

St. Patrick's Catholic Intermediate School has only existed as a separate entity since 1993, but its history as a junior high school goes back to 1972, and one can even trace its lineage to 1929 when St. Patrick's College High School was founded.

The new St. Patrick's College High School began on September 5, 1929 in temporary quarters beside St. Joseph Church on Laurier Avenue in Ottawa East, with an enrolment of 135 boys and seven faculty that first year. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate, St. Peter's Province, founded the school. Plans were made for the development of a complex of buildings on a site known as Patterson Field on Echo Drive overlooking the Rideau Canal. The facility would house not only a high school but also a college offering Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs. The first wings of the new St. Patrick's College complex were completed in September 1930, at a cost of over half a million dollars. A \$150,000 addition was built in September 1931. This was an immense outlay of funds, all for the sake of providing Catholic education at the high school and university levels.

However, the Depression of the 1930s struck and the final phase of construction of the planned campus complex was never completed. This did not stop St. Patrick's from offering the best of education delivered in a close-knit community with an identifiable Catholic atmosphere.

In 1967, the St. Patrick's College High School moved from its original site to the Campanile campus on Heron Road, which it began sharing in 1968 with Notre Dame High School, run by the Congregation of Notre Dame. The Oblate Fathers contributed to the building of a gymnasium at the Campanile campus to make it a proper facility for a high school. However,

# ST. PATRICK'S

## CATHOLIC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



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financial constraints plagued St. Patrick's and Notre Dame High Schools in this location and so, in 1972, both had to close their senior divisions. Two of the buildings though, remained operational as a junior high school with Grades 7 through 10. This school was called St. Jude's Junior High School for the 1972-73 school year, later reverting to St. Patrick's Junior High School.

With the announcement of full funding for the Catholic school education system in 1984, St. Patrick's Junior High School was able to add Grade 11 in September 1985, and Grades 12 and 13 in the following two years.

Because of an increasing enrolment at St. Pat's, Board trustees made the decision to move the grades 9 to 13 students to nearby premises on Alta Vista Drive, the current home of St. Patrick's Catholic High School. The grades 7 and 8 students remained at the Heron Road site, which was then called St. Patrick's Catholic Intermediate School.

### Present Principal

Gerald Mikalauskas

### Past Principals

N/A

### Staff Recognition

Rev. J. Harold Conway, a former teacher and principal at St. Patrick's, is a recipient of the Order of Canada.

### Former Students

Dan Aykroyd is an Oscar-nominated, Emmy-winning actor, writer, director and musician.

Dalton McGuinty is the current Premier of Ontario and Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party (1996-present).

The Rt. Honourable John Turner was the 17<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Canada.

Bob Chiarelli was Chairman of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and the first mayor of the new amalgamated City of Ottawa (2001-present).

Jim Kyte played for the Winnipeg Jets of the National Hockey League.

Dr. Wilbert Keon is a world-renowned heart surgeon, founder of the Ottawa Heart Institute, officer of the Order of Canada and member of the Senate of Canada.

Roydon Kealey is a provincial court justice.

Peter Wright is a provincial court justice.

Garry Guzzo is a former provincial court justice and a former member of the provincial parliament.

Michael Chambers was President of the Canadian Olympic Committee.

Chris Nihmey is the author of the children's book *Quarter Past Three*.

Valdemar Horsdal (a.k.a Valdy) is a Juno award-winning folk music artist.

Thomas M. Cassidy is an author, legal counselor and apostolic nunciature.

Claude Pilon is a wrestler who won a gold medal at the 1974 Commonwealth Games.

Garfield Thomas Ogilvie is the author of the book *Once Upon A Country Lane*.

Mark Pilon played for the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League, winning the Grey Cup in 2001.

Angelo Gavillucci won a silver medal as a member of the Canadian sledge hockey team at the 1998 Paralympic Games in Japan.

Dalton McGuinty Sr. was a member of the provincial parliament and a founder/first director of the Terry Fox Scholarship.

Laura Dwyer, a grade 8 student in the 2005-06 school year, was one of 165 students from across Canada and the only one from the Ottawa area, chosen to participate in the National Historica Fair in Halifax in July 2006. Her project, which was exhibited in a public showcase at the Halifax Citadel, was about the history of Chinese immigration in Canada, particularly focused on the Gold Rush, the head tax and the Chinese Exclusion Act. Her Halifax trip experience also included visits to museums and historical sites. The National Historica Fair is held in a different location every year, sponsored by Historica, a foundation dedicated to helping Canadians learn the stories that make their history unique and encouraging Canadian history education. The Historica Foundation works in partnership with school boards including the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board.

## School Colours

Green and black

## Logo

The school logo is a Celtic cross with the name "Saint Patrick's Intermediate School" and four symbols.

## Team Names

St. Patrick's Intermediate Catholic School sports teams are called the "Shamrocks."