

LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

Catholic Schools Week Edition



Catholic Schools Week Extravaganza: A Week of Celebration and Community Spirit

At St. Patrick School, we're gearing up for a week of joy, unity, and spirited festivities as we eagerly anticipate Catholic Schools Week. This annual celebration, which kicks off on January 28th, promises an array of exciting events and activities for our Little Giants and their families.

To kick off the week on a high note, Catholic Schools Week begins with 'Big Tips for Little Giants.' This delightful Pasta Dinner, taking place on January 28th from 4:00 to 7:00, sets the stage for a week filled with exciting events. Additionally, the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is proudly sponsoring the captivating 'Parable Project Assembly' by the Magic Carpet Theatre group on February 1st. This interactive and enlightening assembly will be held in the gym and will be open to all families, encouraging a shared experience of storytelling and creativity.

A Week Packed with Fun and Meaningful Activities

Throughout the week, each day holds its own special theme and activities:

Monday: *Twin Day & Ice Cream Sundaes*

Tuesday: *Decades Day and Student Appreciation Day*

Wednesday: *Class Color Day, K-8 Bowling Field Trip, and Teacher Appreciation Day*

Thursday: *Comfy Cozy Day and Parent Appreciation Day*

Friday: *Favorite Teams Day, Mass at 11:00, and the highly anticipated French Football Game.*

From dressing up in fun themes to expressing gratitude for our wonderful educators and parents, every day is an opportunity to strengthen the bonds that make St. Patrick School a special community.

Join Us in the Celebration

We extend a warm invitation to all families to participate actively in these festivities, fostering a sense of togetherness and community spirit. Catholic Schools Week at St. Patrick's is not just a celebration; it's a testament to the strong bonds that tie us together as a school family. Let's make this week one to remember!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic Schools Week (January 28-February 3rd):

Sunday: BIG Tips for Little Giants

Monday: Twin Day

Tuesday: Decades Day

Wednesday: Class Color Day

Thursday: Comfy Cozy Day

Friday: Favorite Team Day

Thursday, February 1st:

PTO Meeting 5:15 PM

Wednesday, February 7th:

Spelling Bee

Wednesday, February 14th:

Ash Wednesday

MID-Winter Break

February 16th-19th:

No School

Monday, February 26th:

Open House 5:30 PM

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.

Catholic Schools Week



Big Tips
for
LITTLE GIANTS

Help us kick-off CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK by supporting our school. Bring your Friends & Family and allow our St. Patrick School Staff, School Committee & PTO to serve you.

JOIN US FOR A
Pasta Dinner

Dine In or Carry Out
\$10 Adult | \$5 Student | Kids 3/under Free

Sunday, January 28th 2024
4:00PM-7:00PM

Dinner Includes:
Pasta Dinner, Bread Roll, Side Salad & Dessert

at St Patrick School Gymnasium (2970 W Labo Rd, Carleton)

All TIPS & Proceeds to Benefit St Patrick School

St. Patrick's PTO Presents
The Magic Carpet Theatre Group

PARABLE PROJECT Assembly

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
9AM IN THE SPS GYMNASIUM

FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

CLASS COLORS
 8TH GRADE : NAVY BLUE
 7TH GRADE : LIME GREEN
 6TH GRADE : PURPLE
 5TH GRADE : ORANGE
 4TH GRADE: LIGHT BLUE
 3RD GRADE: YELLOW
 2ND GRADE: GREEN
 1ST GRADE: WHITE
 KINDERGARTEN: GRAY
 PRESCHOOL: RED

