



# LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

September 2021 Edition

## 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.”

## Welcome

Good-bye Summer, hello Fall. As we move into the Fall, we begin to settle into the 21-22 school year with half a marking period already under our belt. Time does fly.

Mr. Lenze is currently teaching 7/8 grade full time until a replacement is found. If anyone needs to meet with him the best way is to call the school and schedule a meeting through Mrs. Varcie. Scheduling a meeting can be very productive, however, one might not need a formal, sit-down meeting. In this case, chatting with Mrs. Varcie often solves the problem or clarifies the issue. Another way to get answers to issues is to contact the School Committee by email at [schoolcommittee@stpatrick.school](mailto:schoolcommittee@stpatrick.school).

Please keep an eye out for progress reports and note that we will be taking the Star-Renaissance Tests in the next few weeks.



## NOW HIRING

We have an opening for a full-time teacher.

We are also trying to build a strong sub list.

If you know anyone interested, please contact Carl Lenze at [principal@stpatrick.school](mailto:principal@stpatrick.school)

## COMMUNICATION

If you are not already added to the parents Facebook page (St. Pats Parents Group), please request access. Many quick communications come through this avenue.

If you are not receiving email updates, please contact Kelly Varcie at [varcie@stpatrick.school](mailto:varcie@stpatrick.school)

## COVID PROTOCOL:

Reminder to fill out each morning before drop-off to help keep our kids safe!



Mrs. Wickenheiser, our 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher has so graciously set up a Science Construction Club for first, second & third grade. Their first week activity was "Use Your Noodle." Students had to use their knowledge of geometry, problem solving, and team work to create structures out of pool noodles of different sizes and different shape fasteners. After everyone had completed their noodle structure, they worked as a group to create a super noodle by connecting all of the structures. The activity went so well and the noodles were such a success, they were brought out for all student to use during recess!







## St. Patrick School Foundation

Since the formation of the St. Patrick School Foundation we have provided Tuition Assistance to many students making Catholic Education more affordable. We are happy to help bring students into our school with these scholarships and are proud to be part of it our growth! Last spring the foundation purchased an additional 25 Chromebooks for our students, and we are now excited to say that we have 1 to 1 student coverage with our technology! The St. Patrick School Foundation will once again be sponsoring the prizes for 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual School Auction Raffle. The cash prize awards have been one of our annual sponsorship for the school, so we need your help in selling the raffle tickets. A few weeks ago, we purchased 8 new bathroom faucets for the new school. The installation is planned soon so those kids can thoroughly wash their hands heading into Fall. We would like to welcome Joel Grubb to our Board of Directors. Joel joins Aaron Jones, Ericka Alessandrini, Pat Wickenheiser, Tom Busen, and Jessica Jones to complete our current board of Directors. Lastly we would like to thank our generous donors over the past year, your donations allow our Foundation to continue to provide for our students! <https://spscarleton.com/>

## Upcoming School Happenings

- **Bottle Drive:** From now until December 1<sup>st</sup> ALL bottle returns will go to support our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class! Please consider supporting
- **Pizza Fridays:** Each Friday there is a pizza lunch fundraiser for PTO/8<sup>th</sup> grade for \$5. The lunch includes pizza, drink, fruit/veggie and dessert.
- **Giant's Harvest Hootenanny:** School committee has decided to host a fall community night October 16<sup>th</sup>! Please mark it down and more details to follow
- **Volunteer hours:** Reminder that each family is required to complete 10 hours of service each year with 2 being auction related.
- **Important Oct Dates:**
  - Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – Auction meeting @ school
  - Oct 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL
  - Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Giant's Harvest Hootenanny
  - Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – 1/2 Day
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – PTO's Halloween Carnival

### CYO Athletics Update

This Fall we have 25 athletes participating on our 3 CYO Volleyball Teams. Our three 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Madison Boehm, Sophia Goins and Adela Illes have helped our A team to an undefeated start and our B teams are quickly developing. We also have several athletes participating in CYO Soccer at Holy Ghost, headlined by 8<sup>th</sup> grader Zack Vroman. Last but not least, we have 23 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders powering our Saint Patrick teams in the My Catholic Youth League for Flag Football. Both teams are off to a fast start! Thank you to our 13 volunteer coaches whom are leading our young athletes, the support we have from our Parish/Men's Club and our family's commitment to participate.

Winter sign-ups for Basketball is open. Girls and Boys in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. We also are in need of coaches. Please reach out to Dave Illes to sign up or volunteer at (734)731-0348.



♣ **Service Project:** Our October service project will be collecting pull tabs from pop cans. Please send all collections with your students!

- ♣ **Auction:** Planning is well underway and BIG thank you to the new volunteers for helping with solicitations! Our next meeting is Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at the school. We would love to see new faces! Please continue to sell your raffle tickets!
- ♣ **PTO:** The annual Halloween carnival is coming up Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> during school hours. This is a cherished event by students and help is always needed. If you can help, please reach out to Meghan Kovalak - (248)345-4207