

St. Patrick Regional Secondary School

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School Handbook 2021-2022

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PHILOSOPHICAL POSITIONS

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Patrick Regional Secondary School is a Roman Catholic High School, established by the Catholic Independent School Society of Vancouver Archdiocese, to serve the educational needs of its regional designated parishes. The school follows and is inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ transmitted through Holy Scripture as well as the traditions and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

PHILOSOPHY “*Jesus Christ is the Reason for Our School.*”

We are the children of God made in God’s image. We are pilgrims learning and teaching in St. Patrick Regional Secondary School. Together we will work to serve God and our fellow human beings. *In cooperation with parents and students, we will foster a climate of understanding, caring and learning that promotes an environment of safety, acceptance and respect for all students.* This philosophy will be applied so that the students may grow in their totality and will be prepared to accept and live their Christian commitment to God and the world.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

School Masses - The importance of Holy Mass is recognized at St. Patrick both as a way of increasing the faith of the individual and helping in the building of Christian community. Throughout the school year, Masses are offered regularly for the whole school. Students are given an opportunity to share in the preparation of these Masses and are expected to attend. Weekly liturgies and a wide variety of prayer opportunities are provided for students and staff. The entire school community is encouraged to attend and participate in weekly liturgy and daily prayer.

Religious Education Classes - Participation in Religious Education classes is an integral and vital part of the education and formation of each student in this school. **All students enrolled at St. Patrick Regional are expected to meet Religious Education expectations at each grade level and to participate in all school religious activities including an annual retreat.**

STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

The school expects that the Saint Patrick community will cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect – Respect for God, Respect for self and Respect for others. Saint Patrick is committed to maintaining a **safe** learning and working environment.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Learning at St. Patrick

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

It is expected that all students come to school ready and willing to learn. Students are expected to respect the learning environment and take full advantage of the learning opportunities in all of their classes. Students who disrespect the learning will be sent to an administrator.

HOMEWORK

Homework provides the practice necessary for learning. To support this learning, it is expected that students at St. Patrick will engage in effective meaningful learning practice at home. Students may sometimes need to utilize time at home to polish and complete assignments. These assignments must be authentic (the student's own work). Students may also be required to research, review and study at home. If parents notice that their children are overwhelmed with homework, it is recommended that they contact their children's grade academic advisor or a vice principal.

TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF LEARNING

At St. Patrick Regional Secondary, the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning. All students and teachers are expected to regularly use information technology in their courses. It is therefore an expectation that students bring with them to their classes personal electronic devices that are capable of producing substantial academic work. A phone screen will not be sufficient for typing longer assignments, and therefore students are required to have a personal electronic device in the form of a laptop, tablet with physical keyboard, Chromebook, etc.

As paper, pencils, calculators, and pens have traditionally been viewed as essential tools of learning, the personal electronic device is now similarly essential to participation in contemporary learning activities. While the cost of such devices can range from \$300-\$1500+, a \$300 device will be sufficient (i.e., a Google Chromebook) for your child's needs.

The school has made considerable investments into its network, providing unlimited wireless connectivity to all students and staff. The school also has network safeguards in place to prevent the access of inappropriate material. Moreover, the school has purchased a bank of Chromebooks to support students who may be temporarily without their personal electronic device (e.g., their laptop is being repaired; they are awaiting shipment of a replacement device, etc.). These emergency library Chromebooks can be borrowed on a day-to-day basis.

The use of cell phones in classrooms will be solely for the purpose of supplementing and complementing learning activities and at the discretion of the teacher for Grade 9 to 12. Grade 8 students are not permitted to have cell phones in the classroom.

For a broader clarification on acceptable technology use in schools, please refer to the CISVA Policy 430 ("Student Acceptable Use of PED and School Based Technology Agreement").

The school assumes no responsibility for the loss, recovery, repair or replacement for any PED brought onto school property. Students who lose or damage a Chromebook are responsible for the device's full replacement cost or repair.

ASSESSMENT

The best practice of teachers is supported by internal and external professional development opportunities. Teachers use a variety of assessment tools in order to evaluate learning. Quizzes, tests and examinations are used as data for teachers to help improve, enrich and report on student learning.

SERVICES TO SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING

The administration and staff at St. Patrick adhere to a Pyramid of Intervention to support students in their learning. This includes a Student Service Program, which is comprised of Administrators, Learning Support Coordinators, Academic Advisors, Personal Counsellors, and the privilege of attending practice/ homework support after school. Individual teachers will complete a **Student Improvement Plan** (SIP) with the learner before contacting the parent. Subject teachers will provide the SIP to parents. Parents are asked to contact the appropriate Academic Advisor if they have further concerns.

