



LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

Mission Statement: "The mission of Saint Patrick Catholic School is: That everyone in the Saint Patrick Catholic School community encounter Jesus, grow as His disciples, and witness to others through a Christ-centered academic environment."

May 2023 Edition

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of a GREAT school year! So many fun things to remember and so much to do to get ready for the Fall! Thank you to so many of you who helped to make this year a success. All you moms and dads, the PTO and School Committee, and of course the smiling faces of all these children.

What a school year we have had, it is hard to believe it is almost over! I remember the first day, as if it were yesterday... It was so much fun meeting our teachers (new and old) and our new friends and getting reacquainted with old friends. New ways to do old things and new people to do old things with. Colors and counting with Mrs. Schenavar. Making Lemonade with Mrs. Kemmerling. Learning about letter people with Mrs. Gaynier and center time with Mrs. Newkirk. The dancing and laughing with Mrs. Miller, diving into the world of writing with Mrs. Jones. Puzzling with Mrs. Geiger, Memorizing Bible verses with Ms. Lindsay. Hatching baby chicks with Mrs. Wickenheiser and learning a new language with Mr. Pivetta! Singing with Mr. Bolster and Teatime with Mrs. Hinkle.

Our Chapel time in the Gym for Morning Prayers, and lighting prayer candles before the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Remember how our prayers for the sick and for the Souls of the Deceased kept growing? So many of our prayers were answered in miraculous ways!

Before we could blink it was Halloween. We never thought it would snow, and then ice storms and power outages! God surely blessed us with excitement and wonder! Then Christmas came and went with the blink of an eye! We enjoyed Saint Patrick's Day dressed up in green with the luck of the Irish and blessing of Saint Patrick.

Blink again and it was Ash Wednesday. Soon Easter came and went. The Second Grade celebrated two Sacraments: Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We had sidewalk chalk for Respect Life Day, and the most beautiful Fatima Procession and May Crowning.

And here we are, about to say good-bye for another summer. What a blessing this year has been to all of us, and what a privilege to serve God and to serve your wonderful families here at Saint Patrick School. It has been a privilege to work with you all this year.

May God bless you all this summer. Come back rested. Don't forget to say your Morning Offering every day and pray for your teachers and our support staff.

Wonders await you in the Fall!!!

- Mr. Lenze



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday May 13th**
-First Holy Communion
- Sunday May 14th**
-Mother's Day
- Wednesday May 17th**
-K through 4th grade field trip to Toledo Zoo
- Friday May 19th**
-Start of Parish Festival
- Wednesday May 24th**
-Last day for Preschool
-K through 8th Mud Hen's Game
- Thursday May 25th**
-Last day to donate to Athletic Shoe Recycle
- Friday May 26th**
-NO SCHOOL
- Monday May 29th**
-Memorial Day
-NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday May 31st**
-Field Day (lunch provided by PTO)
- Friday June 2nd**
-Last Day of School
- HALF DAY
- Monday August 21st**
-Back to School Night
- Wednesday August 23rd**
-First Day of School
-HALF DAY

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER!



PARISH FESTIVAL

Come and enjoy the festival activities Friday May 19th through Sunday May 21st.

There are fun things planned such as Delicious Dinners, Silent & Live Auctions, Tractor Show and more! The success of the parish directly impacts the success of our school!

PTO

The PTO has been unbelievably busy these past few weeks! Our Mother's Day painting celebration was a great hit! We've been able to celebrate our Administrative Assistant, Kelly Varice, as well as our Principal, Mr. Lenze. We've also been able to show an amazing amount of appreciation to our Teachers and Staff. We are looking forward to supplying the lunch for field day and taking a long break this summer! We are always welcoming new members to our group and encourage you to join us!

FIRST COMMUNION



RIDDLES

Q. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

A. The letter M

Q. When things go wrong, what can you always count on?

A. Your fingers

Q. What has 13 hearts but no other organs?

A. A deck of cards

Taryn Stevens, an SPS 8th grader, was awarded third place for her Essay in the Law Day Essay Contest sponsored by the Monroe Bar Association. She recited her essay for judges, attorneys, and prosecutors at Monroe County Court House in Judge Nichols courtroom. Her essay focused on her admiration of her mother and her role as a Fire Chief in Frenchtown. Taryn stressed the importance of following rules of law and the role they play in saving lives. Congratulations to Taryn!



