



# Little Giants. BIG News.

FEBRUARY 2025

*The mission of Saint Patrick School is: That everyone in the Saint Patrick School community encounter Jesus, grow in Him, and witness to others through a Christ-centered academic environment.*

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

What a blessing to be part of such a great community! The energy of the students is so powerful and their faith so robust one can feel the love of Jesus Christ penetrating the very cracks and crevices of this campus.

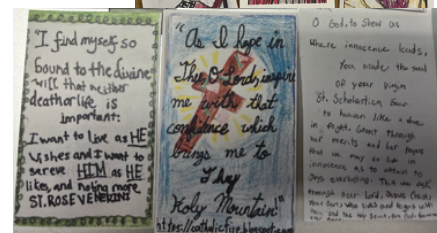
If you have never been to our Morning Chapel, or never come to our Friday School Mass, I encourage you to do everything you can to attend sometime. There are several parents that attend "Chapel" every morning and they can certainly vouch for the beauty of the Spirit pouring over our students.



Our Fifth/Sixth Grade Choir pours out their hearts to God with every note they sing. The sound is so edifying that Friday Mass is often the highlight of the week. And the power of prayer at Morning Chapel reverberates through our community as we pray for the needs of others including the sick among us, and pray for the souls of our friends and families who have

passed away.

At Chapel, each morning 24 students light candles. Each candle represents a specific prayer sent up to God for a member of their family, a person they know who is ill, a grandparent who has passed away, a teacher or friend in need. Again, the students' voices blend with songs and prayers for the community, for themselves and for each other, and we hear the day's Gospel proclaimed. It is a powerful way to start our day. Please feel free to join us some day!



The school year moves along so fast. Catholic Schools week already came and went and with it, the first half of the school year. I hope you had time to visit our Saints Wax Museum. The Fifth and Sixth Graders worked so hard, not only creating costumes, but also memorizing their presentations, and creating beautiful Prayer cards. It was so inspirational!



It's February and our kids are busy writing Saint Valentine's Day cards and looking forward to our mid-winter break! Pre-school parent Conferences are about to happen (February 13), and our Open House is on the calendar for February 24. If you know a family who is interested in learning more about a great Catholic education for their child, please encourage them to join us for our Open House!

As March quickly approaches, stay tuned for information about March Reading Month activities as well as First Reconciliation for our second graders, the annual Fish Frys, and of course our Saint

Patrick's Day Breakfast!

God bless you all, enjoy the winter and keep warm!

Carl Lenze, Principal

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## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Saturday February 1st, our Knights of Columbus held a free throw competition in our gym. We had 19 young ballers compete across several age groups. Each winner received a special uniquely engraved basketball to take as a token and are given the opportunity to further compete. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those that participated! Thank you, Knights!



## Ready, Set, READ!

Freshen up your Giant's library with the online book fair. Starting February 24th the link below will be live and anyone can participate. PTO will earn 10% of all sales under \$1000 and 20% for all sales above \$1000. All proceeds will go towards bringing the planetarium to the school in April! Ordering closes March 9th. If you have any questions, reach out to Megan Langton.

<https://readyletsread.com/store/st-patrick-catholic-school>



## Foundation News:

Our Adoration Chapel plans and preparations are ready to go....we just need some warmer weather. As soon as the weather breaks, you will see the construction team move in and begin to work on the foundation and floor. Let's hope progress can begin soon! While the project is moving forward, we are still working to raise the final \$10,000. Donations can be made below:

### Checks Payable to:

St. Patrick School Foundation  
2555 W. Labo, Carleton MI 48117

### Credit Card Payment



### Venmo:

@sps-foundation2017

## Saint Genevieve

By June Salenbien

This saint is an amazing saint. She was living in Paris when it was under attack by Attila the Hun. Even when it was under attack, she would still walk everyday to her church to pray and have a moment of silence with God. After months and months of doing that, she was shot while she was on her way to the church one day and died. A prayer that we can say to honor her is, "No matter what comes, I will keep showing up in prayer." Her feast day is January 3rd and she is the patron saint of Paris. St. Genevieve, pray for us!



