

# LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

September 2023 Edition

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome Back to Saint Patrick School for the 2023-24 School Year! Celebrating 175 years! What a great start we had beginning with the Back to School Night! It was so good getting to see everyone again after the long summer, and getting to meet so many of our new families. God sure has blessed us with a strong community. Thank you, also, to the many, many people who worked hard to making the night a success. (I hope everyone was able to walk the Chalk Walk to the Old School. It was one of my favorite parts of the night!)

We had a fun time on Opening Day as well. The rain held off (keeping it's real surprise for the next morning), allowing us to continue the tradition of taking our opening day picture on the steps of the church.

Mrs. Sroka came out of retirement this summer to put the office in order and save the school! I owe her a huge debt of appreciation for all she did to get us on track for opening day. Mrs. Sroka also rang in the opening day on the school bell in the Peace Garden (a tradition we began last year, when Mrs. Meiring rang the new school year in). We intend to make this an annual tradition for years to come. Please be sure to thank Mrs. Sroka for all the work she did this summer and the love she put into it.

The fun did not stop with our opening day (as you all know) the clouds did burst on us that night (or early the next morning) leaving us with a flooded school and a mess to clean up. I know many of you were involved in the same kind of washout as the school. The staff, and many in the community, came out on Friday to move Mrs. Geiger to a new location in the school.

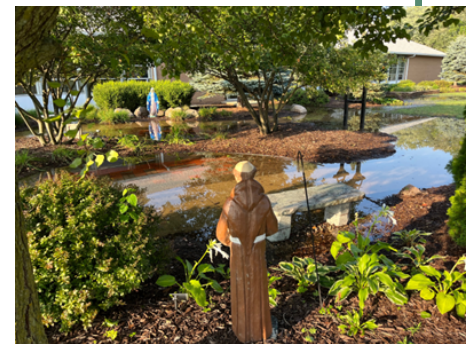
**God is so great!** He gives us plenty to be thankful for. I, for one, am thankful for the love I experience every day from the Saint Patrick School Community.

As I close this note, I have just a few more things to share. First, we have a new secretary!!!! Mrs. Kristen Haddix, a member of Divine Grace Parish, agreed to take the position! She will be a great asset to our family of Giants. Please take time to welcome her to SPS.

Second, the young man we have been praying for since the Spring, the one who broke his neck in a terrible accident, has been improving and again sends many thanks to our community for the many prayers we've prayed. He was able to get back to his high school for their first day of school. He still has a way to go to full recovery, but he is hopeful, and thankful! This picture is of him at the Greek Fest in Westland, last Saturday.

God bless you all and God bless the school year ahead.

-Carl-



*"Be still and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10*






# SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS



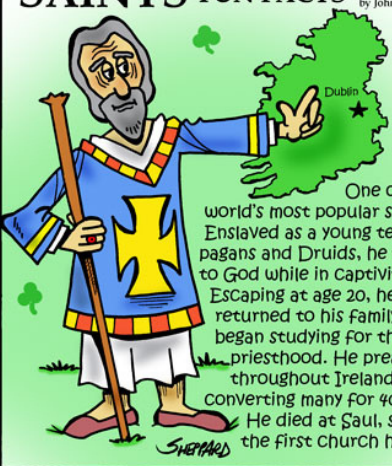
<b>September 7th</b> <b>PTO Meeting</b> <b>5:15PM</b>	<b>September 9th</b> <b>FUN RUN</b> 	<b>September 11th</b> DIVINE GRACE <b>MEN'S CLUB</b> Meeting <b>7:00PM</b>	<b>September 12th</b> <b>Hearing/Vision</b> <b>Test K-7</b>
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<b>September 12th</b> <b>Scrip Webinar</b>  <small>Simply the right way to fundraise.</small>	<b>September 13th</b> <b>PICTURE DAY</b> 	<b>September 15-17th</b>  <b>Fall Parish Festival</b> at St Joe's Campus	<b>September 18th</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> AoD Professional Development Day	<b>September 18-22nd</b> <b>Camper Storer</b> 5th-6th Grade 
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<b>September 19-20th</b> <b>Rummage Sale</b> <b>Drop Off</b>	<b>September 21-24th</b> <b>Rummage Sale</b> 	<b>September 26th</b> <b>PTO Mums</b> <b>Pick Up Day</b> (after School)	<b>September 29th</b>  <b>SMCC Parade</b> 
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**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard



One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

*St. Patrick*

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## REMINDER PICTURE DAY

September 13th  
Look for information being sent home

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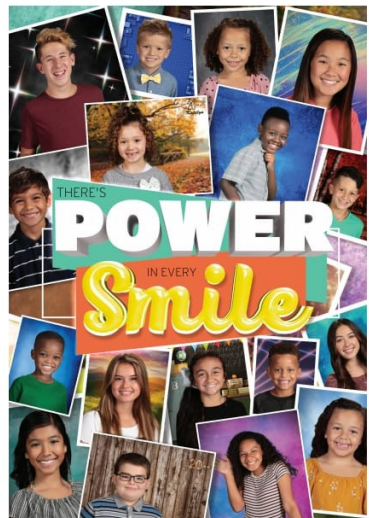
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# #BACKTOSCHOOLNIGHT

"Back to School Night at St. Patrick's: Embracing God's Blessings Together" 

On the evening of August 21st, St. Patrick's School was buzzing with excitement as we hosted our annual Back to School Night. We want to express our sincere gratitude to the hardworking School Committee for making this memorable event possible. This evening wasn't just about welcoming our students back; it was an opportunity for our entire school community to come together. Parents, teachers, staff, and students all played a role in making it a resounding success.

The festivities commenced with a delightful potluck dinner, where families shared delicious dishes and reconnected after the summer break. It was a heartwarming reminder of the strong bonds that unite us as part of the St. Patrick's family. Inside the gymnasium, Mr. Lenze's warm welcome set the stage for an evening filled with enthusiasm and camaraderie. Students proudly displayed their St. Patrick's Giants pride by perusing and purchasing SPS swag items, creating a sense of unity and pride in our school.



Parents had the invaluable opportunity to meet the dedicated teachers who will guide their children's education in the coming year. These interactions fostered a strong sense of partnership and commitment to our students' success. Meanwhile, our staff members, the backbone of our school, were acknowledged and celebrated for their hard work and dedication. Their passion for education shines through in every aspect of our school's environment.

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For the kids, there was no shortage of outdoor fun, from rock decorating to chalk stations, an exciting obstacle course, and a captivating storybook walk. It was a testament to our commitment to providing a well-rounded and engaging educational experience. Back to School Night at St. Patrick's was a true celebration of our entire school community. We are grateful to all who contributed and look forward to a year filled with growth, unity, and success for our Giants!

# CAMPUS CORNER

The first week of school brought unexpected heavy rains and flooding, resulting in a two-day closure and the basement getting flooded. The second-grade classroom was relocated, thanks to our incredible community's assistance. We are immensely grateful to everyone who lent a helping hand during this trying period. Our community's unity and resilience have shone brightly, proving that together, we can overcome any challenge.



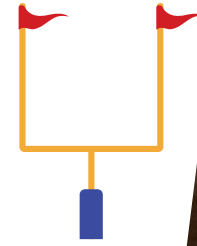
# Sports News



## 2023 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

9/9 1PM AT JEFFERSON  
 9/23 1PM AT ST. CHARLES  
 9/30 2:30PM AT AIRPORT  
 10/7 2:30PM AT MONROE HS  
 10/14 1PM AT MONROE HS  
 10/21 1PM AT HURON

