

LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS



CELEBRATING 175 YEARS



Feb / March 2024 Edition

Dear Giants Family,

As we step into the months of February and March, we're thrilled to share with you the vibrant happenings and important updates within our cherished community. Your participation and enthusiasm continue to make St. Patrick School a place of warmth, growth, and togetherness.

Celebrating 175 Years of Excellence: St. Patrick School Anniversary Celebration

Join us on Sunday, February 25th, as we commemorate a significant milestone in our school's history—our 175th anniversary! The celebration begins with an 11:00 AM mass followed by a light reception. Be sure to join us for this special occasion, where you can explore memorabilia and hear stories from our dedicated staff and alumni. Commemorative items for purchase will be available, allowing you to take home a piece of our rich history.

Discover the Magic of St. Patrick Giants: School Open House for Enrollment

We need your help to spread the word far and wide. Whether it's a neighbor looking for the perfect school or a friend searching for a nurturing educational environment, this is their chance to experience what makes St. Patrick School truly special. You know the magic of St. Patrick School firsthand—the caring teachers, the vibrant campus, and the sense of belonging that fills our halls. Now, we invite parents and prospective students to our School Open House on Monday, February 26th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Come and meet our teachers and staff, take personal tours of the school campus, and receive admission information. Learn all about our curriculum and ask any questions you may have. This is your chance to discover why St. Patrick School is the perfect place for your child's educational journey.

Lenten Reflections: A Season of Spiritual Renewal

As Lent begins, let us embrace this season of spiritual renewal. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness, may we deepen our connection with God and each other, embodying the values of compassion, generosity, and love.

We encourage each member of our community to engage, participate, and contribute to the vibrant tapestry of life at St. Patrick School. Your involvement and support are what make our community truly special. We look forward to celebrating, learning, and growing together as we continue to uphold the values of excellence, community, and faith that define St. Patrick School.



Saint Patrick Catholic School Mission Statement

That everyone in the Saint Patrick Catholic School community encounter Jesus, grow in Him, and witness to others through a Christ-centered academic environment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 26th:

Open House 5:30 PM

Saturday, March 2nd:

Reconciliation

Thursday, March 7th:

PTO Meeting 5:15 PM

Monday, March 11th

NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 15th:

Saint Patrick Day

Pancake Breakfast

(Dress in Green & White)

March 25th-April 2nd:

Spring Break

NO SCHOOL

In addition to these events, don't forget to mark your calendars for the Divine Grace Men's Club "Fish Frydays," starting February 16th and 23rd and continuing on March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.



Adults \$18
 Seniors \$15
 (65 & up)
 Kids 12 & Under \$9
 Credit & Debit Accepted

**Divine
Grace
Men's
Club**

St. Patrick School
2970 W. Labo Rd., Carleton

DINE IN or TAKE OUT "Fish Frydays"

Feb 16th and 23rd
March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd
4:00PM - 6:30PM

**Fried or Baked Cod, Fried Pike-Perch,
 Jumbo Shrimp, French Fries,
 Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans,
 Mac and Cheese, Nachos, Cole Slaw, Roll,
 Ice Cream, and Homemade Desserts**

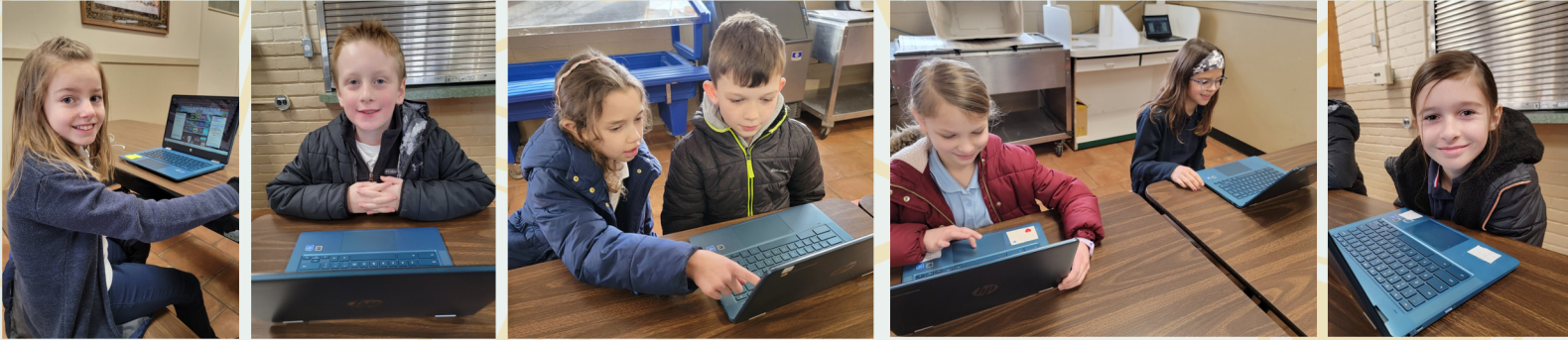
The Divine Grace Men's Club is a nonprofit organization. Proceeds from our fundraisers directly benefit Divine Grace Parish, St. Patrick School and our CYO sports program and teams. Thank you for your continued support!

