

LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

October 2023 Edition

WELCOMING OCTOBER: EMBRACING FAITH, COMMUNITY, AND GROWTH

As the vibrant colors of autumn paint our surroundings, we reflect on the blessings of September and eagerly embrace the rich opportunities October brings to our Catholic school community.

Camp Storer Adventure: In September, our spirited 5th and 6th graders embarked on an unforgettable journey to Camp Storer. Guided by the inspiring leadership of Mr. Bolster and our dedicated cabin leaders, our youth embraced the great outdoors. They climbed to new heights, built lasting friendships, soaked in valuable knowledge, shared joyous laughter, and navigated the serene waters by canoe. It was a week of immense growth, filled with fun, enlightening experiences, incredible role models, lessons in responsibility, and the strengthening of teamwork. Through it all, the core values of "God first, others second, I'm third" were exemplified by our exceptional students.

Fundraising Success: Our annual Rummage Sale was a resounding success, thanks to your unwavering support. This event not only brings our community together but also fuels the heart of our school. We're thrilled to announce that it generated over \$11,000 in profit! In addition, we hosted the 10th annual Fun Run & Walk in memory of Mike Busen on September 9th, and it was a fantastic day with a great turnout. Thank you to all who attended and donated. Together, we raised over \$2,000 to support our school's mission. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated. These funds will enable us to continue nurturing faith, fostering learning, and providing enriching experiences for our students.

As we move forward, let's approach this beautiful month with gratitude in our hearts, unity in our spirits, and a deep sense of purpose. Together, we'll navigate October's colorful landscape, cherishing the blessings it bestows upon our SPS family.

"GOD FIRST, OTHERS SECOND, I'M THIRD"



175th Anniversary

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 call/text 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!

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." -

Matthew 18:20



OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5th PTO Meeting 5:15PM	October 7th Harvest Hootenanny 5:00-9:00PM	October 16th No School AoD- Professional Development Day
October 25th Patriotic Rosary St Patrick Church 7:00PM	October 27th Trunk or Treat 	

What's on the Menu? Oct. 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Rotini Pasta with Italian Meat Sauce Seasoned Green Beans OR Nacho Fun Lunch	3 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Dinner Roll OR Nacho Fun Lunch	4 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Tater Tots OR Nacho Fun Lunch	5 Cheeseburger on WG Bun Fresh Broccoli Florets with Cheese Sauce OR Nacho Fun Lunch	6 Pizza Friday! Classic Pepperoni or Cheese Fresh Cucumber Slices OR Nacho Fun Lunch
9 Beef Taco Fresh Broccoli Florets OR Muffin Fun Lunch	10 Macaroni & Cheese Cinnamon Glazed Carrots Biscuit OR Muffin Fun Lunch	11 Mini Corn Dogs Boston Baked Beans Fresh Baked Cookie OR Muffin Fun Lunch	12 Chicken Tenders Seasoned Corn Breadstick OR Muffin Fun Lunch	13 Pizza Friday! Classic Pepperoni or Cheese Caesar Side Salad OR Muffin Fun Lunch
16 NO SCHOOL	17 Cheese Filled Breadstick BBQ Baked Beans OR Garden Salad Fun Lunch	18 Buttermilk Pancakes Sausage Link Tater Tots OR Ragel, Yogurt & Sunbutter F.L.	19 Classic Chicken Sandwich Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Dinner Roll OR Garden Salad Fun Lunch	20 Pizza Friday! Classic Pepperoni or Cheese Carrot Sticks OR Ragel, Yogurt & Sunbutter F.L.
23 Grilled Cheese Sandwich French Fries OR Pancake Fun Lunch	24 Beef & Cheese Nachos Seasoned Refried Beans OR Pancake Fun Lunch	25 Waffles Sausage Patty Tater Tots OR Pancake Fun Lunch	26 Beef Meatballs Cinnamon Glazed Carrots Herb Breadstick OR Pancake Fun Lunch	27 Pizza Friday! Classic Pepperoni or Cheese Fresh Spinach OR Pancake Fun Lunch
30 Rotini Pasta with Italian Meat Sauce Seasoned Green Beans OR Nacho Fun Lunch	31 Lucky Tray Day Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Dinner Roll OR Nacho Fun Lunch			

NOTE: See letter & Jelly bag

Hot Lunch
 Meals are \$2.80 each and include choice of milk and fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables. Students can also purchase milk separately, without the meal.
 Please order online: www.airport.familyportal.cloud
 Orders need to be in by 9:30 am day of service (inc. changes/canceling).



