



LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

January 2022 Edition

Pope Benedict XVI also gives us a New Year's Blessing from 2008 that is meaningful as we head into 2022:

Dear brothers and sisters, it is only by pondering in the heart, in other words, by piecing together and finding unity in all we experience, that, following Mary, we can penetrate the mystery of a God who was made man out of love and who calls us to follow him on the path of love; a love to be expressed daily by generous service to the brethren. May the new year which we are confidently beginning today be a time in which to advance in that knowledge of the heart, which is the wisdom of saints. Let us pray, as we heard in the First Reading, that the Lord may "make his face to shine" upon us, "and be gracious" to us (cf. Nm 6: 24-7) and bless us. We may be certain of it: if we never tire of seeking his Face, if we never give in to the temptation of discouragement and doubt, if also among the many difficulties we encounter we always remain anchored to him, we will experience the power of his love and his mercy. May the fragile Child who today the Virgin shows to the world make us peacemakers, witnesses of him, the Prince of Peace. Amen!

- Pope Benedict XVI, Jan. 1, 2008

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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."



Geography Bee

The St. Patrick School Geography Bee was held on January 7th. Congratulations to our Winners: Zachary Vroman 1st place, Madison Boehm 2nd place, Elsie Lange 3rd. Other students participating in the School Geography Bee were Raven Hinkle, Abby Jones, Cale Jones, and Taryn Stevens. Alternates were Genavieve Bylow, Angie Illes, Kyree Hinkle, and Sophia Goins.

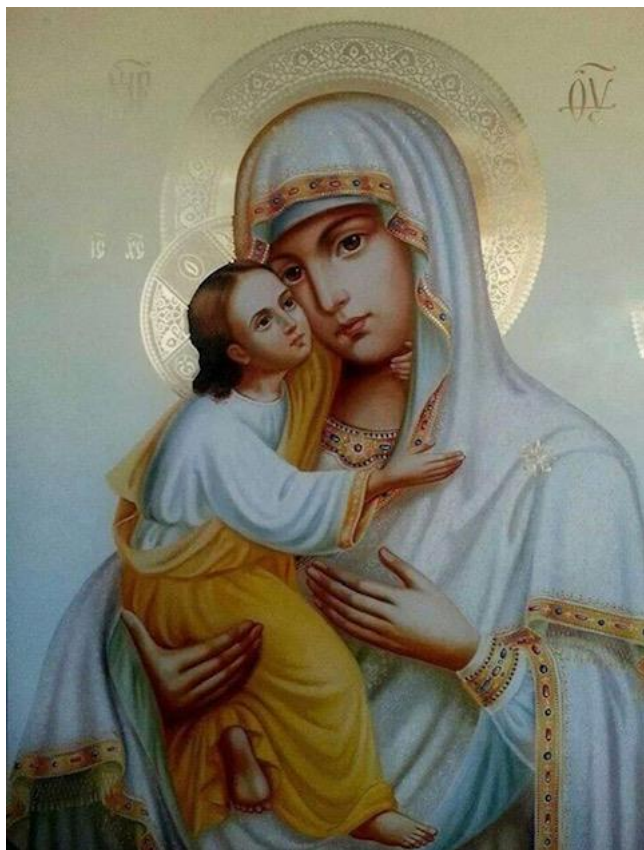
NEWLETTER
If you'd like to add anything to the newsletter, please email Hillary Lange at hslange10@gmail.com

School Committee Update

Thank you to the 28 families who participated in the parent feedback survey. During our January meeting we discussed the results and have developed a few opportunities moving forward. Most feedback was positive with direct teacher communication and overall satisfaction of the school. Our main area of low score was around those new to the school and overall school communication.

1. We plan to re-work back to school night to provide more information upfront before the school year starts
2. We are creating a welcome folder for those that register that will include frequently asked questions (i.e. transfer of transcripts, jean day, etc.)
3. We plan to provide a printed directory to ensure you can reach other parents with questions.
4. We will pair each newly registered family with an experienced family

Detailed written feedback is being reviewed by the staff as well. School committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:15pm. If there is ever an issue you would like to bring up, please reach out to Joel Grubb.



IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
I WILL BEGIN THIS DAY. I THANK YOU, LORD, FOR
HAVING PRESERVED ME DURING THE NIGHT. I WILL
DO MY BEST TO MAKE ALL I DO TODAY PLEASING TO
YOU AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR WILL. MY DEAR
MOTHER MARY, WATCH OVER ME THIS DAY. MY
GUARDIAN ANGEL, TAKE CARE OF ME. ST. JOSEPH
AND ALL YOU SAINTS OF GOD, PRAY FOR ME. O
JESUS, THROUGH THE IMMACULATE HEART OF
MARY, I OFFER YOU MY PRAYERS, WORKS, JOYS
AND SUFFERINGS OF THIS DAY FOR ALL THE
INTENTIONS OF YOUR SACRED HEART.

PARISH FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE:

Mark your calendars, the parish festival is on the books for June 3rd, 4th & 5th. This weekend is sure to be full of family friendly activities and will be a great community event! Planning is under way and any help is appreciated. School committee and PTO will be asking for support to run our school games & booth!

OPEN HOUSE:

Open House is scheduled for Monday February 28th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. The flier will be out to circulate soon. If you have anyone who might be interested, please share with them!



CYO

CYO basketball teams are in midseason form, headlined by our undefeated B1 Girls team. They are led by 6th Graders Abbie Jones and Angie Illes. Wish our athletes luck for the end of season league tournament which is the second week of February.



St. Patrick School Foundation

Tis the Season for Giving – This Christmas season the Foundation wanted to make sure those we appreciate the most were recognized. So we bought some presents!! Our first gift was for our students and staff; we purchased 8 new air purifiers for our classrooms. These Purifiers will remove the dust, germs, and allergens from the air before they reach our kids! Our next gift was for our Teachers and Staff: we purchased Meijer Gift Cards for them. This is a small token of our appreciation in recognizing our Staff and we know that with Meijer there is something for everyone. Finally, we did not want to see our custodian Ms. Gerri carrying her vacuum between buildings during these winter months so we purchased a 2nd commercial grade ProTeam ProForce Vacuum to make life easier. The SPS Foundation is happy to help improve all aspects of our St. Patrick School Experience.

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Farm Science Lab

On January 11th and 12th the Farm Science Lab visited St. Patrick School. Students were very excited to have them as scheduled visits in 2020 and 2021 had to be canceled due to Covid 19.

Kindergarten through 8th grade students spent time in the Farm Science Lab each day. Lessons included lessons on Soil Science Insects and their impacts on agriculture, Crop and Agriculture in the State of Michigan and products produced by the Michigan Agricultural Products. Students did work with both corn and soybeans as renewable resources, made soybean-based lip gloss and plastics, extracted DNA from wheat, and learned about measuring parts per million. A Farm Science Lab photo board will be on display during the School Open House in March.



St. Patrick School: Catholic Schools Week Celebration January 30th - February 5th, 2022

Monday – January 31st – All students at St. Patrick School will attend animal presentations conducted by Science Alive.

*** The theme for today will be Comfy Day ***

Tuesday – February 1st – All students from Kindergarten to 8th grade will go bowling at Flat Rock Lanes. Lunch will be provided. Chaperones will be needed – contact Kelly if you are able to help.

*** The theme for today will be Neon Day ***

Wednesday – February 2nd – Students will receive an ice cream / popsicle treat while the staff are provided a special luncheon.

*** The theme for today will be Sports Team Day ***

Thursday – February 3rd – It's movie day! Each class will be provided with popcorn and beverages to enjoy while watching a movie designated by their Teacher.

*** The theme for today will be Hippie Day ***

Friday – February 4th – The entire school will be provided with a free pizza lunch.

*** There is no special theme for today as students will need to wear church attire ***

If you are able to assist with any of these events please contact Melissa O'Dell, Jessica Teets, Meghan Kovalak, or Kelly Varcie.