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#SPS Around the School

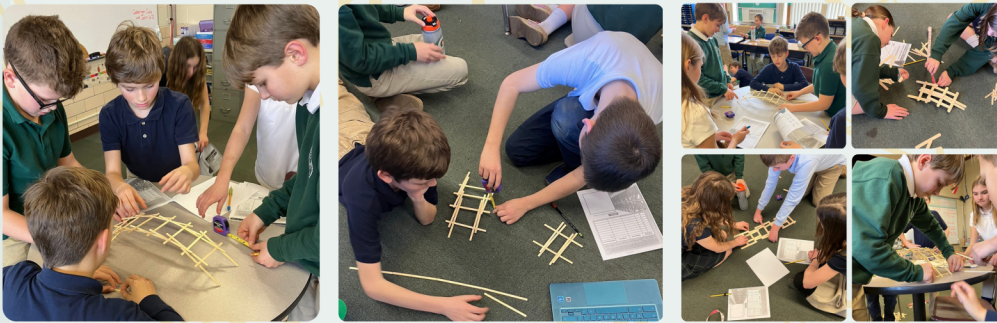
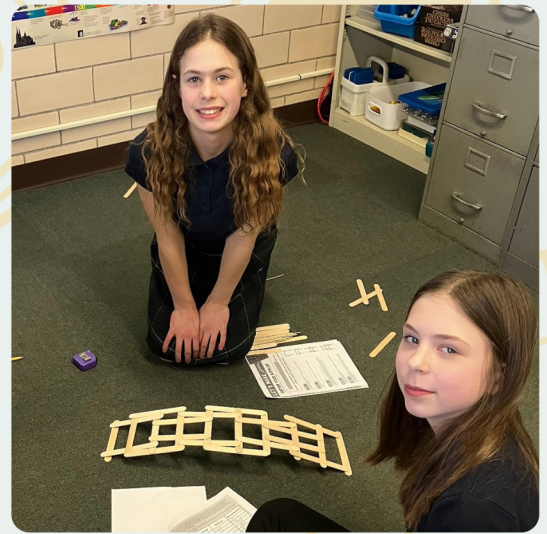
Exploring Tomorrow: Dive into Technology with Mr. Bezeau's 3rd Grade Class!

Step into the realm of technology with Mr. Bezeau's class! Students will dive into engaging activities, fostering creativity and problem-solving skills. Join us for an adventure in learning.



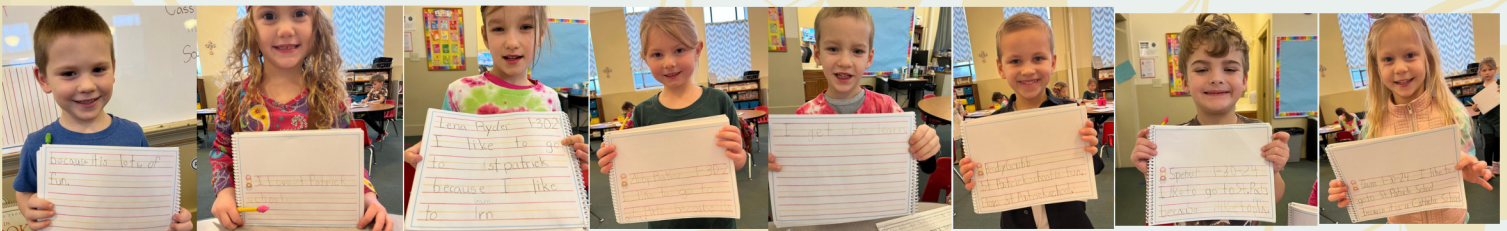
5/6th Grade: Engineering Exploration: Students Build DaVinci Bridges

Students recently delved into the fascinating world of engineering by taking on the challenge of constructing DaVinci bridges. Working collaboratively in small groups, they combined history, science, and math principles to bring their designs to life. The hands-on experience provided a captivating lesson, fostering creativity and critical thinking skills.