OUR 5TH GRADE GIANTS ARE PROUD TO HAVE JOINED WITH THE ST. CHARLES CENTAURS THIS SEASON



## Volleyball Schedule



### A TEAM SCHEDULE

Coached by M. Martin and H. Lange

- 9/7 6pm v. MCES 8th Gold
- 9/9 12:30pm v. St. Charles
- 9/12 7:15pm v. MCES 8th Black
- 9/14 7:30pm v. MCES 7th Gold at St. Mary
- 9/19 7:15pm v. MCES 7th Black at St. Mary
- 9/21 6pm v. Trinity
- 9/25 6pm v. MCES 7th Black at St. Mary
- 9/28 7:15pm v. MCES 8th Gold at St. Mary
- 9/30 12:30pm v. St. Charles at St. Charles
- 10/3 7:15pm v. MCES 7th Gold
- 10/5 6:15pm v. MCES 8th Black at St. Mary
- 10/12 7:15pm v. Trinity at Trinity

\*Games listed in bold indicate home game.

### B1 TEAM SCHEDULE

Coached by K. Collins and E. Clemence

- 9/9 1:45pm v. MCES Black
- 9/14 7:15pm v. MCES Gold
- 9/16 10am v. St. Joseph Erie at St. Joseph Erie
- 9/23 12:30pm v. Trinity at Trinity
- 9/28 6pm v. St. Charles at St. Charles
- 9/30 10am v. MCES Black at St. Mary
- 10/3 6pm v. MCES Gold at St. Mary
- 10/7 10am v. St. Joseph Erie at St. Joseph Erie
- 10/10 7:15pm v. St. Charles
- 10/12 7:15pm v. Trinity

\*Games listed in bold indicate home game.

### B2 TEAM SCHEDULE

Coached by J. Totten, Assts: B. Cuccia and J. Teets

- 9/12 6pm v. MCES 4th
- 9/14 6pm v. St. Charles 5th
- 9/23 10am v. MCES 5th at St. John
- 9/26 6pm v. St. Charles 4th at St. Charles
- 9/28 6pm v. Trinity at Trinity
- 9/30 11:15am v. St. Charles 4th at St. Charles
- 10/3 6pm v. MCES 4th
- 10/5 7:15pm v. St. Charles 5th at St. Charles
- 10/10 6pm v. Trinity
- 10/12 6pm v. MCES 5th

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## SECRETARY UPDATE



A warm and hearty welcome to our new Secretary, Mrs. Kristen Haddix! We are thrilled to have you join our team at SPS. We'd also like to express our deep appreciation to Mrs. Sroka and Sierra Grubb for their tireless efforts throughout the entire summer. Their hard work and dedication have played an instrumental role in ensuring a smooth transition and keeping things running smoothly. Thank you all for your valuable contributions!



# Welcome Back GIANTS



**SAVE THE DATE St Patrick School Dinner Auction**  
Friday, December 1, 2023, at Grafton Hall in Carleton. Door open at 5pm.  
Please reach out to Julie Jones or Hillary Lange if you're willing to help!  
Auction meetings will start soon!!

**Airport Hot Lunch**  
We are still waiting for lunch codes for Kindergarten, Y5's and preschool. We will pass those out as soon as we receive them. You may email Cyndie Maddigan at [cmaddigan@airportschools.com](mailto:cmaddigan@airportschools.com) for a temporary code. If you have not received your code for any older students, please reach out to [sierra@stpatrick.school](mailto:sierra@stpatrick.school).



## Rummage Sale

Drop off days are September 19th and 20th. The sale starts on Thursday, September 21st and goes through Sunday, September 24th. This is a great fundraiser to donate your unwanted treasures to and also to get your service hours in while meeting members of our school and parish community. LOTS of help needed.



## SMCC Homecoming Parade

Calling all of our creative Giants!! We have been invited to participate in SMCC's Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 29th. We would love to join them again this year and celebrate that we are on Level 175 at SPS by either entering a float or a decorated truck! The theme this year is Board Games "SMCC Homecoming 2023: More than Just a Game." We are looking for a creative leader to take on the role as coordinator for St. Patrick School's entry in the parade. If you are interested, please notify the office as soon as possible. SMCC has asked for us to commit by September 11th.