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

Sunday – 1/28 BIG Tips for Little Giants 4–7pm at St. Pat's ALL Tips benefit SPS! Eat, Drink & Be Generous!	Monday – 1/29 Twin Day Pair Up & Dress Alike Ice Cream Sundaes
Tuesday – 1/30 Decades Day Turn Back Time & Show Your Style SOCK HOP Student Appreciation Day	Wednesday – 1/31 Class Colors Day K–8 Bowling Field Trip Pizza lunch provided by PTO Teacher Appreciation Day
Thursday – 2/1 Comfy Cozy Day Slippers, Robes & Cozy Clothes The Parables Part 2 Play 9am – Families Welcome! Parent Appreciation Day Muffins at Drop Off	Friday – 2/2 Favorite Team Day Support Your Favorite Team (Wear Over School Uniform) Mass at 11am French Football Game

Notes

- *Help us CELEBRATE Catholic Schools! CSW is January 28–February 3
- *If your child chooses not to dress for the spirit day theme, please send them in appropriate school uniform.
- *Share your pictures with us! We look forward to seeing your School Spirit!!
- *Thank you for choosing a Catholic School for your family!

SPS School Committee



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
2970 West Labo Rd. Carleton, MI

- Join Us**
- Meet Teachers & Staff
 - Personal Tour of School Campus
 - Receive Admission Information
 - Learn About Our Classical Curriculum

OPEN HOUSE
For Parents and Prospective Students

Monday,
February 26, 2024
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Put Your Child on the **Right Path!**

KEY DATES

MAY 1st New Family Registration By this date, the registration forms & fee are due. After this date, the registration fee will increase.	JUNE 1st Tuition Paid-in-Full Unless using the FACTS monthly payment method, full tuition is due by this date.	END OF AUGUST Back-to-School Night for Registered Families Date TBD! Come join us for information about 2024-2025 and kick off the new school year!
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Call our school office at (734) 654-2522
Visit our website: www.stpatscarleton.com

PTO Corner

CONNECTING, ENGAGING, AND EMPOWERING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

If you're keen on connecting with fellow parents and actively shaping your student's experience at SPS, joining the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is the perfect avenue. Feel free to reach out to Jessica at 734-945-7209 or simply mark your calendar for our upcoming meeting on Feb. 1st at 5:15 pm. Your involvement is key in fostering a vibrant school community during these notable occasions!

WINTER REMINDERS

Michigan Winter has arrived! Emergency alerts will be sent via email, text, and phone calls regarding school closure. Please inform us if you do not receive notification of our severe weather days recently. Typically, we will follow Airport Community Schools' cancellation.

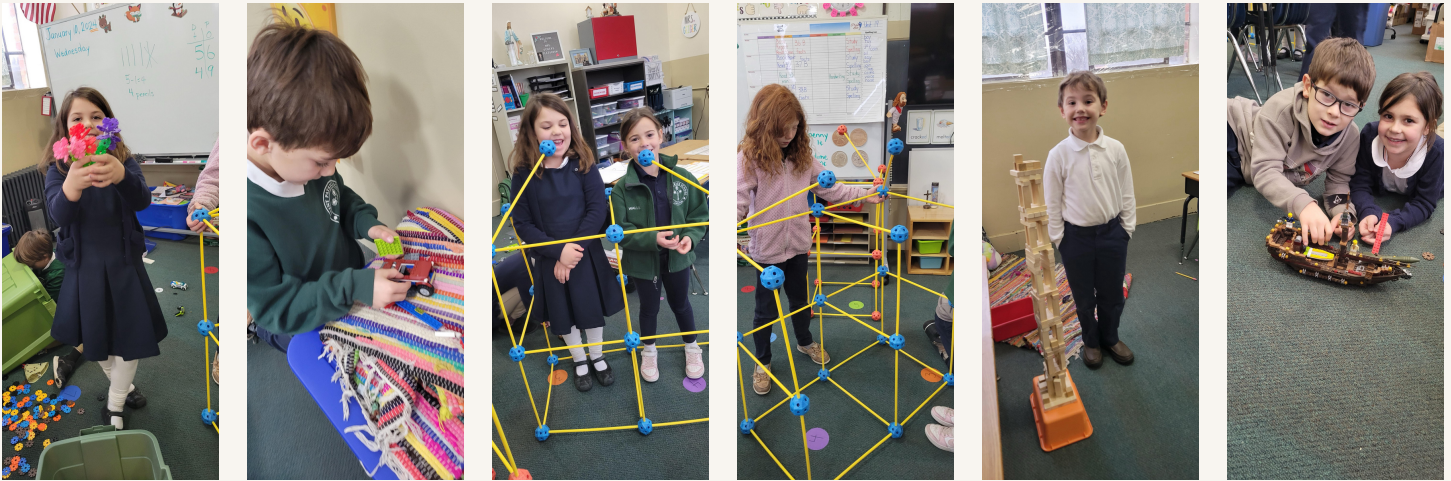
Remember to send students with hats, gloves, boots and snow pants for recess. Label your items-- our Lost & Found bins tend to fill up this time of year. There is one in the cafeteria and another outside the office. Please check for any of your missing items.