Grade 8 and 9 Academic Advisor:	Mr. Wicks
Grade 10 and 11 Academic Advisor :	Ms. Anderson
Grade 12 Post-Secondary Advisors:	Ms. Ignacio & Mr. Siu

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

The school will hold Graduation Assessments in November, January and April. Grade 10 students will write a Provincial Literacy Assessment in January and will write a Provincial Numeracy Assessment in April. Grade 12 students will write a Provincial Literacy Assessment in January. All learners will complete final assessments. If assessments are not completed, they must see Ms. Ignacio

Exceptional circumstances leading to absence from a final assessment must be approved by the school.

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT POLICY

St. Patrick Regional Secondary School registers and enrolls full-time students and requires them to maintain their full-time status while at the school.

This requirement is based upon our commitment to the education of the whole child. Education encompasses more than a student's academic timetable and includes a breadth of curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular opportunities consistent with the mission, vision, and philosophy of the school.

The St. Patrick Regional Secondary School Course Selection book published annually, states the specific requirements at each grade level for students to **maintain their status as full-time students**. Student timetables, that meet the school requirement for full time status and provide students with the best opportunity of successfully meeting the criteria for graduation, receive administrative approval.

EXTERNAL COURSES

Students who enroll in courses outside of Saint Patrick require approval from the schools administration. It is the students responsibility to inform the school of courses taken outside St. Patrick and to provide their final mark to the office before April of the current school year.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

Teachers will communicate learning formally four times a year: end of October, January, April and June.

GRADES 8 and 9:

Integrated Studies:

Anecdotal comments in November, February and April.

Letter grade and anecdotal comments in June.

All other courses:

Anecdotal comments in November and April.

Letter grade and anecdotal comments in January and June.

GRADES 10, 11 and 12:

Percentages and anecdotal comments in November, February, April and June.

Students who are **not meeting** course expectations will receive an "I" (In Progress) until course expectations are met. If a student fails to meet course expectations **by June** the student will receive an F.

APPLICATION - RE-APPLICATION

Any new student accepted for grade 9-12 will be considered to be on one-year probation. It is expected that, during this time, such students will demonstrate a willingness to integrate into the community.

Completed application forms for enrolment of new and returning students must be received within the set deadline that is published in application/re-application form each year. Admissions are determined by a policy set by the C.I.S.V.A. that is included in the application package each year. Application of this admission policy is administered by a committee composed of the Archbishop's Representative and the regional pastors in consultation with school administration. Prompt payment of all financial obligations to the school is expected before new applications are accepted. Students may be refused admission based on previous academic achievement, non-payment, or late payment of fees.

St. Patrick Regional Secondary School Referral Program

The St. Patrick Regional Secondary Student Referral Incentive Program awards a referring St. Patrick family with a \$200 tuition credit for each new student who is referred to, enrolls in and attends St. Patrick for the academic school year. The intention of this program is to increase enrollment at St. Patrick, particularly at the grade 9-12 levels. **Please Note: This program will not apply to students enrolling during our yearly grade 8 intake from our feeder parishes.**

The rules of the referral program are outlined below:

- Tuition credit awards will be given for referring new families to the school. To qualify for the incentive, referred students cannot have a sibling currently or had been previously enrolled at St. Patrick Regional Secondary.
- There is no limit to the number of students a family refers to St. Patrick Regional Secondary.
- All new students must meet standard enrollment criteria and be enrolled for the entire school year before credit is granted. Referring Families must also remain enrolled for the entire academic year.
- Tuition credits will be applied to the last payment of the school year in June. Families who paid their tuition in full will receive the credit also in June.
- To qualify, the Referring Family must fill out the form and have the Prospective Family present it upon initial/first contact with the school. The form must be completed and must be signed when they first make contact with the school. Referred families should be instructed to bring the completed form to the school office.
- Newly referred families who enrol after February 15 and also re-register for the following academic school year will receive a prorated credit in June.
- Failure to turn in a completed Referral Incentive Program form will make the referring family ineligible for the reward.
- The referral program is for parents or guardians who are paying tuition for enrolled students attending St. Patrick Regional Secondary.
- Interpretation of program parameters will be at the sole discretion of the Principal and the REC executive.

PROMOTION

Students are promoted when they meet the expectations of all core courses. Any student failing one or two required subjects will be required to repeat those subjects in summer school. Credit is given to all summer school and on-line courses. Students need to be aware that they can only make up two courses in summer school. Students who do not pass core subjects (Religious Education, Physical Health Education, English, Social Studies, Career Education 8, 9 or 10, Math or Science) in June or in summer school may not be able to be programmed into these subjects for the following year. This may force the student to transfer to another school.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT POLICY

(Effective as of September 1, 2016)

It is the intention of the school to work with families who may be incurring financial challenges and require assistance in maintaining the agreed upon payment of tuitions and other fees.