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## Catholic Schools Week

By: Bobby Jones

Hello! We have plenty of events for our St. Patrick Catholic School community and a whole bunch of different stuff. One of my favorites is Catholic Schools Week. Some of the things we did are decades day, favorite team day, mismatch day, comfy cozy day, color day, and my favorite one of all: bowling! With it was our Saints Wax Museum. Each student in the 5th and 6th grade picks a saint and learns information about them by heart. On the Friday of Catholic Schools Week we presented the information we memorized in front of all the classes. We stand in spots around the gym and the students listen to us at different times. These are some things that I looked forward to. It's going to be a lot of fun!



## Mismatch Monday



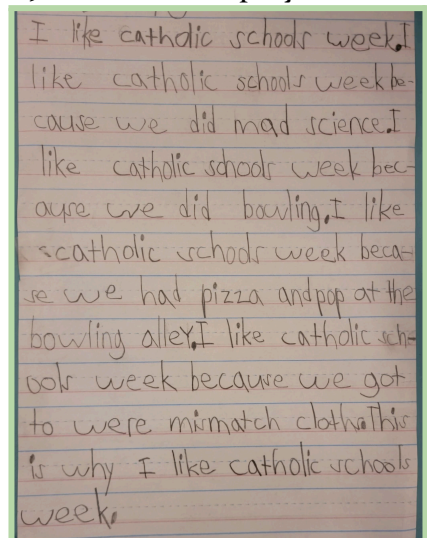
## Bowling Trip!

By Valor Bishop

During Catholic Schools week on Wednesday the Whole school had a field trip to go bowling! Were you excited? Because I was excited! There was pizza and chips- yum!! May the best student have won! And I just want to say a prayer for good sportsmanship: Dear Lord, we thank you for life and that we have a great community. In Jesus name we pray, AMEN!!



## Saints Wax Museum



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## Classical Corner

The principles of classical education are grounded in the belief that education should be focused on the development of the whole person, rather than simply the acquisition of knowledge or skills. The focus is less on learning facts and memorizing information for the purpose of achieving acceptable grades on standardized tests, but more on learning how to learn, how to think deeply, and how to seek out solutions to problems. Critical thinking and curiosity are encouraged. The "great books" are celebrated and devoured. The study of Latin isn't just about learning the language, it's about learning its connection to the Church and to other languages. The Catholic Classical student is curious, asks questions, and approaches the exciting journey of learning with a sense of wonder.

### *St. Brigid of Ireland*

*By: Elise Collins*

Brigid was the daughter of an Irish clan chief and an enslaved Christian woman. She, too, was also a slave for eighteen years.

On her eighteenth birthday, she stopped working for her father and became a disciple of St. Patrick. Her father told her to get married, but she said that she would spend her life working for God by looking after poor, sick, and elderly people. Brigid founded several monasteries as well as a school of art that taught metalwork and illumination. Brigid is thought to have died on February 1, 524, when she was in her early seventies.

Brigid is the patron saint of midwives, newborns, nuns, fugitives, blacksmiths, dairymaids, boatmen, chicken farmers, cattle, scholars, and sailors. In fact, she is the only female patron saint of Ireland! There is a special cross named after St. Brigid that is woven from reeds or grasses.

You can [learn how to draw one here](#) on the Catholic Icing YouTube channel, or look up instructions for how to weave your own. St. Brigid, Pray For Us!!!!



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Our Giants' basketball season has come to a close with the post season tournament championships taking place on Feb. 8th. Congrats to our B1 girls and B1 boys teams for placing 1st in the tournament! Congrats to our A team girls for finishing 2nd in the tournament! Both of our B2 teams advanced to semifinal games before their seasons ended. Amazing work at every level. Thank you coaches, athletes, parents, and volunteers for your help in making this season a success. We had 50 players participate in our program this year. We truly are one Giant Family! Congrats to our 8th graders; Elsie Lange, CJ Morrison, Raven Hinkle, Kaycee Vey and Isabelle Jones as they completed their careers as Giant's basketball players. All of these young ladies have been exemplary in their sportsmanship, dedication and poise as athletes. We thank them for their dedication to SPS athletics!



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## Preschool Snowmen made with puff paint



## Yearbook Committee

This year the yearbook committee (consisting of Isabelle Jones, Eliana Orris, Elsie Lange, Kaycee Vey, Cara Morrison, Raven Hinkle, and Genavieve Bylow) have been working hard to assemble a collection of memories that you can keep forever. They have learned about photography and assure you that you will find the freshest memories captured in this year's yearbook. They continue to work hard through each deadline to make sure that you can look back on your time here at St. Pat's.