Little Giants Big News

#SPS Around the School

2nd Grade: STEM Adventures in Mrs. Geiger's 2nd Grade Class!

Mrs. Geiger's lively 2nd-grade class is having a blast exploring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). For these young minds, STEM is all about hands-on fun and exciting projects that make learning an adventure. From cool science experiments to playful engineering challenges, students are discovering the wonders of STEM in a way that's just right for their age. Mrs. Geiger's classroom is a hub of creativity, where every day is a new opportunity to explore and learn together!

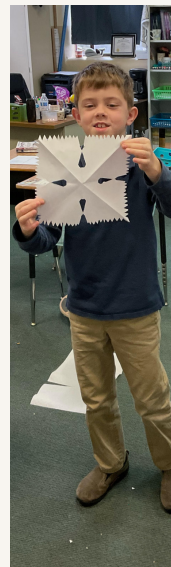


4th Grade: Snowflake Mastery in Mrs. Nagley's 4th Grade Class!

Mrs. Nagley's 4th-grade class recently delved into the enchanting world of snowflakes. With creativity in full bloom, students not only learned the delicate art of crafting snowflakes but also embarked on the journey of designing their own unique icy masterpieces. The classroom transformed into a winter wonderland as each student's imagination took flight, turning ordinary paper into intricate and individualized snowflake creations. It's a flurry of artistic brilliance in Mrs. Nagley's class, where winter magic meets the warmth of creative exploration!

WORDS UNLEASHED:
MAGGIE JONES'S WRITING SAMPLE

I feel that God is most proud of me when I'm in church praying and receiving God. God is most proud of me when I'm in church praying because I'm there to receive him and to pray for people in purgatory. God calls us to pray for people in purgatory because they can't pray for themselves. Another time that God is most proud of me is when I help others, because helping others is just nice and a kind thing to do. These are sometimes when God is most proud of me.



LITTLE GIANTS NEWS CREW

CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOL

Contributed by: Caden Williams 5th

I celebrate Saint Patrick school because my friends and I got to decorate our door for a door decorating contest. I celebrate our school for our basketball games we had and the snow days too. I like going to Catholic school because we learn about God and Jesus in all of my grades. The thing that makes us a great school is that we learn a lot, and we have a church to go to every Friday, and we read the Bible every week. I celebrate our school for how nice our teachers are.

THINGS YOU CAN DO IN THE SNOW

Contributed by: Samantha Emrick 6th

There are many different things you can do in the snow. Example: Making snow angels or making a snowman with your dad! You can do a lot of things. Many people are creative with almost everything, even snow. You may ask how; well, example: Snow art, making a snow fort, even snow ice cream. That sounds fun to do. Snow can be a sport like snow maze or snow ball fights. You may be asking what is my favorite thing to do in the snow- mine is enjoying how beautiful it is. It is so fascinating that the Lord made this! Hope you enjoy the snow too!



