). We are arranging for a priest to come into our Nursery and Pre-K students for the distribution of ashes.

As part of our Lenten journey, students will be attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass each Friday during Lent.

St. Patrick School will take part in our Parish Lenten Project to further support the victims still suffering from the horrific flooding in Kerala, India. Details will be posted on our school website and Facebook.

Please take advantage of the many “free” resources to enhance your Lenten journey. The Dynamic Catholic <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>; FORMED <https://formed.org/custom-register?url=stpatricksmihtown> (QHW7P); and MT23 Project on Facebook.

Our School Gala will be held on Friday, March 15th at Flowerfield in St. James. This is a major fundraising event for our school. This year we will honor former Principal Mrs. Linda Pymm for her visionary leadership and 24 dedicated years of service and love to the children of St. Patrick School. Please consider joining us for this event. Further information can be found on the school website.

School will be closed on Monday, March 18th for a Diocesan Professional Day.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 28th from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. School will dismiss that day at 11:20 a.m.

This month we also honor our patron – St. Patrick. St. Patrick often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church.

St. Patrick, Patron Saint of our Parish and School, pray for us!

Sincerely,

Barbara Pellerito
Principal