



# 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."

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

*February 2023 Edition*

What winter? What a crazy warm and sunny winter we've been having! I don't know about you, but I really like all the sunny warmer days and the drives home with my sunglasses on. God is mysterious and keeps me laughing! I guess the groundhog called it right this year!

Want to catch up on a few things in this newsletter. First, the great response we had on the family survey. Many people had so many positive things to say about the job our teaching staff is doing communicating with parents. From the survey the communication is two-way. Please continue to reach out to your child's teacher when every you have questions or concerns.

On the issue of communications with me in the office. I can see there is more work to be done. I will try to be more responsive. One thing parents deserve is a quick turn around when they email me. I will work on this. Please, keep me to this promise. If I do not respond back to you by the next day when you email me, please call, text or email me again asking why.

Parents had some questions about specials at Saint Patrick School and how these are chosen. This is a great question, and the answer simple. Our Specials are provided by Airport Community Schools. We call this service, "Shared-Time". Airport is allowed to support us with teachers in non-academic subjects that they offer to their school children of the same age level. There are several things that play into this, like our class sizes, the number of teachers employed by airport in an area, and the time of day the teacher is available. Airport is supporting several non-public schools with a limited staff, and at no cost to Saint Patrick School. Working out the schedule with all these schools is a real feat. When there is the availability, sometimes we get an extra day of PE or two music teachers (like this year, one for the older grades and another for the younger students). There have been times when Spanish was available and other times when we get shorted. I am grateful for the way the administration at Airport Community Schools works with us to meet our needs.

After school pickup seems to be going well. Please remember to make three (and if needed four) lines as you come into the lot, and merge these into one as you make that first turn by the ballfields. Please be aware of who is behind you and if there are cars on Exeter, be the one to make the third or fourth lane.

Our average time clearing the parking lot has been 15 minutes!

Finally, I'd like to announce that Saint Patrick School is now able to offer tutoring at no cost to families who might like a little extra support. These tutors are available after school. If you are interested in reading or math support, please contact the office.

Thank you all for your support of Saint Patrick School. God bless you.

*Mr. Lenze, principal*

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE  
DADDY / DAUGHTER DANCE HOSTED BY SPS STAFF!**

[www.stpatscarleton.com](http://www.stpatscarleton.com)



(734) 654-2522



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Knight Free Throw Contest  
Winter Break Starts  
No School

**Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>**

Winter Break  
No School

**Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>**

First Fish Fry

**Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Open House  
5:30pm-7:30pm

**Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Science Fair  
5:30pm-7pm in gym

**Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Scrip Orders Due

**Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Daddy/Daughter Dance

**Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>**

No School

## SERVICE PROJECTS



Feb

- Collecting change for St. Vincent De Paul

March

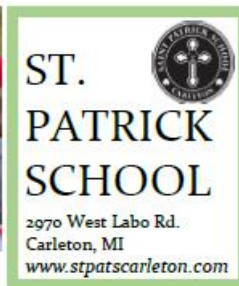
- Donations for Paula's Angels

Have something to add to the newsletter? Please email Hillary Lange at [hslange10@gmail.com](mailto:hslange10@gmail.com)

## ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Spring Festival – The Divine Grace Spring festival at St. Patrick site will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> this year. Since bringing the festival back in 2019, the Divine Grace Parish and St. Patrick School have been working seamlessly towards the success of the festival to provide the financial benefits for both the parish and the school! It goes without mention that a financially strong parish provides much better for the entire parish community as compared to a financially stressed parish. Please generously volunteer your time to help work towards the success of our parish and school during this upcoming spring festival.

Thank You, Aaron



Put Your Child  
on the **Right Path!** 

- Classical Curriculum Focused on Educating the Whole Student
- Low Student-Teacher Ratio Allowing for Increased Growth and Development
- Follows AOD/State Curriculum Guidelines with Enrichment Activities
- Flexible & Affordable Preschool Program
  - Average \$4.30/hr.
  - *Full-time & Part-time Options*
- Latch-Key Childcare (before and after school) Programs Available Until 6pm
- Tuition Assistance, Scholarships, & Payment Plans Available Upon Request
- 1:1 Student-Technology Ratio; Chromebooks Provided to Each Student

# OPEN HOUSE

*For Parents and Prospective Students*

Monday,  
**February 27, 2023**  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

KEY DATES

**MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**  
New Family Registration

By this date, the registration forms & fee are due. After this date, the registration fee will increase.

**JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Tuition Paid-in-Full

Unless using the FACTS monthly payment method, full tuition is due by this date.

**END OF AUGUST**  
Back-to-School Night  
*for Registered Families*

Date TBD! Come join us for information about 2023-2024 and kick off the new school year!

Contact us today to schedule a Free **No-Obligation** tour!

Call our school office at (734) 654-2522

Visit our website: [www.stpatscarleton.com](http://www.stpatscarleton.com)

## RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP)

As we start the second half of our school year, now is a great time to get started! Quick reminder that family and non-family members can also use the St. Patrick Scrip Program. It's super easy!

They simply fill out a Scrip form that can either be emailed or picked up and turned in at the school office. Then, download the RaiseRight app to their phone or go to [raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com), create an account using St. Patrick's School enrollment ID 62d487a4446, link a bank account or credit card and start shopping. There are physical gift cards (some are reloadable; ex. Meijer) and e-gift card options.

As always, physical Scrip orders are placed at 12:00 pm the first Friday of each month and typically ready to be sent home with students or picked up the following Wednesday. You can also use the online gift cards for instant use! This program is so wonderful because with every purchase there is a percentage that is given back to St. Patrick School. While you are purchasing everyday items, you are simultaneously fundraising for St. Patrick School.

If you or someone you know would like to know more about our Scrip program, please contact Maegan Theisen by call or text at 734-735-2257 or by email at [maegan.theisen@yahoo.com](mailto:maegan.theisen@yahoo.com).

# GIANTS CELEBRATING JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

AVA LANGE, TURNING 6

FRANK LANGE, TURNING 10

DECLAN TEETS, TURNING 6

OSWIN PAULLUS, TURNING 6

VIVIAN STOLKEY, TURNING 5

ELISE STOLKEY, TURNING 5

EMMA BAKER, TURNING 7

WYATT FRASIER TURNING 11



## ST. VALENTINE

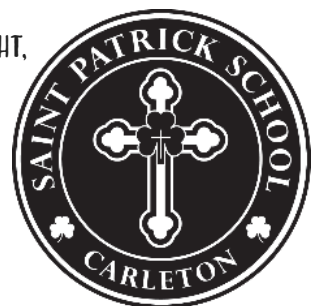
THE STORY OF ST. VALENTINE BEGINS IN ROME WITH A SIMPLE CHRISTIAN PRIEST NAMED VALENTINE. HE WOULD PERFORM MARRIAGE CEREMONIES IN SECRET EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T ALLOWED. PEOPLE WHO WERE PLANNING TO GET MARRIED WOULD BECOME AFRAID BECAUSE CLAUDIUS THE SECOND SENT OUT A DECREE THAT WHOEVER GOT MARRIED WOULD BE THROWN INTO PRISON AND PUNISHED. BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP ST. VALENTINE.

HE JUST LAUGHED AT THAT DECREE AND DID EVERYTHING HE COULD TO BRING LOVERS TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY. ST. VALENTINE WOULD HAVE THESE CEREMONIES IN SMALL ROOMS LIT BY CANDLELIGHT WITH ONLY THE BRIDE AND GROOM PRESENT. ONE OF CLAUDIUS' SOLDIERS FOUND OUT AND TOLD CLAUDIUS, THEN CLAUDIUS HAD ST. VALENTINE ARRESTED FOR BREAKING THE LAW. PEOPLE WHO HE BROUGHT TOGETHER WOULD THROW ROSES AT HIS JAIL CELL WINDOW AS A SIGN OF PROTEST AND RESPECT FOR ST. VALENTINE. WHILE HE WAS IN JAIL, A JAILER BROUGHT HIS BLIND DAUGHTER TO VALENTINE AND HE TAUGHT HER ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD AFTER THIS SHE WALKED OUTSIDE THE CELL AND GAINED SIGHT IMMEDIATELY. THE TIME FOR ST. VALENTINE'S PERSECUTION CAME AND CLAUDIUS SAID HE WOULD GIVE VALENTINE ONE LAST CHANCE TO SAY WHAT HE DID WAS WRONG AND THAT HE REGRETTED DOING IT BUT VALENTINE REFUSED KINDLY. ON THE NIGHT OF HIS PERSECUTION ST. VALENTINE WROTE A BEAUTIFUL LOVE LETTER TO JULIAN AND SIGNED IT YOUR VALENTINE, THIS IS HOW THE SAYING 'FROM YOUR VALENTINE' BEGAN. HE WAS KILLED THE NEXT DAY FEBRUARY 14, 270 A.D.

