



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."

December 2022 Edition

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Wish you all a happy Christmas and a glorious New Year. Many thanks for the generous support from everyone in our community. Saint Patrick School is moving ahead because of the many generous patrons who attended the festivities. Again, and again, I want to thank everyone for their generous support.

Almost half the year is behind us now and we are looking ahead to the second semester. We are happy to announce that the Third/Fourth grade has a new teacher! I am happy to introduce Mrs. Lindsay to our school. Mrs. Lindsay comes to Saint Patrick School with a classical background having homeschooled her family over the last few years. She is familiar with many of the texts/programs we are now using at Saint Patrick School and has much to offer our students. Before homeschooling her children, Mrs. Lindsay taught in Dundee, where she was much respected by her students and peers. She has been around school the last couple of weeks meeting staff and students and getting the supplies she needs to get our 3/4 class rolling ahead.

As I write this note, we anticipate a wonderful Christmas Concert from our lower elementary program as well as anticipating another Live Nativity. I am excited about these and many other wonderful programs to come. If you drive by the school over the break, you might see an eerie glow from the upper east side windows of the Old School. Yep, it's time for Mrs. Wickenheiser's science fair! Students are busy with so many fun projects, the science room looks like the laboratory of a scarry sci-fi movie! And so, with Christmas upon us, I would like to end this quick note with a prayer for a blessed, fun filled, merry Christmas and a happy, New Year.

God bless you all,
Carl Lenze, Principal

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL KICKED OFF THANKSGIVING BREAK WITH AN OUTDOOR TURKEY TROT!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday January 3rd

Classes Resume

Monday January 16th

No School for MLK Day

Sunday January 29th

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Giants at Anson's

Monday January 30th

Kick off Catholic Schools Week with Science Alive

Monday February 27th

Open House for new families

Wednesday March 1st

Science Fair

SERVICE PROJECTS



January

- Gathering Pop can tab for Ronald McDonald House

Feb

- Collecting change for St. Vincent De Paul

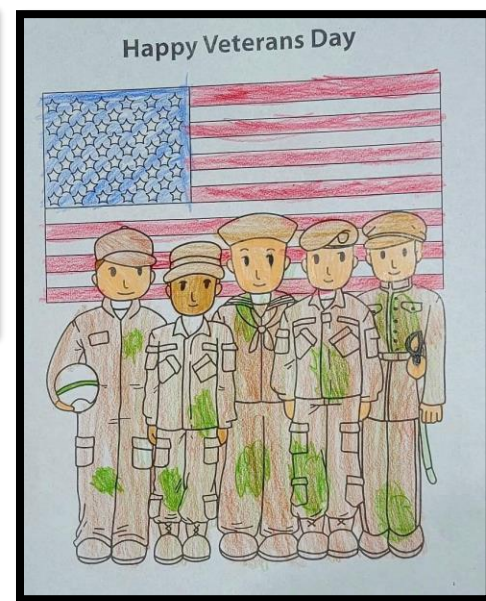
March

- Donations for Paula's Angels



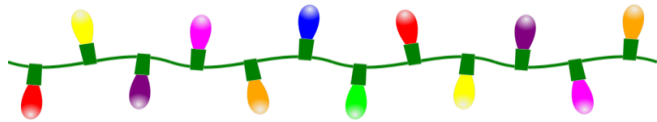


VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION: On November 11th St. Patrick School held a special event to celebrate Veteran's Day. This event included refreshments along with songs and readings by students to honor our veterans.



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The SPS Foundation would like to thank our Teachers and Staff this Christmas season. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated and passionate staff supporting our students who cares about each student as a young Christian. Thank you for making a difference in Catholic Education and in the lives of each student at St. Patrick School.



The Giving Season is upon us! Between our November and December orders, we had 32 families participate in ordering physical cards and numerous other families purchase e-gift cards through Scrip!

Thank you for using this easy way to purchase items you would already be purchasing, earning money back towards tuition while raising money for SPS at the same time!

The next Scrip order will be January 6, 2023 so mark your calendar!

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via text, call or email!

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RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP)

Living Nativity



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2022

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2996 W. LABO RD.

CARLETON, MI 48117

**Free Will
Offering**



We look forward to seeing you and your family at the Living Nativity - A Walk to Bethlehem on **Saturday, December 17th from 5-7pm!** This is a memorable event that will warm your heart with the Spirit of Christmas and the light of the newborn King!

- 30+ Live Actors & Actresses
- Live Animals, including a Camel
- 12+ Beautiful Scenes
- Angelic Choirs
- Luminaria to Light the Path
- Hot Chocolate & Warm Food
- Free Will Offering
- Non-perishable Food Collection
- A Truly Memorable Event for Everyone!

If you'd like to help with this tradition, please call/text Nicole Jaskot (734) 735-4349.

