



LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

February 2022 Edition

Principal's Note

Some people call these the sleepy days of winter as we drag through February and into March. It might be that these people have never been to Saint Patrick Catholic School where there is never a "sleepy" day! We've had a couple of full weeks of fun and learning with our Catholic School Spirit week and Winter Olympics, broken up by snow days and mid-winter break.

And what about the B2 Girls Basketball team's 5-0 season ending with the fantastic Championship win! Way to go girls!

Truth is, there is never a sleepy day at Saint Patrick School!

Learning continues as we finish up our Mid-Year Star testing and buckle down into our Spring curriculum. Studies begin to pick up steam as we approach Lent and Easter. Teachers are looking at changes to our curriculum for the Fall (more on that to come soon).

We are all looking forward to the up-coming Open House (Monday, February 28). Hope to see you all there as well as many new faces as Saint Patrick School continues to grow and thrive.

With all the fun and excitement sometimes it seems easy to forget why we are here at Saint Patrick School in we are here in the first place. But, the mission of Saint Patrick Catholic School remains the same: "...That everyone in the Saint Patrick Catholic School community encounter Jesus, grow as His disciples, and witnesses to others through a Christ-centered academic environment." If sometimes we seem to lose sight of this mission, just ask a second grader, who is preparing for his first Confession and First Communion. "Why are we here?" You'll be happy to hear the words, "To know, love and serve God and to enjoy Him forever." Or ask a 7th or 8th grader. They'd be happy to explain the "Bridge Illustration" to you. To explain why we need Jesus in our lives and how He makes it possible for us to spend eternity with God (Complete with Scriptures to back up the explanation!) Yes, we haven't forgotten the mission, and there is never a sleepy day at Saint Patrick School.

I want to finish with one more observation. This past month I have gone into every classroom to formally evaluate each teacher. What joy and energy this staff pours out on our children each day. What great lessons and enormous amounts of work that has gone into each. We have a super staff, committed to God and these students. I'm proud to say it is an all-star team. Then top it off with Ms Kelly in the office! God has truly blessed me with a solid community, of wonderful parents, super staff, energetic and Christ filled children and above all a Spirit of God that penetrates everything we do at SPS.

Thank you all, and praise God for each blessed day!

Carl Lenze, principal



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."

NEWLETTER

If you'd like to add anything to the newsletter, please email Hillary Lange at hslange10@gmail.com



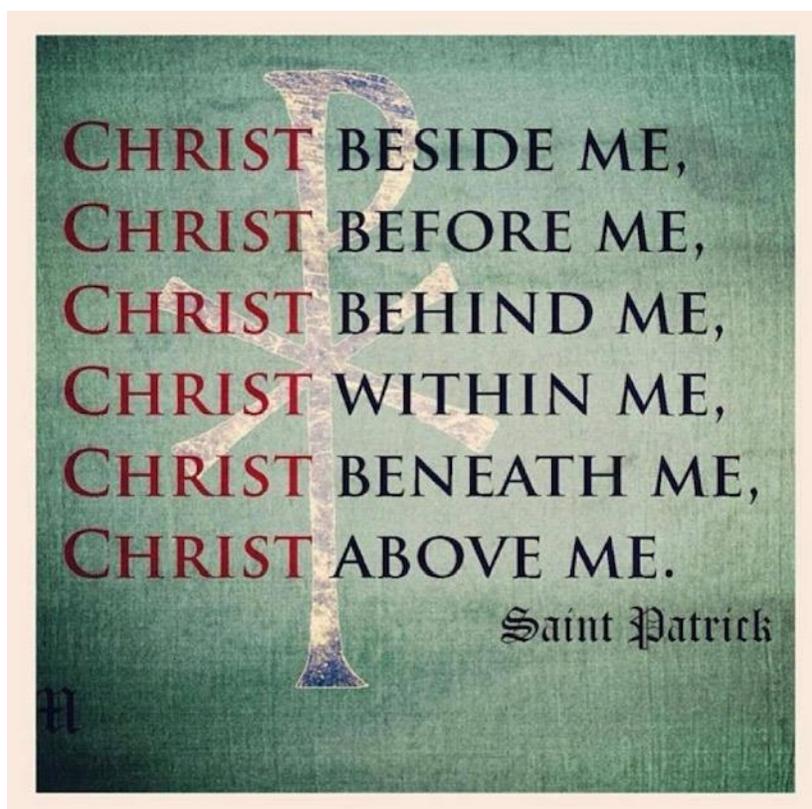
School Committee Update

As we advance through the year, we continue to meet monthly to discuss various topics. We've been working to plan our open house February 28th 5:30pm- 7:30pm. We encourage our families and community to bring anyone considering joining our school.