At each meeting, they gather to discuss how to improve the pictures they take, learning things such as the rule of thirds which will help to make the pictures they take appear clear and engaging. They also learn the importance of using different angles of composition to make images diverse and unique while working closely with each other to achieve the best results possible.

They appreciate Mrs. Jaskot for teaching them the importance of teamwork. It takes multiple people to make each individual page. Together they take pictures, brainstorm ideas, and make cool designs bringing them to their teacher when finished. There are no wrong answers and it takes many minds to make an interesting yearbook. Each student comes up with their own ideas and eventually they all come together to make one fantastic yearbook! Order yours today and then years from now you will be able to take a remarkable stroll down memory lane.

## Reading Buddies



## Students Beyond SPS

We've reached out to teachers at SMCC to hear what they're saying about our alumni. Listen to what we've heard back so far!

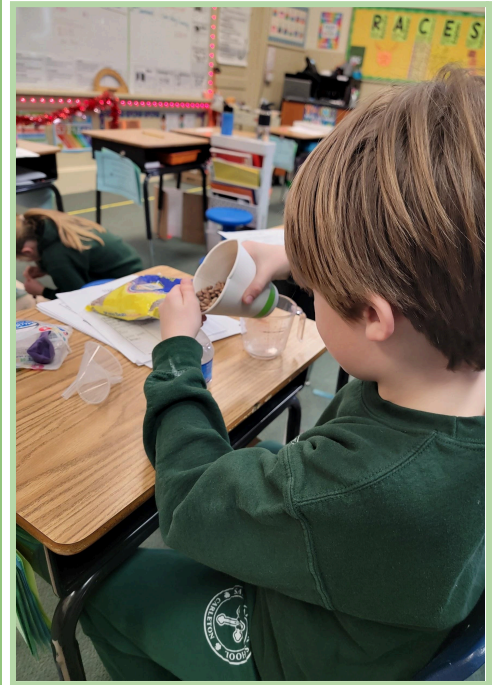
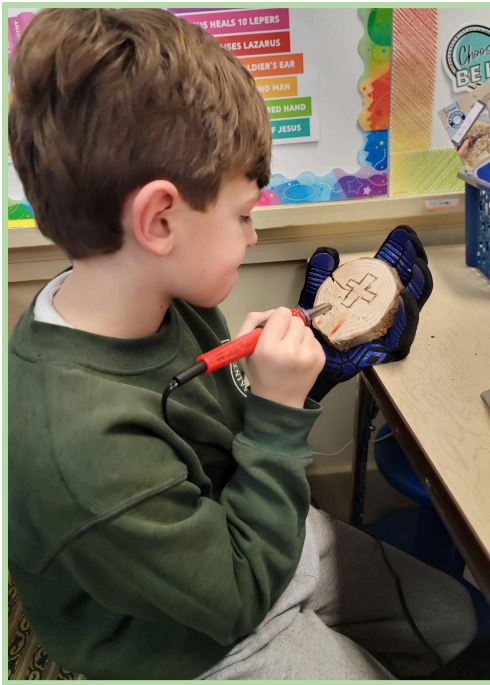
*"Students from St. Pat's are well prepared for a smooth transition to 9th grade English at SMCC. They are familiar with our vocabulary program and bookwork. They are well prepared for the reading assignments (both comprehension and critical thinking / literary analysis). In addition to that, they come to SMCC prepared to LEARN and ready to WORK HARD. Their writing reflects a depth of PURPOSE. They ENGAGE with course content and PERSEVERE to master tasks. They are RESPECTFUL and trust that teachers have their best interests in mind. To sum it all up, they are great at being STUDENTS and are very TEACHABLE, which makes them a joy to have in class."* - Megan (English Teacher)

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## LEARNING ECONOMICS

Have you seen the advertising throughout our campus? Ask your Giant about it! Our 4th grade class has been working on their economics projects. They each made a product to market and sell. They have been working to prepare their product and then created fliers to market it to the school.



### GIANT'S LOOK AHEAD:

- February 13: PreK Conferences
- February 14: Saint Valentine's Day
- February 14 -17: NO SCHOOL
- February 24: Open House (Help Spread the word!)
- March 1: Confirmation Retreat
- March 5: Ash Wednesday
- March 8: Daddy Daughter Dance (6pm-8pm)
- March 12: Spelling Bee (Tentative)
- March 15: First Reconciliation
- March 17: St. Patrick Day Breakfast
- March 24-28: NO SCHOOL

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10*

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