**ST. VALENTINE, PRAY FOR US!!!**



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





## St. Patrick's School Spirit Wear Sale

**SPS Parents- Do your kids need a uniform refresh? Are you looking for some fun new spirit wear? PTO has you covered! Spirit wear/uniform sale starts Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. We have new items and colors, and of course school and gym uniforms! Bonus-you're supporting PTO sponsored events!!!!**

Order your St. Patrick School Spirit Wear now!!



<https://stpats23.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

**\*\*Deadline to order spirit wear is February 21<sup>st</sup>**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Melissa O'Dell at 734-625-6862

## SPS PTO

January was all about Catholic Schools week for your PTO! We were thrilled to be able to sponsor the Science Alive presentation again this year. The kids fell in love with Ginger (the sloth) and some were brave enough to hold the giant anaconda! They had fun learning about all the different habitats, classifications, and diets. We treated our hard-working teachers and staff to a luncheon Tuesday. We hope they really felt the love. Wednesday was our bowling field trip to Flat Rock Lanes with a hot dog lunch included. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members chaperoning and enjoying the day out with the students. Friday, we wrapped up the week with ice cream sundaes. The frigid weather did not affect the students' appetites for a frozen treat! We sincerely hope this was a special and memorable week for your kids! Please take a minute to check out our spring spirit wear online store! There are some fun new items, lots of different colors, and of course gym/school uniforms. Sale ends Feb 21st. We are gearing up for some great things this spring! Feel free to join us at our meetings to help plan and organize upcoming events.



## What I love about St. Patrick's Catholic Schools Week

*One thing I love about Catholic Schools Week is that we get to dress up and have lots of fun. I enjoy when we get to find out what other people are wearing on different days. On Monday we got to dress up like our favorite sports players. Normally on Tuesday we get to dress up in our pjs or in something comfy. We call it Comfy Cozy Day. On Wednesday we had Student Appreciation Day and went bowling. It was so much fun because we got hotdogs, chips, and Oreos. We got to play three games of bowling and in each game I won. Everyone had tons of fun when we went bowling on the bus. We sang so many different songs and we also got to sit next to people and play games with them. We had Crazy Hair Day on Wednesday, too. On Thursday we had Teacher Appreciation Day. The teachers all got donuts. We also got to dress up as someone from a long time ago from the 1820s to the 2023. It was so much fun. On Friday we got to dress up in our Sunday best outfits. It was the feast day of St. Blaise is my favorite saint because he saved a little boy from choking just by praying over him.*

*By Piper Salenbien*

# CYO SPORTS

As our winter sports seasons come to a close, we want to recognize our fantastic coaches. Their impact on our student athletes is immeasurable. We appreciate and admire their dedication to the CYO program, and to our student athletes. Girls A team coaches - Brian Vanisacker & Ben Jones. Girls B1 coaches - Derek Meiring & Rob Morrison. Girls B2 coaches - Jason Straub, Adam Straub & Chris Culter. Boys B2 coaches - Dave Illes, Shawn McGrath, Jon Jaskot. We also want to recognize our 8th grade athletes, Kyree Hinkle, Taryn Stevens and Airyanna Pogarch who completed their SPS Giants basketball careers this season. Congrats and best of luck to them both. Our Girls A team finished their season 0-9. Their record does not reflect their effort or growth. We are proud of our A team! Girls B1 finished 8-2 for the year. They lost a heartbreaker in the tournament championship. Our Girls B2 team had a solid season, finishing 8-1-1. This scrappy team took it to the 2nd round of the tournament where they lost by just 1 point. Our Boys B2 team ended the regular season with a solid 5-4 record. They advanced to the second round of the tournament but were defeated by a tough 5th grade team. Congrats to all our coaches and athletes.