Kindergarten Authors Shine: Expressing Love for St. Patrick School during Catholic School Week

Some of our delightful Kindergarten students showcased their budding writing skills as they wrote about why they love St. Patrick School during Catholic Schools Week. With enthusiasm, they penned heartfelt reasons for their affection. Their dedication to crafting sentences is truly commendable. Keep up the great work!



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

PTO CORNER

CONNECTING, ENGAGING, AND EMPOWERING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Bingo Bonanza: Celebrating National Reading Month with 'Bingo for Books'!



March is National Reading Month, and PTO is thrilled to announce our special event: "Bingo for Books"! Each classroom will receive a bingo game set and "new to you" books as prizes, sponsored by PTO. Let's celebrate the joy of reading together! Teachers, we'd love to see your classroom in action, so please share your photos!

Another Successful CSW Event!

Thank you to PTO for sponsoring the recent bowling field trip to Monroe Sports Center and the engaging assembly, "The Parable Project, part 2", during Catholic Schools Week. Your support helps create memorable experiences for our students!

Calling for Mason Jar Donations!

PTO is in need of Mason jars for an upcoming project. Please consider donating and drop off your Mason jars outside the office by April 15th. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

Last Call for Little Giants Basketball Camp!

Are you interested in joining the Little Giants basketball camp? It's not too late! Check out the flyer for more information. Don't miss out on the fun - camp dates are Feb. 21, 22, 28, and 29. See you there!



Little Giants Basketball Camp



Dear Parents,

St. Patrick School Athletic Committee is offering a basketball camp for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders (co-ed). This is a free skills camp, and the focus will be to introduce the students to the game of basketball. They will learn the fundamentals of the game in a fun and supportive environment. All skill levels are welcome.

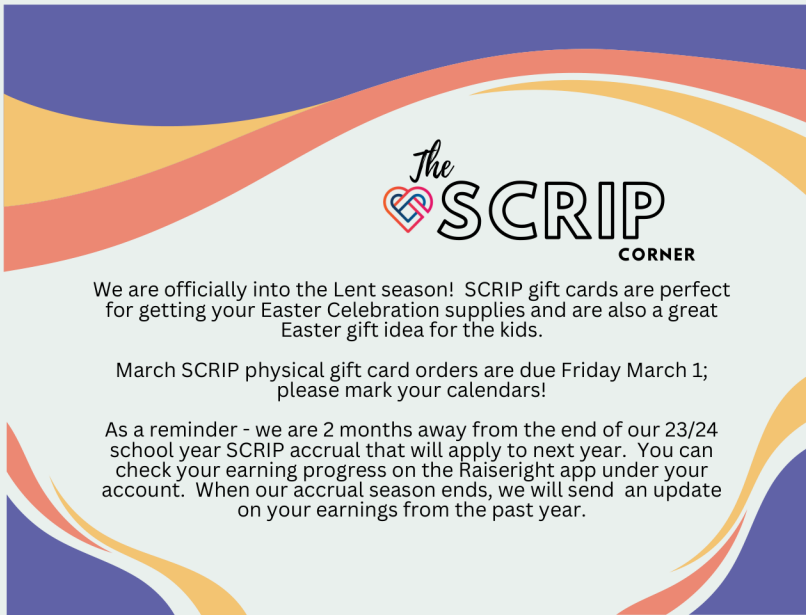
The camp will be held in the school gym from 3:15-4:45 pm on February 21, 22, & 28, 29. Please provide a note to your teacher by the initial camp date so they are aware that your student will be participating. Also, please be sure your student has a snack, water bottle and change of clothes (including appropriate shoes) for the camp. Students will need to be picked up inside the gym at 4:45pm.

Anyone interested in participating should text Jessica Teets at 734-945-7209 or email at jessicacellen9@gmail.com by February 16th. Please provide the following information for your student(s):

- Participant(s) name and grade
- Name & phone number for parent/guardians to receive communication

COACHES ARE NEEDED! Please indicate interest/willingness to help coach when you sign your child up. Coaches must have completed the Protecting God's Children course.

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The SCRIP CORNER

We are officially into the Lent season! SCRIP gift cards are perfect for getting your Easter Celebration supplies and are also a great Easter gift idea for the kids.