## St. Joe's Festival Maybee

September 15-17. Help is needed to ensure a successful event! They are seeking volunteers to help with the Chicken Dinner on Sunday. Sheet cakes are also needed for the weekend, which can be brought to St. Joe's beginning on Thursday, September 14th. Please consider signing up for a shift and working with our parish community-- call or text Rita Beaubien at 734-755-1992. It's going to be a fun weekend!

## 175th Anniversary

Interested in joining the planning for our upcoming celebrations as we mark this special milestone? Reach out to Nicole Jaskot at [NLJaskot@gmail.com](mailto:NLJaskot@gmail.com) or call/text 734-735-4349. We're also eager to gather any throwback photos, memorabilia, or interesting facts about our school's history. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

The deadline for Protecting God's Children recertification has been extended until November 1, 2023.

All who took a "Protecting God's Children" workshop prior to January 1, 2020 are now required to update their certification.

Please visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to complete the Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Session 4.0 with Vulnerable Adults Training 2.0 combined module. Once completed, please submit a copy of your certificate to the school office.



## Fall Mum Fundraiser St. Pat's PTO

Schwartz's Greenhouse is once again offering their Fall Fundraiser. We have all of the favorite colors: Yellow, Orange, Purple/Pink, or Red!

Deadline is **September 20th, 2023**  
Delivery will be **September 26th, 2023**

Flowers	Price
9" Pot	\$12
10" hanging basket	\$16

Your support directly benefits our PTO, helping us host amazing events in the future. Thank you for being a part of our community and for supporting our organization!



Any questions feel free to contact:  
Schwartz's Greenhouse or St. Patrick's PTO

## 5K & 1 MILE RUN/WALK & TOT DASH

# 2023 FUN RUN & Walk



10<sup>th</sup> Annual Event

In Memory of  
Mike Busen

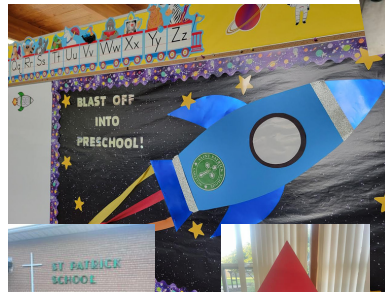
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FUN RUN 2023  
REGISTRATION

## SEPTEMBER 9TH 2023

"Welcome back, preschoolers!"



Classes resumed on September 6th. Get ready for a fun-filled and educational adventure as we embark on another year of growth, learning, and unforgettable memories!



## Saint Patrick School School Committee



Introducing the 2023-24 SPS School Committee members:

Mr. Lenze  
Nicole Jaskot - President  
Andrew Konyha - V. President  
Karly Vey - Secretary  
Joel Grubb  
Jenna Heiden

Alison Illes  
James Bishop  
Sarah Blicharski  
Kurt Ryder  
Gabby Williams

The mission of St. Patrick School's School Committee is to be an avenue of communication among parents, students, the Divine Grace Parish community, the staff, and the administration. We meet monthly to counsel, confer, and support our administration. To contact the School Committee, please approach any member or email us at [SchoolCommittee@StPatrick.School](mailto:SchoolCommittee@StPatrick.School). We look forward to working together to promote the excellence in education we are all striving for!



### Important Updates for September

- Gift Card Orders:** Keep an eye on your children's backpacks this week for our first batch of physical gift cards. If you placed an order, they should be coming home soon!
- SCRIP Presentation and Q&A:** Join us for an informative SCRIP presentation and Q&A session on Tuesday, September 12th, at 7PM. Visit the SCRIP section on the St. Pats website for the event link. Don't worry if you can't attend in real-time; the session will be recorded and posted for your convenience.
- Stay Informed:** Be sure to regularly check your email and our app for the latest specials and deals. There's always something new and exciting happening!