Also, over the last few months our curriculum chair has been working with Mr. Lenze to consider, revitalize, and refresh our curriculum. The conviction that is a process which forms the whole child, especially with his or her eyes fixed on the vision of God.

In addition, we've been working toward the family feedback. We hope you enjoy the monthly note from Mr. Lenze and see improvement as your children flow from class to class.

If you have any questions pertaining to school committee, please reach out to Joel Grubb.



St. Patrick School Foundation

The St. Patrick School Foundation will once again be planning to financially help families in need of assistance with next year tuition costs to attend SPS. If you, or an outside family that you know desires to attend SPS but have financial concerns, please speak with the school leadership. As a reminder the foundation pays for the 4th child in each family!

St. Patrick Site Festival: Save the date of June 3, 4, and 5th to attend and participate in our parish festival. We have some considerable activities planned for the children and they will not want to miss it!

Learn More at <http://spscarleton.com/>

CYO

We have wrapped up our Winter CYO Season with the completion of basketball and our cheer club. Our B1 Girls team finished their undefeated bringing home the league and tournament championship trophies. Thank you to coaches Brian Vanisacker and Ben Jones for leading their team to such a successful season and providing the girls with a great experience!



Our A girls team made it to the tournament finals to cap off a season in which they made great strides in their development. With heavy hearts we say goodbye to 8th graders Madison Boehm and Adela Illes as they completed their basketball and CYO careers with Saint Patrick. We wish you both success in the future!



Dear Parents,

St. Patrick's school is offering a basketball camp for 1st and 2nd grade students (co-ed). This will only be a camp, there will be no games. The focus will be developing basketball fundamental in a fun supportive environment. Student will be utilizing our lower rims to accommodate the young age.

We plan to have one camp date per week from February 25th until spring break. Initial camps will be Friday from 3:10 pm to 4:30 pm. When fish fry starts up, we will have to change the day of the week, but the time will remain the same. All 1st and 2nd graders are encouraged to come. Anyone interested please contact Coach Justin Roof 734-323-3905. At this point it is Maegan Theisen and myself coaching, If any other parents would like to come help out it would be appreciated.

For those signing up, please provide the following:

- Participant name
- Name and phone number for parent/guardians to receive communication
- Note anyone willing to assist

Regards,

Coach Roof

734-323-3905



PTO UPDATE

The PTO wrapped up an amazing Catholic Schools Week! Animal presentations by Science Alive, a school wide bowling field trip, a staff luncheon, ice cream treats, free pizza lunch, and movie day with popcorn were all enjoyed by students and staff.

We appreciate the support of all of our school families and are looking forward to more fun events to come.



2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

Registering for the next school year is coming upon us quick. As you and your family prepare please keep in mind tuition assistance options. This year St. Patrick School is encouraging every Catholic Family to apply for the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition assistance at this link:

<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>

Once you have applied for the AOD assistance, we also have a St. Patrick School local assistance application that you can get in the school office upon request! Amounts will be determined based on need and if/how much the AOD awarded you! Yes, there are families who get BOTH!! If you are not Catholic please skip to requesting a local assistance application at the school office.

St. Patrick School Foundation is also based on making our school affordable for EVERY family! SPSF will award scholarships and tuition assistance after the AOD and Local Fund have been awarded if there is still a need!

Please privately contact or communicate your need with Kelly Varcie or Mr. Lenze in the office. We will ensure every situation will be confidential. Ensuring you are able to provide the education you desire for your children is a priority.

PARISH FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE:

Reminder to mark your calendars, the parish festival! It is on the books for June 3rd, 4th & 5th. School committee and PTO are working to put together activities and welcome any support!





St. Patrick School Olympics

We held our own Olympics and the kids had an blast. See the details below!

10 countries: Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Austria, Mexico, France, S. Korea, Scotland, & Greece

Had 8-9 students on a team

Monday - Ball on the Wall

Austria - Gold

Sweden - silver

Denmark - Bronze

Tuesday - Dog sled racing

Germany - gold

S. Korea - silver

Sweden - bronze

Tuesday - Snow sculptures

Finland - gold

Austria - silver

Mexico - bronze

Wednesday - Bowling

France - gold

Sweden - silver

Greece - bronze

Thursday - Mr. Lenze crazy ball

Austria - gold

Germany - silver

Finland - bronze

Good sportsmanship

Greece - gold