March SCRIP physical gift card orders are due Friday March 1; please mark your calendars!

As a reminder - we are 2 months away from the end of our 23/24 school year SCRIP accrual that will apply to next year. You can check your earning progress on the Raiseright app under your account. When our accrual season ends, we will send an update on your earnings from the past year.

Extracurricular Corner: Get Involved in Exciting Activities!

Check out these upcoming extracurricular activities at St. Patrick Giants:

Art Camp with Mrs. Carmack: Unleash your creativity and join us for Art Camp with Mrs. Carmack! Sign up by February 21st to secure your spot and explore your artistic talents.

Daddy-Daughter Dance: Dads and daughters, get ready for a memorable evening of dancing and bonding at our Daddy-Daughter Dance on March 9th! Sign up by February 28th.

Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities to connect, create, and have fun outside the classroom. Sign up today and let the extracurricular adventures begin!

CAN DRIVE



Our Can Drive is still going strong! You can easily earn service hours by helping us return cans. Return cans at your convenience, cash in receipts, and send in can money to the school office in a clearly labeled envelope! We've used can profits to send students to camp, host Mrs. Wickenheiser's Retirement Party, screen in the roof of our pavilion, and support many other small projects around campus. (We've raised over \$11,000 since we started!)



Save your tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! Join our March service project and let's pull together to make a difference by collecting pop tabs, which will be recycled to support families in need.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." - Numbers 6:24-26

LITTLE GIANTS NEWS CREW

THE CHOSEN

Contributed by: Elise Collins, Grade 5 :
Franklin Lange, Grade 5 : Alexa Chilson,
Grade 6 : Piper Salenbien, Grade 6



On February 7, grades 5-8 went to the Phoenix movie theater to see The Chosen, Season 4! It was over three hours long and it was sooooo much fun!



The Chosen is a series of biblical stories told on a movie screen. There were 3 episodes with a break in between them. We got all sorts of drinks, food, and candy.

I think it was a good learning experience for us about God. It shows us that Jesus is not nice, he is Good. I would very much recommend watching it. You can get an app called Angel Studios where you can find all the seasons! There was a really sad part at the end that I won't give away, but the funniest part was when Jesus was getting pistachios!

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Contributed by: Camden Grubb, Grade 5 : Bobby Jones, Grade 5 : Seth Jaskot, Grade 5 : Wyatt Frasier, Grade 6

The B2 Boys 5th Grade basketball team went all the way to the championship against MCES. On February 10, they played for the CYO title in SMCC High School gymnasium. It was a hard game all the way through. In the 2nd quarter, the game was tied 9 to 9. In the 3rd quarter it wasn't looking so good for the SPS Giants team, but they came back in the 4th quarter and took the game from MCES, 22 to 13!



The boys finished the season 9-1. The fourth grade team didn't win the championship but they had a very successful year! Keep working hard! Good season everybody and GO GIANTS!



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CREATING MEMORIES: 8TH GRADERS AT WORK ON THE YEARBOOK!

Contributed by: Abby Jones: Phineas Totten: Angie Illes

8th Grade Yearbook Creation Underway! Our talented students are hard at work crafting the 2023-24 yearbook. Here is a glimpse of the great work already being captured! Share your memorable moments with us! If you have any pictures you'd like to see considered, please send them to nljaskot@gmail.com. Your submissions help make our yearbook truly special.



EMBRACING TRADITION

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS



BIG TIPS FOR LITTLE GIANTS

Your contribution ensured the success of our event, underscoring your steadfast support for Catholic education. Together, we embody the theme of Catholic Schools Week: United in Faith and Community. With engagement like yours, St. Patrick School thrives, celebrating over 175 years of excellence.





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BOWLING

Contributed by: Weston Schenavar, Grade 5

During Catholic Schools Week, we went bowling! We had so much fun because the whole school went. We had good food: pizza and pop. Plus I won two times (although my friend won three times). We had a good time because we were with everybody!



MAGIC CARPET THEATRE

Magic Carpet Theatre took center stage to promote the Gospel. The Parable Project: Take Two! tells the stories Jesus told using drama, humor, and audience participation. We were happy to have them during Catholic Schools Week!!



DECADES DAY & TWIN DAY!

Throughout Catholic Schools Week, our students actively engaged in various activities, showcasing their enthusiasm for our rich Catholic heritage and fostering a sense of pride in our school community.