ENROLLING NOW!

As planning is starting for the 2023-2024 school year, reminder to enroll your students. If you know people interested in joining our school, please encourage them to call the school office to set up a tour!

GIANTS CELEBRATING MAY BIRTHDAYS

Vivian Konyha, Turning 6	Weston Paullus, Turning 10	Kaycee Vey, Turning 12	Nolan Anson, Turning 8
Levi Heiden, Turning 6	Liam Theisen, Turning 10	Phineas Totten, Turning 13	Kyree Hinkle, Turning 14
Ashleigh Rose Torzewski, Turning 8	Lola Hall, Turning 5	Lexington Hall, Turning 5	
Vanessa Griffen, Turning 12	Beau Salenbien, Turning 8	Avery West, Turning 7	Elizabeth Sims, Turning 6
Alexa Chilson, Turning 11	Colton Cupchak, Turning 8	Piper Salenbien, Turning 11	Ben Illes, Turning 10



All about fifth and sixth grade ...Saint's Wax Museum

St. Patrick School's 5th and 6th grade class put on a wax museum, which consisted of 14 different saints. Here are the saint's names: St. Stephen (first martyr of the Catholic Church), St. Juan Diego, St. Maria Faustina (who the divine image of Christ was revealed to), St. Philomena, St. Odilia, St. Rose of Venerini, St. Cecilia, St. Maria Goretti, St. Clare and Agnes of Assisi, St. Agnes of Rome, St. Joan of Arc, St. Perpetua, and St. Scholastica.

The person who ran the saint's wax museum was Mr. Bolster, the fifth and sixth grade class teacher. In addition to this, the students wrote an essay about their saints, drew a card resembling their saints, rehearsed, and dressed as their saints to present to the people who came to see them. They had to recite information about their saints in under 3 minutes.



Remember, be not afraid, become a Saint!



Family of the Month

Knights of Columbus – Faith in Action

Family of the Month – Recognize and support the development of strong families!

The Family of the Month Committee randomly selects from those entry forms submitted one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. The remaining entry forms submitted carry over to the following month.

Our committee is requesting the assistance of both the Parish and the School in finding families to be considered for this honor.

Listed below are some suggestions that may be helpful when considering nominations:

- Is the family tight knit?
 - Does the family spend quality time together?
 - Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
 - Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
 - Has the family made significant contributions to the Parish and church community?
 - Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- The Family of the Month committee isn't seeking out a "Super Family" each month but rather is looking for a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.

Name of Family being Nominated: _____

Name of Husband: _____

Name of Wife: _____

Husband/Nominee's Phone Number and/or Email address: _____

Home Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Person nominating: _____

Nominating Person's Contact information (email and/or phone): _____

Please briefly describe reason for nominating and leave in box at back of Church or email to: lambrix@gmail.com

Form can also be completed electronically at: <https://forms.gle/YJfAc4nVFyMpBSgH9> or by scanning QR Code



Questions – Contact: Ed Lambrix 734-755-6941 or Joe Emerick 734-777-1029

← KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are looking to you for nominations for the 'Family of the Month.' Throughout our school and parish community there are many examples of families that live their faith in different ways. Please consider adding a nomination to continue to build this initiative!

Each month the committee randomly selects from entries to recognize a family. Note that nominations do not need to be for 'Super Families' only. Please consider nominating families in our community! The nomination form is shown to the right with further information. There is also a QR code for those that wish to use the online platform.

We appreciate your support in recognizing those in our community!

FROM SPS CLASSMATES TO LIFELONG FRIENDS. HAPPY NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH TO THESE MEN WITH THE HEARTS OF A SERVANT!



The volunteers were honored with special gifts and kind words before afternoon pick up!



