



Who is St. Patrick?

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, and the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice-which he believed to be God's-spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation-an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary.

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Art and Soul

Youth artists aged 10 to 21 years are invited to submit their artwork to the upcoming art show "Art and Soul". This show is hosted by the Peterborough Youth Council and will be held at the Peterborough Public Library on Wednesday April 21, 2010 from 6:30- 8:30 pm. This will be a juried show and cash prizes are available. Art submission applications are available on-line at www.ptboyouth.com.

The Peterborough Youth Council Presents: The 8th Annual **Leadership Development Day**

Wednesday March 24th
2009
9:00am – 3:00pm

A FREE Event for Youth Ages 12 – 19

Join us for a day of
conversation, activity, and
learning
**Workshops, Food,
and Fun**



March Break To Do List

- Sleep in
- Have a themed movie marathon
- Host an Iron Chef face-off dinner with for your friends
- Make 100 snow angels
- Build a snow fort
- Try something new
- Bust out the old classics and have a games night
- Have hot chocolate with marshmallows
- Sleep in!

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Did you Know?

- Montreal is home to Canada's longest running St. Patrick's Day parade, which began in 1824.
- Legend says that each leaf of the clover means something: hope, faith, love and luck.