Each family will review, agree sign and return one (1) CISVA Family Statement of Commitment form that will be included in each registration package & retain the other copy. This form is the basis of commitment that CISVA prescribes of each family enrolled in CISVA schools.

In the event of non-payment or notification of any Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) cheques to the school for the payment of tuitions or any other fees levied by the school the following actions will be taken:

OCCURENCE	ACTION TAKEN BY SCHOOL
First notification of NSF non-payment for tuition or any other fees levied by the school.	The school will immediately forward an invoice advising of NSF non-payment accompanied by a letter* requesting payment plus service charges within 30 days of receipt.
Non-compliance of payment request within 30 days.	A second letter accompanied by an invoice (Fees plus service charges plus interest) demanding payment within 15 days. In the event that the family believes that non-payment will continue due to hardship, the family must request a meeting with parish Pastor to discuss parish support of payment to the school. The school reserves the right to contact the Pastor to confirm that this meeting has taken place and there is financial support forthcoming. An agreement then is created with the parish and family to confirm future payment schedules.
Non-compliance or no response to 2 nd request for payment.	A meeting will be arranged with the family, Archbishop's Representative, senior school administration, and the REC designate to discuss payment plan. The school reserves the right to include the family's parish Pastor in this meeting if required. The family may be placed on a cash only basis for all future payments and no other payment for extra-curricular fees will be accepted until payments in arrears are fully paid.
No resolution to debt repayment by the time of the annual registration or re-registration for upcoming school year.	The family will not be allowed to re-register in the school until full payment for fees in arrears are paid. In the case of a family with a student in grade 12, they will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Twenty-first century learning dictates that significant learning, especially collaborative learning, occurs in the classroom; therefore, it is essential that students maintain excellent attendance. We expect those students who cannot attend school to communicate their absence to the office and their teachers. Also, they must be prepared to make up any missed learning. A school based team meeting (which will include parents) will be called for those students who are demonstrating a chronic lack of attendance. **Any student who has been absent for a school day may not participate in or attend any intra-school or extra-curricular activities that same day.**

Notes from Parents – Notification by email and/or voicemail (absences@stplats.bc.ca) from parents is required for any absence, extraordinary lateness, and early dismissal and when a student is not in school uniform. Written absent notes should be handed in to the office upon returning to school. **Ministry funding for students is dependent on these notes.**

Unexcused Absences – Any student who **skips** a class will be dealt with by the school's administration. Skipping class is a gross violation of our school's policy and expectations and may lead to suspension. Habitual skipping may lead to expulsion.

Arriving late/Leaving early - Students who need to arrive late and/or leave school early (including those in our High Performance Program) are required to have written permission from a parent, a teacher or a coach. **Any permission to arrive late or leave early must be communicated to the office.**

Vacations - Family vacations during the school year are strongly discouraged. In the event that a vacation is planned, it is important that the parent(s) realize that missing school impacts students' learning and creates unnecessary stress. **It is also important that such vacations be communicated to and approved by the principal.** A letter will be sent out to each student if they will be away from school for more than 4 days.

Tardiness - Students are expected to respect the importance of being on time for school. They are expected to be in school at 8:25 am everyday. The school values punctuality as an important life skill. Repeated unexcused tardiness will result in a meeting with the administration. Students who arrive at school late and do not report to the office will have an automatic meeting with the administration. (This behavior demonstrates a lack of respect for the time of our office administrators.)

Emergency Closures and Snow Closure Days - In the event of heavy snowfall, students must assume that there will be school. In case of a large snowfall or other emergency closure of the school, an announcement will be broadcast on our school website, social media, and emails home and on CKWX radio (AM 1130). The staff and students may take part in Remote Learning from home. Please see our Remote Learning Guidelines on our website, www.stplats.bc.ca.

Special School Days – It is expected that all students attend school on Special Activity days. Examples of these days include Walkathon, Retreats, or class field trips. Absences on these days will require a note.

UNIFORM POLICY

At Saint Patrick, we expect student to dress for success. Students must learn the importance of dressing appropriately and respectfully.