TEACHER APPRECIATION AWARDS

CYO SPORTS

We are so proud of our Giants participating in sports this spring! Despite the chilly, wet spring weather they've shown up and given it their all. There's still time to catch a ball game or meet. Our athletes love to see the bleachers full of fans! A big thanks to our fantastic coaches and Men's Club for their dedication to our athletes and the CYO program. As the school year wraps up, it's time to start thinking about fall sports. With the nice weather and busy schedules among us, please don't forget to register your children for fall sports. Registration for CYO fall sports is open through July 28th. All Divine Grace Parish members and St. Patrick School students are eligible to participate. Available sports are:

Girls Volleyball: Grades 4-8

Boys Tackle Football: Grades 4-8

Co-Ed Soccer: Grades 5-8

Co-Ed Flag Football: Grades 1-4

Please register with Justin Roof (734)323-3905 or jrgrain@gmail.com by the July 28th deadline.

To make this a successful season for our young Catholic athletes, please consider coaching and helping with concessions. Please call, text or email Justin Roof for more details.



MRS. WICKENHEISER

My name is Elsie Lange. I have gone to St. Pat's for eight years. Ever since preschool, I've had Mrs. Wickenheiser as my science teacher. Mrs. Wickenheiser, or more commonly known to us as Mrs. W or Mrs. Wick, has given us many fun science experiments to do. My class has dissected many things including lamb hearts, owl pellets, and sheep kidneys. For the younger kids she has always made lessons hands on and fun. When I was in 3rd and 4th grade, I had Mrs. Wick as my full-time teacher. If it wasn't for her, I would never know how to memorize and study things. She taught us fun ways to remember things. We learned the levels of classification in order (Domain, Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species) by this sentence, 'Dear King Phylum, teach a Class to Order Family Genus a Species'. One of the most memorable things about her class was her store. When we were good in class or helped her out, she would reward us with Mrs. W Dollars. Every other Friday we would have store and use our Mrs. W Dollars to buy toys, books, homework passes, and much more. Not to mention, through the past few years, Mrs. Wick has broken her foot, had to wear a cast for a year, only to have it broken again, had multiple surgeries. Every year Mrs. W does the science fair for the whole school and organizes the geography bee. She now is the science teacher for the school and is amazing. We are going to miss her very much next year. Thank you, Mrs. W!

Please join us Sunday June 4th, after 11am mass, for a retirement reception!



GOODBYE TO OUR 8TH GRADERS

Kyree Grace Hinkle

By: Abby Jones

Kyree came to the school about a week after I came to St. Pats, so we've pretty much known each other all the way through school. One of my best friends at St Pats is Kyree, she's always been someone who just has a funny personality. She loves spaghetti and hates chicken pot pie. Kyree loves to paint and draw and will take a very long time just to mix the perfect paint color. She listens to guitar solos and hopes to learn how to play guitar over the summer. When Kyree graduates St Pats she's going to SMCC and there she's planning on playing volleyball and doing cheerleading as an extra activity.



Taryn Stevens

By: Angie Illes

Taryn Stevens is going to be one of our 8th grade graduates this year. She has been at St. Patrick School for three years now. Taryn's favorite color is lime green. Taryn's favorite subject is writing and her least favorite is math. Taryn is a great role model who is looked up to because she is patient and kind to younger students. Her favorite sport is softball. The thing she enjoys most about school is her friends. She is super kind, funny, smart, and caring. I love Taryn because she brings out the better things in life. Taryn Stevens will be attending Jefferson high school next fall. Good luck Taryn!



RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP)

Hard to believe the last physical order for Scrip for the 2022-2023 school year has come and went. I would like to share that the Scrip rebate generated a total of \$4,873.47! With that being said a total of \$2,924.08 is going towards many families' tuition next year and the remaining \$1,940.39 to the school! So, thank you to all of the families and extended family and friends that participated in ordering Scrip this year! When I say that this is an easy fundraiser, without having to really fundraise, I meant it! You simply earn money back for your tuition and school with purchases you would already be making. Please keep Scrip in mind throughout the summer for e-gift card use. Physical Scrip orders will start back up the first Friday in September and run through the first Friday in May 2024. As a reminder, the money counting towards the 2024-2025 school year tuition will run from May 1, 2023-April 30, 2024. This is to help the office for invoicing tuition for the following school year.

Furthermore, I'd like to share that Andrew Konyha will be running the Scrip program next school year! It will be a seamless transition as he helped with the "how to" tutorial for using Scrip which can be found on our school's website at www.stpatscarleton.com. If you do have any questions over the summer, please don't hesitate to contact him by phone at (248) 914-1419 or email at aakonyha@hotmail.com.