GIANTS CELEBRATING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PAISLEY REEDER, TURNING 4
WESLEY GRUBB, TURNING 10
ROCCO DAVIS, TURNING 9

RAVEN HINKLE, TURNING 12
JACOB SETZLER, TURNING 13
MALLORY MOUSEL, TURNING 4
EMMA O'DELL, TURNING 11

CAMDEN GRUBB, TURNING 10
BRANCH SCHAFER, TURNING 4
VALOR BISHOP, TURNING 9



ST. NICHOLAS

THE SAINT THIS MONTH IS ST. NICHOLAS. HE WAS BORN AROUND 280 A.D. IN PATARA. HE WAS A RELIGIOUS BROTHER, THEN LATER ON IN HIS LIFE BECAME THE BISHOP OF MYRA. HE DID MANY GOOD DEEDS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE GAVE THREE WOMEN WHERE HE LIVED MONEY TO KEEP THEM OUT OF SLAVERY, BUT NEVER EXPECTED ANYTHING IN RETURN. HE WOULD CHALLENGE THE OLD GODS AND PAGANISM AT THE PRINCIPAL TEMPLE IN HIS DISTRICT.

IT WAS SAID THAT THE EVIL SPIRITS "FLED, HOWLING BEFORE HIM". ST. NICK WAS ARRESTED AND PUT IN PRISON BECAUSE HE SLAPPED A LIBYAN PAGAN PRIEST NAMED ARIUS AT THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA. SAINT NICK WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON UNDER THE RULE OF CONSTANTINE THE GREAT. HE DIED DECEMBER 6, 343 A.D., AT 73 YEARS OLD. HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN, SAILORS, MERCHANTS, AND BREWERS. TODAY HE IS KNOWN TO US AS SANTA CLAUS, A MAGICAL MAN WHO BRINGS PRESENTS TO THE GOOD LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS ON CHRISTMAS.

ST. NICHOLAS, PRAY FOR US!

SOURCE

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BIRTHDAYS, SAINT SPOTLIGHT,
& MORE BROUGHT TO
YOU BY MR. BOLSTER'S
5TH & 6TH GRADE CLASS

I DARE YOU TO KEEP READING

By: Kaycee Vey

Have you ever been in a situation where you have been offered a cigarette or drug? Would you know what to do if someone did? Well if not then keep reading. DARE is a program standing for Drug, Abuse, Resistance, Education. My class had DARE this fall for a month from October to November once every week, and on Tuesdays. Deputy John Bills taught us DARE for the past month. We had DARE to learn about making good decisions, to keep ourselves and others safe by standing up for yourself, and how bad drugs really are for you. I learned many things from DARE that I will use in the future.

There were a number of things I learned during DARE and here are a few things I remember most. I learned how to stand up for myself when I am being bullied. When you are being bullied you should stand up for yourself by speaking up confidently or if you are too scared then tell a trusted adult. Another thing I learned is that drugs and smoking are really bad for you and your lungs. I know I will never smoke in my whole life because that's gross. One more thing I learned during DARE was about making good decisions. When someone asks you if you want a cigarette or even a beer. You can either change the subject by asking them if they want to do something else or you can say no while giving them a good reason like: "No my parents would ground me for life!" There are many more ways but those are two. Those were some things I learned during DARE.

I plan to use the things we learned from Deputy John Bills during DARE class. I will use what I learned about standing up for myself when I am being bullied by someone. Another thing I learned that I will use in the future is about making good decisions when I am being bullied, offered drugs, or even offered cigarettes. I might change the subject or just walk away. I might tell them that drugs are very bad and they can get very sick. I'm so glad I know what to do in those kinds of situations.

I've learned so much during the month. Before DARE I wouldn't have known what to do if someone would have offered me drugs or cigarettes. Now I know multiple good decisions I can make in that situation. I am so thankful for DARE because I got to learn so much. We also got to do so many fun little games. For example, we got to put on drunk goggles, play charades, and we got to play telephone. DARE has been such a fun experience and I am so glad we got to do it this year.

PTO UPDATE

It was so wonderful to see all of the smiling faces this past week at *Santa's Secret Shop*. The students were able to select the perfect gifts for their family members and had a great time doing so. We'd like to send a very special THANK YOU to all of the amazing volunteers that helped with this event. From shopping to wrapping, we couldn't have done it without YOU!

Before school closes for the holiday break, we will be hosting a *Cookies and Cocoa* event for each classroom. Students will be able to decorate and eat their own creations while enjoying a cup of hot chocolate. A special request has been submitted to the North Pole and we are hoping that a surprise visitor will be able to stop by and say hello to the kids.

We are looking forward to our upcoming holiday break and want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas!



ANNUAL SCHOOL AUCTION

WOW! We've had another record year for our Annual Benefit Auction coming in at \$93,000 of profit! We had about 350 people in attendance and added a new evening feature with the shamrock raffle! The live auction bidding wars were ones to remember this year!

