

LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

Back to School 2023 Edition

WELCOME BACK GIANTS

As summer winds down and the sun sets on our vacation adventures, it's with great excitement that we extend a warm welcome back to the St. Patrick's School community! We hope this newsletter finds you refreshed and eager for the upcoming academic year.

St. Patrick's School, a beacon of educational excellence rooted in Catholic values, is ready to embark on another year of growth, learning, and fellowship. Our dedicated faculty and staff have been hard at work preparing to provide your children with a safe and nurturing environment in which they can flourish both academically and spiritually.

Mark your calendars! Back-to-School Night is scheduled for **August 21st**. This event offers an invaluable opportunity for you to connect with teachers, learn about classroom expectations, and gain insights into the exciting year that lies ahead. It's a chance to reinforce the strong partnership between our educators and your family.

The moment we've all been eagerly awaiting is drawing near. The first day of school, **August 23rd**, will kick off with enthusiasm and joy as our Giants fill the hallways once again. Please note that the first day will be a half-day session to help ease the transition back into the school routine.

St Pats Parents Facebook Group

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Parents Group



We look forward to a year filled with discovery, learning, and cherished memories. As parents, your involvement and support play an integral role in fostering a thriving educational environment. Let's work hand in hand to ensure our students receive the best possible education and a solid foundation for their futures.

Once again, welcome back to St. Patrick's School! May this academic year be a journey of growth, friendship, and enlightenment for all.

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."



If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please email Sarah Blicharski at sarahblicharski@gmail.com

1st Day of School Reminder

Don't forget our First Day of School for K-8 is August 23, at 7:30. Parents are invited to stay for Prayer in Peace Garden and Pictures on steps of Church. Pick-up will be at 11AM.

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." - John 1:14

#GEEKEDTOBEAGIANT

"Embracing God's Blessings: Celebrating the Charms of St. Patrick's Small Catholic School" 

At St. Patrick's, we are deeply grateful for the blessings that God bestows upon our small Catholic school. Our classical curriculum, guided by faith, takes students on a captivating journey of intellectual growth, nurturing their love for the arts and humanities while instilling a strong moral compass. With a solid foundation in critical thinking and the teachings of Christ, our students are well-equipped to conquer any challenge that comes their way, both academically and in life. Beyond the exceptional education, it's our close-knit community, strengthened by the love of God, that truly defines us. The genuine care and support among students, parents, faculty, and our shared faith create an atmosphere of belonging and camaraderie that makes every day at St. Patrick's feel like home. Moreover, our small classroom sizes, shaped by Christ's teachings of individual care and love, allow for personalized attention, fostering an interactive and dynamic learning environment where each student's God-given potential can flourish. At St. Patrick's, we take immense pride in being #geekedtobeagiant—a place where passion for learning, genuine connections, and faith in God thrive harmoniously.



Warm Welcome to NEW SPS Giants at St. Patrick's "Meet and Greet Potluck"

As we gear up for a brand-new school year, St. Patrick's School is all about coming together – and what better way to do it than with a yummy "Meet and Greet Potluck!" The St. Pat's School committee threw this shindig to give a big, warm welcome to the new families joining us this year.

Families gathered for a special time of connection and sharing. With delicious dishes to enjoy and friendly conversations flowing, it was a moment of unity and getting to know one another. Beyond the food and chats, it's about weaving new threads into the vibrant tapestry of St. Patrick's School.

To our newcomers, we're thrilled to have you as part of our family. Your presence adds to the unique fabric of our school, and we're excited to walk alongside you in faith and learning. Whether you're a parent, student, or member of our faculty, this year promises growth, discovery, and the warmth of the St. Pats community. Welcome, and here's to a wonderful journey ahead!





THE UPCOMING EVENTS



August 17th PTO MEETING 5:15PM	August 21st Back to School Night 5pm-7pm	August 23rd FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 1/2 Day (No Bus)	August 24th First Full Day of School (No Bus)	September 1-4th Labor Day NO SCHOOL	September 6th 4-year-old preschool Classes Begin	September 7th 3-year-old preschool Classes Begin
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Latchkey Program: No AM Latchkey August 23rd.
 Bus Service: No service 8/23-8/25.

JOIN US

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 11:00 AM, FOLLOWED BY PIZZA LUNCH AT NOON @ ST PATRICKS CHURCH

Any and all Catholic young men and women, Grade 5 and older who are regular Mass attendees at Divine Grace Parish and/or students at St. Patrick School. Middle school, high school, and college age members are welcome. Families are also invited to be trained together, so that siblings and parents can be jointly serving.