PERSONAL GROOMING

Students are expected to wear the full school uniform respectfully. The school uniform policy applies to students both on the way to school and on the way home.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Requirements

- Shoes – All black shoes with closed toe. No running shoes please!
- Sweater (Mandatory for all Assemblies and Masses) – St. Patrick's school sweaters (sold through the school's uniform supplier).
- Shirts – St. Patrick's school polo shirt with emblem (sold through the school's uniform supplier). Tucked in please.
- Grey dress pants - (sold through the school's uniform supplier) worn with socks in grey or black (solid colours).
- School Kilt - (sold through the school's uniform supplier) – expected to be worn with pride and modesty, worn with leotards (tights) or knee socks – black or grey colour.
- Gym Uniform – St. Patrick's school shorts and T-shirt and appropriate Celtic athletic wear (sold through the school's online store) with appropriate footwear.

Summer Uniform option

The school administration will inform the school community when the summer uniform will be in effect (usually during September, October, May and June).

Summer Uniform Requirements

- Shoes – Black or white running shoe only.
- Sweater (Mandatory for all Assemblies and Masses) – St. Patrick's school sweaters (sold through the school's uniform supplier).
- Shirts – St. Patrick's school polo shirt with emblem (sold through the school's uniform supplier). Tucked in please.
- Skort - Black school skort (sold through the school's uniform supplier). To be worn with pride and modesty.
- Shorts - Grey shorts (sold through the school's uniform supplier)
- Socks – Black or white athletic socks.

Special Optional Uniforms and Other Items

- Celtic Athletic Wear
- The Principal and Regional Education Committee may approve the conditional and short-term use of special optional uniforms by identified school groups such as Peer Counselors, Teams, etc.

CELTIC SPIRIT DAYS AND NON-UNIFORM SCHOOL EVENTS

On Celtic Spirit Days, Celtic gear pants or non-uniform pants may be worn with any Celtic Gear; this includes team jerseys or t-shirts, PE Strip and any Celtic gear purchased from our online store.

Neat, clean and appropriate clothing reflecting the values of St. Patrick School is expected at all times and during all school events.

NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The importance of getting involved – To ensure a well-rounded education, students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities. Extra-curricular activities serve to develop a sense of belonging and community.

Commitment and Balance

Students must keep a balance between curricular and extracurricular involvement, giving priority to their academic studies. School administrators, advisors and counsellors will support and advise students in an effort to maintain that balance.

Audience/Fan Support - The student body and parents of St. Patrick are strongly encouraged to support teams and other school groups whenever possible. This includes events at home or away. It is expected that all players and fans will support the strong Saint Patrick tradition of fair play, sportsmanship and respect. Parents are expected to sign a Spectator Code of Conduct. **Foul language and abusive behavior towards players, officials, spectators and volunteers will not be tolerated. Persons who display these behaviours will be asked to leave.**

School Trips

School trips are an integral part of our educational program. Saint Patrick will provide students with a variety of school trips including local, national and international. Each trip will follow the policies and guidelines dictated by the CISVA. Parents will be provided with the necessary information regarding prospective trips. The school will seek from the parents and/or guardian informed consent for any trip. For more detailed information, please visit the CISVA website at www.cisva.bc.ca .

Graduation Activities

Graduation activities are carried out under the supervision of the school's grad sponsors and administration, assisted by a graduation committee made up of Grade 12 students. Activities include a Graduation dinner-dance, dry after-grad, Graduation Mass and Commencement Ceremonies.

FUNDRAISING

All fundraising should be approved in principle by the administration and/or the Education Committee before any activity takes place. In most cases, the approval of the Education Committee is also necessary.

MAINTAINING A SAFE SCHOOL

Saint Patrick Regional Secondary School is committed to maintaining a **safe** school by fostering an atmosphere of respect throughout our community. Students must respect that “Jesus is the reason for our school” ...they must strive to respect themselves, each other, their teachers and administrators, their learning and school property. *Once a Celtic always a Celtic...* students are expected to live out the long cherished traditions and values of the Saint Patrick Regional Secondary School.

LACK OF RESPECT

There are times when a student's behaviour will require intervention and education, modification and appropriate discipline:

*St. Patrick Regional Secondary strictly **prohibits** students from possessing, manufacturing, offering for sale, selling, distributing, consuming or using drugs, tobacco, vapour products, alcohol or paraphernalia associated with these items during school hours or at school events, whether on or off school property. Students breaching this policy may be subject to the following disciplinary actions:*

Alcohol and Drugs – Any student who possesses or is under the influence of alcohol or drugs while at school or a school function will be suspended and possibly expelled. Parents will be notified immediately. Any student who traffics (purchases or sells or attempts to purchase or sell drugs) or is convicted of trafficking a drug (including outside of school events) will be expelled. Any student who traffics alcohol (purchases or sells or attempts to purchase or sell alcohol) on school grounds or at a school event will be immediately suspended and expulsion will be seriously considered. Students trafficking in alcohol and/or drugs will also be reported to the police.