THE DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

Contributed by: Seth Jaskot 5th : Wyatt Frasier 6th : Isabelle Kovalak 6th

St. Patrick School had a Christmas door decorating contest and the winner got a pizza party! The contest took place on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 before Christmas break. All of the classes participated in the event. There were many great doors that were made. The winners of the event were the 5th and 6th graders. Their theme was "Take a Pic With Saint Nick!" The 5th and 6th worked together to build their door. Everyone in the class did a part like cut, fold snowflakes, and more! They made St. Nick, so you could put your head by the window and you would look like St. Nick! Also the class made baby yoda in the corner saying, "Brightly shining the stars are." They got some ideas off the internet. Then they looked up pictures of St. Nick and used red, white, and yellow paper to make his clothes. Winning was not easy. The 7th/8th grade room had a Santa Claus going down the chimney with a picture of the class along with some stockings with the names of all the class members. Now that it's over, let me tell you, it sure is fun ripping construction paper off a classroom door. The 5th and 6th graders get a pizza party, but everybody got pizza the day before break!

COURTSIDE INSIGHTS: A STUDENT'S CYO BASKETBALL UPDATE

Contributed by: Franklin Lange 5th

B-2 girls are 7-0
B-2 boys (5th and 6th) are 6-1
B2 boys (3rd 4th) are doing awesome and are improving greatly
A-1 girls are 7-0

We all are having fun as we creep towards the playoffs! Shoutout to all the coaches you all have taught us a lot this season. The games have come down to the last minute. I hope the coaches can rejoin us next year. Good luck as we head into the playoffs.



LITTLE GIANTS NEWS CREW

Why I love my Catholic School

Getting the inside scoop from our St. Pat's students, we asked them the simple yet profound question: "Why do you love your Catholic School?" Brace yourselves for the amazing responses we gathered!

Declan Teets, 1st Grade

"Learning about the Rosary"

Maggie Jones, 4th Grade

"Having Student Council"

Estelle Teets, 4th Grade

"How kind the teachers are"

Caden Williams, 5th Grade

"We learn about God Everyday and my friends"

Brody Grubb, Kindergarten

"Going to Mass and having my 8th grade buddy, Jake"

Silas Jaskot, PK3

"I love my school because I get to go to school with my friend, Lorelai"

Claire Williams, 2nd Grade

"Going to Mass"

Charlotte Blicharski, 2nd Grade

"I learn all about God, and we get to go to church, and I love all my friends and so happy I get to see them everyday"

Olivia Newkirk, 2nd Grade

"Learning about God and Jesus. Being with my friends"

Vivian Konya, 1st Grade

"Because I get to learn about God and Jesus"

Adam Wickenheiser, 1st Grade

"My teacher is nice and I really like church. I like to pray and I love my friends. My cousins are there too. "

Rocco Davis, 4th Grade

"I love being with my friends every year and learning new things about Jesus"

Seth Jaskot, 5th Grade

"I like my Catholic School because it has a good learning environment. We learn about God and Mr. Bolster is teaching us to be saints. "

Wyatt Frasier, 6th Grade

"Playing sports in a God centered environment"

Reese Jaskot, 3rd Grade

"My friends are there and we go to church on Fridays together"

Quinn Jaskot, Kindergarten

"I like learning new songs about Jesus. I really love seeing my friends every day and Mrs. Miller is the best teacher ever."



We would like to congratulate the **Ryder family** as the winner of our December SCRIP challenge!

We're also excited to share the progress our program has made this year. To date, we have generated over \$4,900 in tuition credit and funds for our families and school!

A reminder, February SCRIP orders are going to be due Friday February 2, coming home the next week.



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

Save the dates!!
Fish Frydays are just around the corner!
 Thank you for supporting the **Divine Grace Men's Club**. They are such a blessing to our school and parish community.



Adults \$18
 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 Perch, Jumbo Shrimp, French Fries, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Nachos, Cole Slaw, Roll, Ice Cream, and other 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!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. - Philippians 4:6