# Inaugural Edition: Groundbreaking Beginnings

## LITTLE GIANTS NEWS CREW



**A little input  
on our  
school from...**

**Mrs. Nagley**  
Reported by: **Elsie Lange,**  
**Isabelle Jones, and**  
**Kaycee Vey**

We interviewed the new (and very nice) 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Nagley. First, we asked her one thing she likes about the school. She said that she liked the students most of all. When we asked Mrs. Nagley what she thought could improve the school, she said it already is very nice but a little more organization would be nice. Mrs. Nagley told us that the most interesting thing about herself is that she was dead for 11 minutes right after birth. One of the reasons she chose to teach at this school was because of the Catholic faith and how much it is included in everyday life at St. Pats. Mrs. Nagley said that the thing that sets our school apart from other schools is the community. Just for fun, we asked her what her favorite candy is and she told us that Baby Ruths have the best combination of flavors. Thank you for letting us interview you, Mrs. Nagley!!



**A little input  
on our  
school from...**

**Mr. Eby**  
Reported by: **Elsie Lange,**  
**Isabelle Jones, and**  
**Kaycee Vey**

We interviewed the new (and fun) 3rd grade teacher, Mr. Eby. First, we asked him one thing he likes about the school and he said all the people in it. When we asked Mr. Eby what he thought could improve the school he said that ICE CREAM EVERYDAY would be awesome! He said that one interesting thing about himself is that he played lacrosse in college, but he said his team never won. He was going to teach at a different school but he chose St. Pats because he can teach his faith here. Mr. Eby said that one thing that sets this school apart from other schools is how involved and supportive the community is, especially the parents (SHOUT OUT TO THE PARENTS) for the students. Just for fun, we asked what his favorite candy was. He answered that he was just talking to his mom and they agreed, peanut butter reese cups, because peanut butter and chocolate are the best. Thank you for letting us interview you Mr. Eby!!



### Altar Serving Reported by: Franklin Lange

About ten people are altar serving at Divine Grace Parish. Masses will be at 11:00 on Sunday, and a lot more times you can find in the church bulletin. The altar servers have already practiced once. We are proud to be serving and are grateful to get the chance.

Maybe you will see us work our magic. To be an altar server you have to light the candles, put out the candles and hand the bread and wine to the priest or deacon. We can only do one altar server at a time since Mr. Gerweck will be serving too. We have already tried on our robes and all that. We also learned to carry the cross in front of the priest. So come to Divine Grace Parish and see us altar serve so you can do it next year.

### Volleyball

Reported by: **Rose Totten**

Bump set spike! The volleyball teams are fourth through eighth grade. The first game of the season is after Labor day weekend. The coaches names are Jenny Totten, Barb Cucia, Jessica Teets, Kelly Collins, Coach Liz, Coach Martin, Coach Lange.



Did you know the creator of volleyball was a man? His name is William G. Morgan. He created it in 1895. The 5th and 6th grade cheer is "Bump set spike. That's the way we like to fight. Unos Dos Tres the next serve is an ace. We got the volleyballs, we got the spikes, we are going to win this game tonight. Woah. Go Giants!!" We can not wait to see all the smiling faces at our game when we win.

Dear St. Patrick's students,  
We want to hear from YOU! We hope you enjoyed our first edition of the Little Giants News Crew. We invite all of our talented and creative students to get involved in our school newsletter. Whether you have a story to tell, a poem to share, a prayer from your heart, or captivating pictures that capture the spirit of St. Patrick's, we want to showcase your contributions. Let your imagination run wild and be a part of making our newsletter a true reflection of the incredible talent and creativity here at St. Patrick's. To submit your articles, pictures, stories, poems, prayers, or any other exciting ideas, please reach out to Sarah Blicharski [SarahBlicharski@gmail.com](mailto:SarahBlicharski@gmail.com) or your teacher. Let's come together to make our newsletter shine with the brilliance of our Little Giants!  
We can't wait to see what you have to share. Join us in spreading the St. Patrick's spirit far and wide!