Smoking, Vaping and E-cigarettes

In accordance with British Columbia provincial law, smoking (including e-cigarettes) and vaping in the school building or on the school grounds are prohibited. By law, Saint Patrick is a Tobacco Free school. Violators of the smoking policy will receive immediate consequences.

For further information on our Substance Use Policy, please visit www.cisva.bc.ca or www.fisabc.ca.

Harassment and Bullying Prevention - As clearly indicated in Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese [policy](#) and in our student code of conduct, bullying and other forms of intimidation and harassment are unacceptable at St. Patrick Regional Secondary School.

Bullying is defined as a pattern of repeated actions targeted at a person in a deliberate manner, intended to reduce the perceived power that person has over the situation or to harm that person. All acts of bullying have the characteristics of being dehumanizing, intimidating, humiliating, threatening, and evoke fear of physical harm or emotional distress in the person being targeted. Bullying encompasses a wide range of behaviours including physical actions such as punching, kicking, and initiating unwanted sexual touching; verbal actions such as threats, name calling, insults, racial and cultural slurs or inappropriate jokes and/or comments. It can also include sexual harassment (when a person or group hurts another person by taunting or discussing sensitive sexual issues, creating sexual rumours or messages, and making derogatory comments on a person's perceived sexual identity) or social exclusion such as spreading rumours, ignoring, gossiping and excluding.

Consequences for such behaviour may include one or more of the following: formal apology to the victim, mandatory counseling and/or psychological assessment, restitution to the victim, involvement of the police, suspension, expulsion and any other consequence as deemed necessary by the school principal in order to maintain a safe, orderly and caring school environment. Repeated bullying will result in expulsion. Other aspects of bullying, such as violent behaviour, are covered by other school policies.

School expectations with respect to bullying, harassment and other forms of intimidation are applied both inside and outside the school building. For example, inappropriate communications over social media are covered by the schools bullying policy.

St. Patrick is a Bully-Free School



Online Behaviour - St. Patrick students must always be aware of their online presence and are expected to behave respectfully in their online communications, including email and all social media platforms. Any content, including posts, comments, images, and memes, that intends to demean, threaten or hurt another person is not acceptable and will result in disciplinary action. The individual may also be reported to the police.

Sexting - Texting, posting or emailing sexually explicit pictures is dangerous behavior, especially over the Internet. It is unacceptable for anyone to solicit or possess this kind of material. Immediate suspension will occur and possible expulsion from the school will be seriously considered. The individual will also be reported to the police.

Hate Speech and Hate Propaganda - Any kind of communication in speech, writing, images or behaviour, that attacks or uses pejorative or discriminatory language with reference to a person or a group based on their religion,

ethnicity, nationality, race, colour, descent, gender or other identity factor is not acceptable and will result in disciplinary action.

Fighting or other violent behavior is not acceptable and students will be taken to the administration for disciplinary action.

Weapons – Possession of any type of weapon (as defined in the Criminal Code of Canada) in a locker, bag, or vehicle is prohibited. Immediate suspension will occur upon such an infraction and expulsion of the student will be seriously considered. The student will also be reported to the police.

Gang Affiliation - The Principal is authorised to suspend a student who is identified as being involved with a youth gang. Proven gang affiliation will result in expulsion. The student involved will also be reported to the police.

Disrespect of adults - St. Patrick students are expected to exhibit good manners and respect to administration, teachers, staff, visitors and neighbours. Students who abuse or are disrespectful to any adults at Saint Patrick will be suspended and may be expelled.

Academic Dishonesty – It is expected that students will respect their learning and produce their own authentic work. The school will provide appropriate instruction for students around plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Students who repeatedly participate in academic dishonesty may be suspended and/or expelled.

Theft and Damage

The school assumes no responsibility for the loss, recovery, repair or replacement for any personal property brought onto school property. Students who lose or damage a Chromebook are responsible for the device's full replacement cost or repair.

Lost and Found - Valuables such as money, watches, jewellery and/or wallets should be left in the student's school locker. Money, jewellery or other valuables found in any part of the school or on any part of school property must be handed into the office.

Stolen Property – Students in possession of stolen property may be suspended or expelled.

Theft - Any student who steals from other students or the school may be suspended or expelled. The police will be informed.

Damage of property – Students must treat their own property, the property of others and the property and equipment of the school with respect. Any student who steals or damages property must provide funds to replace what has been stolen and/or damaged. Damage to property may result in suspension and/or expulsion

Surveillance Cameras

Surveillance cameras have been installed at St. Patrick for security purposes. Students are expected to continue to keep all valuable property in their lockers and to have their lockers locked at all times.