ATTENTION 5TH & 6TH *CAMP STORER*

The 5th and 6th-grade students are all set to embark on a five-day, four-night adventure at Camp Storer during the week of September 18th. If you're a new student in 5th or 6th grade at SPS, or if you haven't received details about this trip, don't wait – reach out to Mr. Bolster (bolster@stpatrick.school) right away!



Please reach out to Julie Jones or Hillary Lange if you're willing to help! Auction meeting will start soon!!



UNIFORM SWAP

If you're like us, your student has outgrown their uniforms throughout each year! We will be conducting a St. Patrick School Uniform Swap to assist parents and students preparing for the 2023 school year. We'll gladly accept clean and gently used SPS uniform pants, polos, sweaters, dresses, skirts, shorts, gym uniforms, sweatshirts, spirit wear, ties, etc. Please clearly mark your donation and drop it off at the school office. The swap will be held during Back-to-School Night, August 21st. All items are FREE at the swap. Everyone is welcome, even if you don't have items to donate. Great for new families too!

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL 'S

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM WITH PRINCIPALS ADDRESS AT 6PM

- POTLUCK DINNER
- INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION
- OUTDOOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES
- TEACHER INTRODUCTIONS
- COMMUNITY / NETWORK BUILDING

MORE DETAIL TO COME. PLEASE LOOK FOR POTLUCK SIGN UP IN AUGUST!

TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT HILLARY LANGE AT (906) 281-0402 OR JENNA HEIDEN AT (734) 755-9718

Rummage Sale

The highly anticipated SPS Rummage Sale is next month! 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.



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Donation drop-off will take place on September 19th and 20th, while the sale will be held from Thursday, the 21st, to Sunday, the 24th. We are currently seeking volunteers for both the setup and the sale itself. If you're interested in helping out, please sign up using the following link or QR Code:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084EAFAC2EA1FF2-stpatrick4t>

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The St. Patrick School Foundation was established in 2017 to offer additional financial support to St. Patrick School and its families for various "extras." It is quite common for the SPS Foundation to sponsor school projects; many will remember our parking lot project from last year. We have a couple of projects on the horizon for the upcoming months. I'm thrilled to announce that the first project of the year will involve constructing a full basketball court on the school premises. Additionally, we have an equally exciting second project in the works, but I'll leave that for a future announcement. If anyone ever feels compelled to contribute to the SPS Foundation, donations can be sent to the school office, addressed to the SPS Foundation.

-Thank you.
Aaron Jones

COMING THIS SCHOOL YEAR
St. Patrick School Hot Lunch Program



We've partnered up with Airport Community Schools to bring hot lunch to St. Pat's! We are working through this new service and will determine how to streamline the ordering process.



Q: What do librarians take with them when they go fishing?
A: Bookworms.



DIVINE GRACE MEN'S CLUB

Greetings to all dads and men of our school community, whether you're returning or new! We invite you to consider stepping into a more active role and embracing a rewarding experience. One avenue for engagement is through the Divine Grace Men's Club. Our meetings typically take place on the second Monday of each month, usually at 7:00 p.m., and the venues alternate between St. Pat's and St. Joe's campuses.

By joining, you're opening the door to monthly camaraderie and cultivating a strong sense of togetherness. It's a chance to lead by example and contribute to a sense of unity for your children. The Divine Grace Men's Club plays a vital role in supporting our school and parish through prayer, fundraising initiatives, and volunteering efforts. Events like the fish fries and the annual golf outing, among many others, contribute directly to the school and athletic programs with significant donations. If you'd like to stay in the loop, feel free to contact John Bozzo, the current Men's Club president, at jbozzoi@gmail.com to be added to our email list. We're excited to welcome you into our fold!



CORNER

Exciting News!

Get ready for the 23/24 school year with our FIRST physical gift card orders. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 1st, when we'll place our first order. Gift cards will be distributed to students during the week of September 5th. To keep the gifts coming, we'll place orders on the first Friday of every month.



Are you new to SCRIP? Learn more about it on the St. Pat's website in the SCRIP section, where you can also find the enrollment form. Don't miss our upcoming Q&A online webex in September. Stay tuned for the exact date in next month's article. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our SCRIP coordinator, Andrew Konyha, at aakonyha@hotmail.com

Important Notice

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT REGARDING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS:

All priests, deacons, employees and volunteers who completed a Protecting God's Children workshop prior to **January 1, 2020**, are required to update their certification by completing the Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Session 4.0 with Vulnerable Adults Training 2.0. combined module. The module is online and self-paced and takes approximately two hours to complete.