Baseball and Softball season is among us. If your child plans on playing, please reach out to Justin Roof @ 734-323-3905 with full name and uniform size By Feb 17.

Fish Fry season is upon us. Our CYO program is fully funded by our Men's Club. Please show your appreciation for all they do for our youth sports programs by helping at, and patronizing, the fish fries.



## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK FROM NONE OTHER THAN... ESTELLE TEETS!

WE INTERVIEWED THE THIRD GRADER FROM MS. LINDSAY'S CLASS, ESTELLE TEETS, ABOUT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL. ESTELLE TOLD US ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE AT THE SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.

ESTELLE'S FAVORITE DAY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS WEDNESDAY, BECAUSE OF THE BOWLING FIELD TRIP. HER FAVORITE THING ABOUT THE SCHOOL IS THE SPORTS LEAGUES. WHEN ASKED WHAT EVENT THE SCHOOL HAS THAT SHE LIKES, ESTELLE REPLIED THAT THE HARVEST HOOTENANNY IS HER FAVORITE. SHE SAYS THAT THE THING THAT MAKES ST. PATS BETTER THAN OTHER SCHOOLS IS THE SMALLER CLASSES, WHICH LEAD TO BETTER EDUCATION. WE ASKED ESTELLE WHAT SETS THE SCHOOLS APART FROM OTHER SCHOOLS, AND SHE TOLD US IT WAS THE GROUPS SUCH AS THE PTO AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE. SHE SAYS THAT ST. PAT'S HAS TAUGHT HER HOW TO LIVE A CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE.

WE WANT TO THANK ESTELLE FOR LETTING US INTERVIEW HER. HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for nominations for the 'Family of the Month'. Each Month the committee randomly selects from entries to recognize a family. Note that nominations do not need to be for 'Super Families' only. Please consider nominating families in our community! The nomination form to is shown to the right with further information. There is also a QR code if those that wish to use the online platform.

We appreciate your support in recognizing those in our community!



## MEN'S CLUB

Reminder our Men's Club holds monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, alternating from the St. Joe's and the St. Patrick's site. All men from the school and parish community are invited to join and see what they're all about!

As Lent approaches, plan to attend and volunteer at the famous fish fries! Each grade will be assigned a Friday to help. Please make effort to get coverage. The Men's Club are HUGE supporters of St. Patrick School and the reason our student athletes do not pay fees to participate in CYO sports!

If you have any questions, please reach out to John Bozzo at [jbozzoiiii@gmail.com](mailto:jbozzoiiii@gmail.com).

1% of your day is 14 minutes and 24 seconds-- how you spend that time can change your life! Take the 1% challenge and spend more time with Jesus! Join us every Thursday until Easter at 11:45 in the Church for silent, individual prayer in the Eucharistic presence of the Lord. We will pray the Angelus together at noon and remain in the Church until 12:05, when the upper grades lunch time begins. Please use the back door of the Church by the handicap ramp. This will only take place when the students have school.

For more information visit <https://evangelicalcatholic.org/onepercent/> "Try me in this, says the Lord, and see if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out blessings without measure." Malachi 3:10

## Family of the Month

### Knights of Columbus – Faith in Action

**Family of the Month** – *Recognize and support the development of strong families!*

The Family of the Month Committee randomly selects from those entry forms submitted one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. The remaining entry forms submitted carry over to the following month.

Our committee is requesting the assistance of both the Parish and the School in finding families to be considered for this honor.

Listed below are some suggestions that may be helpful when considering nominations:

- Is the family tight knit?
- Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the Parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?

The Family of the Month committee isn't seeking out a "Super Family" each month but rather is looking for a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.

Name of Family being Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Husband: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Wife: \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband/Nominee's Phone Number and/or Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person nominating: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominating Person's Contact information (email and/or phone): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe reason for nominating and leave in box at back of Church or email to: [lambrix@gmail.com](mailto:lambrix@gmail.com)

Form can also be completed electronically at:  
<https://forms.gle/YJfAc4nVFyMpBSgH9> or by scanning QR Code



Questions – Contact: Ed Lambrix 734-755-6941 or  
Joe Emerick 734-777-1029