SAFETY: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

In order to maintain a safe environment, students are forbidden to meet their friends who do not attend Saint Patrick Regional Secondary School before, during and/or after school.

Visitors - Students who are responsible for guests are requested to make school expectations known to their guests. Guests are required to check in at the school office upon entering the building. Guests may be required to wear a name tag identifying them as guests.

Cars - Senior students are permitted to drive to school. Students may not leave school at lunchtime or during the teaching day in a car. Students are not permitted to park in the Staff Parking Lot.

After-School Pick-up - Students may only receive rides after school from parents or adult relatives. This policy will be strictly enforced. Non-compliance will result in suspension.

SCHOOL SANCTIONS

When student behaviour threatens the safety of the community, the following sanctions may be required:

For **minor infractions**, administrators will meet with the student in order to modify his/her behavior and the parent is contacted by phone and/or letter.

For **more serious infractions**, the student is placed on an in-school suspension and parent is contacted by phone and letter.

For **more serious and repeated infractions**, the student is suspended, parent is contacted and student is sent home with a letter from the administration. After a suspension, some students are placed on a contract, which will prescribe a variety of further interventions. A student on contract is considered to be on probation.

Probation

Any student who continues to break school regulations while on probation will be considered by the school to have violated the terms of probation, and, therefore, may not be invited back to the school the subsequent year.

For **major infractions**, the student is suspended indefinitely with the recommendation for expulsion. The principal will communicate his/her recommendation to the REC. After reviewing the recommendation, a decision

will be made. The principal will communicate the decision to the parents. A written notification, including information regarding school and C.I.S.V.A. appeal procedures, will be given to the parents or guardians within 24 hours of the expulsion.

A student who is expelled from St. Patrick may not be on school property; and may not participate in any school activity or function in the school or outside the school without the expressed permission of the school's administration. All expulsions are placed on file in the school. The reasons for some expulsions may be placed on the permanent record of the student who is expelled

Appeal - Expulsion from the school can be appealed by parents to the Regional Education Committee. The Education Committee and not the Principal will deal with the appeal process. The Education Committee reserves the right to select a subcommittee, rather than the entire committee, to review the appeal.

A further appeal can be made to the CISVA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserves the right to resolve the issue through investigation or through the formation of an appeal committee. The appellant must prepare a written submission to the Board detailing the reasons. This submission must be delivered to the Superintendent's Office no later than fourteen days after the Education Committee's decision.

If the decision of the Board of Directors is not acceptable, the appellant may request an Independent School Ombudsperson to review the appeal. The names and contact information of the current Independent School Ombudspersons shall be obtained from the Superintendent of the CISVA.

STUDENT SAFETY & WELL BEING

Critical Incident Procedures

For all Critical Incidents, students must not use their cell phones unless otherwise instructed to.

Fire - When the alarm sounds, all occupants of the school are expected to leave the school quickly and quietly by the route posted in each room and meet in the designated areas.

Earthquake – When the EEWS (Earthquake Early Warning System) alarm sounds, teachers will instruct students to drop, cover and hold, ensure the head is covered first, and remain there until any and all tremors have ceased and wait for instructions from the school authority.

Lockdown Procedures – When a lockdown is called, students must go into the nearest classroom and follow the instructions from the teacher. All doors and windows will be locked. Students and staff will await further instruction from the school administration.

Health Services - St. Patrick is committed to taking all reasonable measures to promote, monitor and ensure the health and safety of its staff and students within its premises and during school related activities off campus. This includes providing prompt and adequate first aid services to staff and students in case of accidents, natural catastrophe, or sudden illness. The school has implemented a health and safety program in accordance with Workers' Compensation Board requirements. A detailed list of community services for students and families is available at the school office. Any accidents occurring in the school should be immediately reported to the main office. If necessary, parents will be notified. If a student becomes ill during the school day that student must contact the main office. Arrangements will be made for the student to either go home or rest in the main office.

Family Law – The school requires that you keep the school office and administration updated regarding any changes to separation agreements, court orders or verbal agreements as they relate to the Permanent Record card of children and parent's right to access information. Please contact the school office for a more detailed information.

Counseling Services – The school employs two staff members with experience and Master's level academic backgrounds in personal counseling. Parents, teachers, counselors and students make referrals. Our counselors also make counseling referrals to agencies outside of the school.

USE OF SCHOOL BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

ACCESS TO FACILITIES

Off-limit times - Students should not be on school property before 7:30 am or after 4:30 PM unless the student is there by special arrangement with a teacher or administrator. Attendance at practices, rehearsals, concerts, plays, dances, or games is understood to be a special arrangement. No student is allowed in the school on weekends or during vacation unless there is a teacher present. Even though the school may be open for use by other groups, students are not allowed access during these times.