SAINTS FUN FACTS


by John Sheppard

St. Therese Lisieux was a young Carmelite nun who devoted her life to loving God. As a permanent novice, she would never be able to perform great deeds. She did however scatter flowers, each flower a little sacrifice and a little action for God and love.

After not feeling well for sometime, she became gravely ill.

She remained silent and cheerful until the end and passed away at the age of 24.

St. Therese is one of patron saints of the missions.



SHEPPARD

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

Contributed by: Kaycee Vey

ST. Theresa of Lisieux, also known as ST. Theresa of the Child Jesus, or The Little Flower was born on January 2, 1873. Theresa is the youngest of nine children, only five of whom survived childhood. After their mother died of breast cancer in 1877, Theresa and her siblings moved to Lisieux. All four of her eldest sisters became nuns, and at the age of fifteen she entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux, having been refused admission a year earlier. Even Though she suffered from depression she was able to maintain A smiling, pleasant, and unselfish manner. Before her death from tuberculosis, she realized that, because of her difficult nature, not one day had ever gone by without a struggle. Her burial site in Lisieux became a place of pilgrimage, and Bearing her name in 1929 to 1954.

Most of the article from; https://www.catholic.org/saints/ff_images/77.jpg alt="Saints Fun Facts: St. Therese of Lisieux - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online"/>

#SPS AROUND THE SCHOOL

St Patrick's Student Council

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Student Council for the 2023/2024 school year, a platform dedicated to student empowerment and leadership. Congratulations to the outstanding winners who will play a pivotal role in shaping our school's future!

ELECTION RESULTS

President
Cale Jones

Vice President
Abby Jones

Class Representatives

8th Grade Nick Bokuniewicz & Phineas Totten

7th Grade Corey Carmack & Elsie Lange

6th Grade Alexa Chilson & Piper Salenbien

5th Grade Franklin Lange & Bobby Jones

4th Grade Margaret Jones & Luke West

3rd Grade Olivia Jones & Avery Jones

Senator Anna Goins



PRE-K4




In Pre-K 4 this week, they celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday! They began by going on an apple hunt to pick their apples. Then, they cut the apples into pieces and started making their own applesauce. During their creative sessions, they explored the unique star shape within apples and even used them as stamps, dipping them in paint to craft beautiful patterns.

The following day was filled with delicious anticipation as they had the opportunity to savor the applesauce, they had lovingly prepared. The kids really seemed to enjoy it! As their week draws to a close, they take a moment to express gratitude to God for the gift of trees and all the blessings they bestow upon us. It has been a wonderful week of learning, exploration, and appreciation in Pre-K 4!



SPS Artists



THIRD GRADE



Contribution by: Pk3 & 1st Grade



We're thrilled to showcase a charming picture of our 3rd graders creative treat-making session. The students transformed green apples and grapes into adorable turtles and also had the pleasure of savoring homemade chocolate caramel turtles courtesy of Mr. Eby's Mother, Maria Eby.

LATCHKEY

Don't forget, SPS also offers a Latchkey program! Certified through the State of Michigan, our program is available for Pre-Schoolers through 8th grade.

Join us for AM care from 6:30am until school starts and PM care from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. For more information, please reach out to the school office at 734-654-2522.

Sports News



Corey and Ven, two of our 7th graders, are playing for the MCES Crusaders! Come cheer them on **10/7 at 11am @ St. Charles**



Our Girls Volleyball Team is made up of awesome young athletes who love playing together and having fun on the court. They practice hard to get better and always cheer for each other. They're not just teammates; they're like a big volleyball family! We're super proud of them!



CENTAURS FOOTBALL



2023 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE	
9/9	1PM AT JEFFERSON
9/23	11:30AM AT ST. CHARLES
9/30	2:30PM AT AIRPORT
10/7	2:30PM AT MONROE HS
10/14	11:30AM AT NAVARRE FIELD
10/21	1PM AT HURON

OUR 5TH GRADE GIANTS ARE PROUD TO HAVE JOINED WITH THE ST. CHARLES CENTAURS THIS SEASON

WINTER SPORTS SIGN UP

CYO Basketball Signups

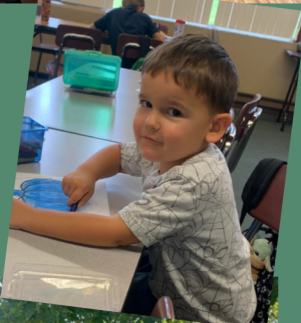
Signup for CYO girls' and boys' basketball is currently open. The 2023-24 CYO basketball is open to all Divine Grace Parish Members, Religious Education Students and St. Patrick School Students. Girls and Boys in grades 4-8 are eligible. Registration ends October 23rd.