Reminder that if you would still like to purchase the wooden ornament with your student's photo on it from the Principal's Appeal, they're available at the school office for \$10. Thank you to all parents, staff and community members that made this event such a success!



CYO SPORTS UPDATE

Our CYO basketball season is well underway! We have three girls teams competing in A, B1, B2. We also have one boys B2 team. We encourage everyone to come out and show your support for these teams.

In addition, we hosted a Little Giants Volleyball Camp at the end of November! We had 20 participants between first and third grade. They learned the basics including shuffling, ready stance, underhand hitting, setting, serving and overhand hitting with a large focus on sportsmanship. We definitely have some future stars!



DECEMBER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday December 3rd

A Girls 12:30 @ St. Charles

B1 Girls 10:00 @ Trinity

B2 Girls 9:00 @ St. John

B2 Boys 11:00 @ Trinity

Wednesday December 7th

A Girls 7:30 @ Home

B1 Girls 6:30 @ Home

B2 Girls 5:30 @ Home

B2 Boys 5:00 @ St. John

Saturday December 10th

A Girls 11:00 @ Trinity

B1 Girls 10:00 @ St. Joseph Erie

B2 Girls 10:00 @ St. John

B2 Boys 10:00 @ St. Mary

Wednesday December 14th

A Girls 6:30 @ St. Charles

B1 Girls 5:00 @ Home

B2 Girls 7:00 @ Home

B2 Boys 6:00 @ Home

SEASON CONTINUES IN JANUARY

KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT WITH MRS. MILLER

In the month of November, the kindergarteners talked about what they are thankful for. We also worked on our parents Name, phone number, address along with 6 other prayers and 1 bible verse to earn 10 “turkey feathers.” The students work very hard on remembering their information about themselves.

Once Advent started, we all made our own advent wreaths and got to take them home. We learned about what is the name of each candle and how we should love that special quality in our lives.



A LITTLE INPUT ON OUR SCHOOL FROM...MRS. JONES!!!!!!

(BY ELSIE LANGE, ISABELLE JONES, AND KAYCEE VEY)

WE INTERVIEWED THE NEW (AND AWESOME) 1ST GRADE TEACHER, MRS. JONES. ONE THING SHE TOLD US IS THAT SHE THINKS THAT ST. PAT'S IS A VERY SPECIAL GEM IN THE COMMUNITY. WHEN WE ASKED HER WHAT ONE THING THAT SHE THINKS COULD MAKE THE SCHOOL BETTER, SHE ANSWERED THAT SHE THINKS WE HAVE A VERY SOLID FOUNDATION BUILT ON, OF COURSE, FAITH AND THE SCHOOL WOULD BE BETTER WITH MORE FAMILIES AND CLASSROOMS. SHE LIKES THAT EVERY LESSON REVOLVES AROUND FAITH, THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE RESPECTFUL, AND THAT SHE HAS A GOOD, SAFE PLACE TO SEND HER KIDS. WHEN ASKED FOR SOMETHING INTERESTING ABOUT HERSELF, SHE SAID THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH GOING ON THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO DO WITH THE SCHOOL OR HER KIDS, BUT SHE ENJOYS SPORTS AND RIVALRIES, SPECIFICALLY COLLEGE SPORTS. MRS. JONES' FAVORITE EVENT THAT THE SCHOOL HAS IS THE AUCTION BECAUSE IT BRINGS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND THE PARENTS GET TO MINGLE AND ENJOY ONE ANOTHER. SHE SAYS THAT OUR COMMUNITY'S STRENGTH COMES FROM OUR PARENTS BEING LIKE-MINDED AND CLOSE KNIT. SHE THINKS THAT HAVING AN EVENT THAT BRINGS EVERYONE TOGETHER AND SUPPORTS THE SCHOOL IN SUCH A BIG WAY IS AMAZING. THE REASON MRS. JONES CHOSE TO TEACH AT THIS SCHOOL IS BECAUSE SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TEACHER AT HEART, AND SHE HAS FELT AN INCREASING DESIRE TO HELP THE SCHOOL IN ANY WAY SHE CAN. SHE SAYS THAT SHE WOULD NEVER TEACH AT ANOTHER SCHOOL. MRS. JONES SAID THAT THE ONE THING THAT SETS THIS SCHOOL APART FROM OTHER SCHOOLS IS THE FAITH OF OUR LEADER, MR. LENZE (SHE SAID CARL). HE ALWAYS DOES THE BEST THING FOR OUR SCHOOL, AND THAT IS A FACT. JUST FOR FUN, WE ASKED HER WHAT HER FAVORITE RESTAURANT IS, AND SHE ANSWERED TEXAS ROADHOUSE. SHE SAYS THAT SHE LIKES GOING PLACES WHERE SHE GETS EXACTLY WHAT SHE IS EXPECTING. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK MRS. JONES FOR LETTING US INTERVIEW HER.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!