Off-limit areas - Boiler and maintenance room, staff room, teachers' desks, storage and book rooms, attic storage and roofs are off limits. Students are permitted into the following areas only when a teacher is present – gymnasium, workout room, computer rooms, media resource centre, annex, kitchen, offices and the home economics classroom.

Where to eat – St. Patrick has an onsite cafeteria which provides break and lunch food for our students on a cash only basis. Grade 11 and 12 students may leave the school grounds for lunch. No students are permitted to leave the school grounds during break times. All other students must remain on campus and must eat in the cafeteria or designated areas. No student should order food to be delivered to the school or the school grounds (e.g. Skip the dishes, Uber eats, Door Dash, etc.). In addition, lunches will not be accepted in the school office.

GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL AREAS

Chapel - St. Patrick Secondary School is fortunate to have a school chapel and the Holy Eucharist present throughout the school year. The Chapel is used for Masses, prayer services, worship, and meditation. Students in the chapel or the immediate area should maintain an atmosphere that facilitates prayer, reverence and respect. **This area is a sacred space and is the heart and core of our school.**

Monsignor Forget Gymnasium - Our gymnasium serves the school both as a gym and an auditorium. Students should act appropriately in accordance with the event being held and be courteous to others. During pep rallies and athletic contests, students are expected to always show good sportsmanship and respect. **Booing, deliberately antagonising players or open criticism of officials before, during or after a game is always in bad taste and out of place and may result in the offender being asked to leave the gym.**

Use of the gym during school hours must be co-ordinated through the PE Department Head and the principal. The Athletic Director co-ordinates use of the gymnasium (after and before school) for 12 months of the year. The gym may be used for activities only when a teacher is present and supervising.

Training (Weight) Room and Cardio Area – These areas are available to students only with a **teacher supervisor**. **Students must not be in this room without supervision.**

Home Economics Room - No student should be in the kitchen without permission of the teacher in charge.

Cafeteria - Appropriate use of the cafeteria is expected. Food is a gift from God and should be treated as such. All waste, leftover food and drink must be placed in the appropriate recycling bins. Empty pop cans are to be placed in the recycling bins.

Lockers - Students are expected to come to class with the necessary texts and supplies. **Students may go to their lockers before class in the morning, at recess, lunch and after school. This guideline requires students to anticipate their needs in classes and to carry supplies two periods in succession. Students may not go to their lockers when classes are in session. Students must keep lockers secured at all times.** Students will be provided with a school lock they will keep for the duration of their school years at St. Patrick Regional. Only locks provided by the school are acceptable. If a student loses their lock, they must purchase a new one from the office. Lockers should be kept clean with no marks, pictures, etc. stuck to the doors or walls. Lockers are private and sharing combinations will be regarded as a serious offence. However, with due cause, the school administration may open a locker at any time. Large sums of money or valuables should not be brought to school and any important items should be stored in lockers. Lockers must be kept free of food overnight.

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF EQUIPMENT

General - Specialised equipment from a department in the school should be used only as outlined by that department. Only authorised students may operate specialised equipment, including audio-visual equipment, and only under a teacher's supervision. Students must report broken or damaged equipment immediately.

Classroom Computers and School Loaned Items - We encourage all students to bring their own devices to school. Any school computers should be used as outlined by the department in the school. Students must report broken or damaged equipment immediately.

Photocopiers – Students may use the SLC copier only.

OTHER USES OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Under certain acceptable conditions, including approval of the education committee and the Archbishop's Representative, the school buildings and facilities may be rented to individuals or groups to assist in raising funds and to promote goodwill with member parishes and the community. However, school activities take precedence over any rental agreement. The purpose of the rental must be in agreement with the philosophy and policies of the school.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Internal Scholarships and bursaries

There are a number of internal scholarships available. Please visit our school website for more information.

District Authority Scholarships (DAS)

\$1250 is awarded to students who demonstrate superior achievement in a variety of areas such as Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, Second Language, Community Service and Technical and Trades Training. To view selection criteria check www.itabc.ca.

External Scholarships

Many **Scholarships and Bursaries** are offered by the community

Award websites: www.studentawards.com

<http://bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca>

Parents' work places often offer employee's children scholarships.