Scan QR Code to Register

CYO Basketball Coaches Needed

We need head and assistant coaches for basketball. Please reach out to Dave Illes to discuss the opportunity. (734) 731-0348.



October Updates SPS GIANTS

25th Annual St. Patrick School Auction

Auction planning is in full swing! Mark your calendars and arrange for childcare – our working meeting is set to kick off during the third week of October. Stay tuned for the official date and time announcement! If you're eager to show your support right away, don't hesitate to contact Christie Salenien for solicitation opportunities.

It's a convenient way to fulfill your auction hour requirements! A friendly reminder: all donations from friends, families, and businesses should include a completed form and be submitted to the school office for proper processing and thank you notes. Now is also the perfect time to submit your advertisements for our booklet. This booklet reaches over 300 people and provides an excellent platform to promote a business, event, or even showcase a talented SPS student! We genuinely appreciate your support in making our largest fundraiser a success! For any further inquiries, please don't hesitate to reach out to Julie Jones or Hillary Lange. Thank you for being part of our wonderful community!



**Scan for
Auction
Website**

St. Patrick School Booklet Advertising Form 2023
Join all the great businesses that advertise in our booklet - seen by 300+ people!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Phone: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____
Size of Ad: (Please Check one)
 Full Page \$250
 1/2 Page \$100
 1/4 Page \$50
 1/8 Page \$25
 Business Card \$25

NEW! Personalized Ad for Family/Students
*Select a student or family to share a special note, photo, or encouragement

Amount Enclosed: _____
Size of Sponsorship: (Please Check one)
 Full Page \$250
 1/2 Page \$100
 1/4 Page \$50

Check the information you would like included in your Ad:
 Business Name
 Contact Name
 Address
 Phone
 Email
 Web Address

Use Space below to indicate the layout for your Ad or attach a separate sheet

Saint Patrick School Foundation

The SPS Foundation has been busy supporting and contributing to several new projects at our School. We are currently in the process of remodeling the kitchen next to the cafeteria. This remodeled kitchen will include new cabinetry and some fresh paint and will be completed in October and will reflect so positively on our kitchen and gymnasium.

As previously mentioned, we are also avidly planning a new basketball court for our children. This project should commence in early October and end by November. Stay tuned for the finished project pictures!!!

Big Thanks

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Andrew Konyha for his invaluable assistance in enclosing the roof of our pavilion. We're working to keep pesky birds at bay and create a better outdoor classroom for our teachers and students. Andrew, your hard work is awesome and much appreciated!



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!)



Catholic Virtues Tree

Last year, we introduced a Catholic Virtues Tree as a means of student recognition.

As students live their faith through actions, our tree undergoes a beautiful transformation! We pray that each student truly flourishes in their faith and learn what it meant to live a life of virtue.



PTO CORNER

CONNECTING, ENGAGING, AND EMPOWERING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Mum Fundraiser Update

A huge thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser. It was a huge success for PTO! Congrats to the Grant Cieslinski family from PK-3 on being our top seller with over \$700 in sales and the winner of the Farmer's Cafe gift card. Another shout out to the Beau Beaubien family from 2nd grade on being the second best seller with over \$500 in sales.



RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

Thank you for making our recent Rummage Sale a tremendous success! Your unwavering support and the countless hours dedicated to our annual fundraiser are truly appreciated. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Julie Jones and our dedicated team of volunteers – your commitment is invaluable, and we couldn't have done it without you. This year, our tent was brimming with generous donations, and we are immensely grateful for the overwhelming support we received from the Carleton community. It's through your generosity that we achieved remarkable results.

We're delighted to share that our Rummage Sale generated over \$11,000 in Profit! These funds will contribute significantly to our ongoing efforts and initiatives. We truly shine when we come together, and your contributions make a profound difference. Thank you for being an essential part of our thriving community!



The PTO has an exciting Trunk or Treat event scheduled for October 27th, so be sure to mark your calendars! We'll be serving pizza, and there will be an online sign-up available for RSVPs, as well as for those interested in bringing sides, drinks, and decorating their vehicle.



Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity! Make sure to place your orders for physical gift cards by this **Friday, October 6th**. Your selected cards will be sent home with your children during the week of **October 9th**.

While Christmas may be a couple of months away, it's never too early to start planning thoughtful gifts for your loved ones, colleagues, or hardworking employees.

Consider the convenience and versatility of gift cards as a perfect choice!