Individuals may pause, save and resume their position in the training if they cannot complete it in one sitting. Updated certification must be completed by August 31, 2023. Those who have never completed Protecting God's Children will need to take the initial certification program. Information is found on the aod.org website.

Additionally, all current Virtus account users will receive an email asking them to review and digitally sign the updated Codes of Conduct for clergy, employees, and volunteers and as well as the AOD Safe Environment Policies. No individual may be employed or permitted to volunteer at a parish or school in the AOD until a background check has been completed.

If you've not yet received an email from virtus.org, you may call them at 1-888-847-8870 or email, helpdesk@virtus.org. Ask them to send you the link for the updated training module.

Please contact Tim Bolster if you have any questions. Thank you!

2023 **FUN**
RUN
& **Walk**



10th Annual Event

*In Memory of
Mike Busen*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

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FUN RUN 2023

REGISTRATION



Divine Grace Parish Fall Festival
St Joseph Church, Maybee
September 15, 16, and 17
9207 Joseph St., Maybee, MI

Friday Evening - Food Truck Night
6 pm - 11 pm

Live music by Dixie Highway 7 pm - 10:30 pm
Adult Beverages, Concessions, Raffles, Country
Store, and Lemon Shake Ups
St. Joseph School Alumni Welcome

Saturday Evening
5 pm - 11 pm

Steak Roast - "Cook Your Own" 5 pm - 8 pm
Live music by Wisteria 7 pm - 11 pm
Adult Beverages, Concessions, Raffles, Lemon
Shake Ups, Ice Cream, Dime Toss, Doll Booth,
Kids Games, and Basket Raffles,
Country Store (Open at 1:00 pm)

Sunday - Family Day

Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner 12 am until Sold Out
Arts and Craft 9 am - 4 pm - Car Show 12 pm - 6 pm
Cornhole and Wiffleball Tournament 12 pm
Kiddie Pedal Pull 1 pm
Kid's Games 12 pm - 6 pm
Christian Illusionist Twist & Shout - 2 pm
Balloon Art/Face Painting 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
DJ Manny Perez 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Drawings for Parish/Basket Raffles - 6 pm

Sunday All Day

Concessions, Raffles, Country Store, Lemon Shake Ups,
Ice Cream, Dime Toss, Doll Booth, Basket Raffles, and
Adult Beverages.



Encounter Jesus ~ Grow in Him ~ Witness to Others



PTO SPOTLIGHT

CONNECTING, ENGAGING, AND EMPOWERING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Calling all parents

We invite you to be part of an incredible journey, supporting and shaping our school community as members of the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO).

By joining the PTO, you'll play a vital role in enriching the educational experience of our children. Whether it's organizing fun events, fundraising for exciting projects, or fostering a strong bond between families and educators, your involvement will make a significant impact.

As a PTO member, you'll have the chance to connect with other parents, share ideas, and contribute your unique skills and talents. Together, we can create a nurturing and inspiring environment where every child can flourish.

We warmly welcome you to be part of this wonderful initiative. Let's work hand in hand to make a positive difference in the lives of our children and build a stronger, more vibrant school community. Join the PTO today and be part of the magic!

Upcoming Meetings : August 17th & September 7th at 5:15PM

We'd love for you to join us! Shoot us a quick message anytime at pto@stppatrick.school

"Let your light shine." - Matthew 5:16



Upcoming

GET READY TO WELCOME FALL IN STYLE! STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS ON OUR EXCITING UPCOMING FALL MUM FUNDRAISER!



St. Patrick School PTO 2023-2024 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- OCTOBER** HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION
- NOVEMBER** VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION
- DECEMBER** SECRET SANTA SHOP
- DECEMBER** CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
- JANUARY** CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
- MAY** TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JESSICA TEETS 734-945-7209



MARKING 175 YEARS: ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL'S ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE



St. Patrick's first school bus 1947

FAITH. TRADITION. EXCELLENCE.

Fr. Smulders started the first school in the old log church in 1848. In 1867, a combination school/convent building was erected. On January 1868, three Immaculate Heart of Mary (I.H.M.) sisters arrived from their motherhouse to service the spiritual and education needs of our youth.

GET INVOLVED: PLANNING FOR ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL 175TH ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE!

Interested in joining the planning for our upcoming celebrations as we mark this special milestone? Reach out to Nicole Jaskot at nljaskot@gmail.com or give her a call at 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!



(Above) Class in 1892.

FUN FACTS



A 175th anniversary is called a demisemisepcentennial, which means one-half x one-half x seven x 100 years.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL WORD SEARCH

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Math
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Art
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Gym
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Reading
Notebook

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