Students who intend to apply for any of these scholarships need to build a **Scholarship Portfolio**, which would include:

- Letters of reference
- Updated resume
- 500-word essay on themselves as scholars
- We pass on any scholarship information that comes our way

BLOCK ORDER ROTATION - Quarterly

September 7 to November 5	
Block 1	A
Block 2	B
Block 3	C
Block 4	D

November 8 to January 25	
Block 1	C
Block 2	D
Block 3	A
Block 4	B

January 27 to April 14	
Block 1	E
Block 2	F
Block 3	G
Block 4	H

April 19 to June 17	
Block 1	G
Block 2	H
Block 3	E
Block 4	F

2021-2022 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Regular Schedule

House	8:30 – 9:00
Block 1	9:05 – 10:15
Break	10:15 – 10:30
Block 2	10:35 – 11:45
Block 3	11:50 – 1:00
Lunch	1:00 – 1:35
Block 4	1:40 – 2:50

Wednesday/ Delayed Schedule

House	9:00 – 9:20
Block 1	9:25 – 10:30
Break	10:30 – 10:45
Block 2	10:50 – 11:55
Block 3	12:00 – 1:05
Lunch	1:05 – 1:40
Block 4	1:45 – 2:50

Friday/Assembly Schedule

House	8:30 – 9:00
Block 1	9:05 – 10:00
Mass/Assembly	10:05 – 10:45
Break	10:45 – 11:00
Block 2	11:05 – 12:00
Block 3	12:05 – 1:00
Lunch	1:00 – 1:35
Block 4	1:40 – 2:35

SPECIAL SCHEDULES

School Mass Schedule

House	8:30 – 9:00
Block 1	9:05 – 9:55
Break	9:55 – 10:10
Block 2	10:15 – 11:05
Mass	11:15 – 12:30
Lunch	12:30 – 1:00
Block 3	1:05 – 1:55
Block 4	2:00 – 2:50

Early Dismissal Schedule

House	8:30 – 8:40
Block 1	8:45 – 9:30
Block 2	9:35 – 10:20
Break	10:20 – 10:35
Block 3	10:40 – 11:25
Block 4	11:30 – 12:15
Special Event	

2021-2022 Key Dates (Based on a Regular Return Back to School)

August 2021

23	School Opens
31	Grade 8 Orientation

September 2021

2	International Student Orientation
7	First Day of School
21	Mandatory Parent Meeting and Presentation
23	Opening School Mass
28	Learner/Parent Conference – <i>Early Dismissal</i>

October 2021

5	Grade 12 Parent Meeting
8	Thanksgiving School Mass
11	Thanksgiving Day – No School
21	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
22	Provincial Pro-D – No School
22 – 28	Encounter 61

November 2021

1 – 5	Literacy 10 Provincial Assessment
1 – 5	Numeracy 10 Provincial Assessment
5	CSL Reports Issued
8	Block Rotation
11	Remembrance Day – No School
19	Pro-D Day – No School

December 2021

8	Advent Reconciliation
10 – 12	Encounter 62
16	Advent Mass
17	Talent Show – <i>Early Dismissal</i>
18	Christmas Break Begins

January 2022

4	Pro-D – No School
5	School Re-opens for Students
10	Open House Evening – <i>Early Dismissal</i>
13	School Mass
20	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
21 - 23	Encounter 63
23 – 30	School Play Production

24 – 28	Literacy 12 Provincial Assessment
24 – 28	Numeracy 10 Provincial Assessment
25	End of Semester 1
26	Semester Siesta
27	Semester 2 Begins

February 2022

4	CSL Reports Issued
17 -18	Catholic Educators' Conference – No School
21	Family Day – No School
22	Learner/Parent Conference – <i>Early Dismissal</i>

March 2022

2	Ash Wednesday School Mass
11	St. Patrick's Day Prayer Service
12 – 27	Spring Break
17	St. Patrick's Feast Day
28	School Opens

April 2022

5	Reconciliation Service
14	Holy Thursday – <i>Early Dismissal</i>
15	Good Friday – No School
18	Easter Monday – No School
19	Easter Prayer Service
19	CSL Reports Issued
19	Block Rotation
21	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic
25	Literacy 10 Provincial Assessment

May 2022

6	Marian Mass and Mother's Day Tea – <i>Early Dismissal</i>
10	Learner/Parent Conference – <i>Early Dismissal</i>
20	Walkathon
23	Victoria Day – No School
26	Spring Sports Photos
28	Graduation Dinner and Dance
30	Pro-D – No School

June 2022

2	Capstone Showcase
8	Inquiry Showcase
11	Grad Commencement and Mass Ceremony
13	Pro-D – No School

14 Grade 8 to 11 Awards Evening
24 Final School Mass
28 CSL Reports Issued in House 9:00 am to 10:00 am
29 Year End – **No School**

July 2022

14 Office Closed for Summer

Please visit our website for our full and comprehensive live calendar. Please check the online calendar frequently for any changes that may come throughout the year

<http://stpats.bc.ca/calendar/>