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY NIGHT OF FUN!

Saturday
October
7th

FREE
ADMISSION

5:00pm – 9:00pm

POT LUCK HAYRIDES CIDER
BON FIRE OUTDOOR GAMES

School Committee is planning a community building night on the school campus. Please plan on coming for both a relaxing and enjoyable family night for current & alumni families, extended friends and family. Come meet new families and let our students burn some energy!

If interested in helping please contact
Joel Grubb (734) 315-0168 or Andrew Konyha (248) 314-1419



LITTLE GIANTS NEWS CREW

2nd Edition:



At Camp Storer



Reported by: Rose Totten

I learned how the Native American kids talk to each other through pictures. A person that helped me was Kelly when she told me what I could eat in the wild if I got lost. Some people that helped me were the belay team when I was rock climbing. They made sure I didn't fall and die. I owe the belay team.

Three things that describe my experience are fun, exciting, and educational. Camp Storer was fun because I got to do canoeing, horseback riding, and play fun games. Camp was exciting because you didn't know what you were doing next so it was a surprise. Camp was educational because you got to learn a bunch of things such as what constellations the stars made, about the different birds, and about the Native American life.



Reported by: Elise Collins

I learned that teamwork is incredibly important, because if it was not for the belay team I would probably be in the hospital!!!! 😭 When we were canoeing, Evelyn and I had to work together. When we were doing the Incredible Journey obstacle course we had to work together to get to the end.



When we played the game Predator and Prey we had to work and find a good hiding place together. I felt encouraged when I learned more things in nature. It was basically encouraging me to work as a zoologist and was very inspiring.



Reported by: Weston Paullus



I learned how to use a canoe and how to use the tools the pioneers used. A person that helped me was Mr. Frasier. When I was going canoeing I was scared. Mr. Frasier and I were partners, and he helped me not to be scared. I felt encouraged by my mom. The day before I had to leave to camp, my mom told me about her experience at camp. After that, I was less scared. Three words that describe my experience at camp are amazing, shocking, and exciting.



St. Patrick Student Council

Reported by: Isabelle Jones

A little inside information on St. Patrick's Student Council! This year for the student council, the teacher of the 7th and 8th grade organized a student council from 3rd grade up. Each grade from third grade up had candidates for representative and senate. The 7th and 8th grade had candidates for representative, Senate, President and their running mate for vice president. The running mates for President and Vice In 7th and 8th grade were Kaycee Vey with Isabelle Jones and Abby Jones with Cale Jones. Throughout the week these candidates gave out buttons, hung up posters or fliers, and did other campaign related things. The winners of the student council were announced at the end of the week along with each grade's representatives and senate winners. The winner of student council president and vice president are Cale and Abby Jones! The winners for 8th grade representatives were Nick Bokuniewicz and Phineas Totten, for 7th grade representatives-Corey Carmack and Elsie Lange, the 6th grade representatives-Alexa Chilson and Piper Salenbien, The 5th grade representatives were Franklin Lange and Bobby Jones. The 4th grade representatives are Margaret Jones and Luke West, and the representatives for third grade are Olivia Jones and Avery Jones and their Senator is Anna Goins. President Jones and Vice president Jones will schedule meetings including all representatives and Senators from each grade 3rd and up asking what ideas (along with their ideas) that they and their class might have, to spark up the school year.

Congratulations and may your reins be prosperous!
(Of course only for a year though forever would be nice HaHAHA)



Contributions



We invite all of our talented and creative students to get involved in our school newsletter. Whether you have a story to tell, a poem to share, a prayer from your heart, or captivating pictures that capture the spirit of St. Patrick's, we want to showcase your contributions. To submit your articles, pictures, stories, poems, prayers, or any other exciting ideas, please reach out to Sarah Blicharski at SarahBlicharski@gmail.com or your teacher. Let's come together to make our newsletter shine with the brilliance of our Little Giants!

ALL HALLOW'S EVE

Contributed by: Elsie Lange

Halloween is most commonly celebrated in America, England, France, Germany, and Canada. But before all this, Halloween was called All Hallow's Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day, when Catholics would remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Now, when you think of Halloween, you may think of skeletons and ghosts. Well, this came to be because these things were supposed to remind people of death. The celebration used to include people dressed up in these death-related costumes, asking people for treats, and promising to pray for their dead relatives in return for the food. The food that was most commonly handed out was soul cakes, which are very similar to what we now know as donuts. Of course, this holiday has changed a lot over the years, but on Halloween all Catholics should still pray for and remember their dead loved ones.

Sources

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