



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."

January 2023 Edition

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Parents,

Here we are ready to start the second semester. I want to thank you all for helping us get through the first Semester with all its challenges. We are ready to start the new semester in grand and glorious way! God be praised!

A reminder that all parents are welcome to attend our Morning Prayer each day. The students love when you pray with us. Morning Prayer last about 15 minutes (once we get started). Prayers are projected on the screen above the stage, and they are easy to follow.

The last week of January is Catholic Schools Week. Sunday, January 29th We will start off the week on our annual Big Tips for Little Giants event at Anson's 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Exeter Road. The staff and members of our School Committee take your orders and server your dinners. All tips go to support Saint Patrick School. It's so much fun.

Monday, January 30th is Science Alive! Tuesday is Student Appreciation Day, our day for bowling. And Thursday, we will have muffins for the Parents in the Parking Lot at Drop-off for parent Appreciation Day!

Mid-Year Star Testing begins Monday, January 23rd. We want to do all we can to help the students do well on these tests. Teachers will let you know which day, specifically, they will be giving each test. It is important to reaffirm with your students that these tests help us plan our lessons and develop our program. They should try their best. It is important for your children to get a good night's sleep the day before each test, and to have a good breakfast.

God bless you all,
Carl Lenze, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday January 29th**
BIG tips LITTLE Giants at Anson's
- Monday January 30th**
Kick off Catholic Schools Week with Science Alive
- Friday February 17th**
Knight Free Throw Contest
Winter Break
No School
- Monday February 20th**
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No School
- Monday February 27th**
Open House
- Wednesday March 1st**
Science Fair
5:30pm-7pm in gym

SERVICE PROJECTS



- January
 - Gathering Pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House
 - *Class competition
- Feb
 - Collecting change for St. Vincent De Paul
- March
 - Donations for Paula's Angels



The 2022 Living Nativity was truly a meaningful and memorable event! The presence of God's love was felt as we prepared our hearts for the birth of Christ. Many people came to see our Living Nativity and journeyed to Bethlehem with us. Thank you to all who participated and to those who volunteered and allowed us to keep this tradition going. A special thank you to Ann Iott for sharing her creative talents with us!



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RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP)

Did you know that family and non-family members can also use the St. Patrick Scrip Program? 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, 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.

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.

What makes Scrip so wonderful is that 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 about our Scrip program, please contact Maegan Theisen by call or text at 734-735-2257 or by email

BIG TIPS

Little Giants



Join us at Anson's (9811 Exeter Rd. Carleton, MI 48117) to help kick-off **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** with supporting our school. Bring your family & friends and allow our St. Patrick School Staff and School Committee to serve you.
Dine In or Carry out - All tips will be donated to the school.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2023
4pm - 7pm

GIANTS CELEBRATING JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

REESE JASKOT, TURNING 8

EMELIA CODY, TURNING 4

BOBBY JONES, TURNING 10

MATHIAS CONTRERAS GALLARDO, TURNING 12

WILLIAM HADDIX, TURNING 4



MOTHER SETON

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON (MOTHER SETON) WAS BORN IN NEW YORK IN 1774. SHE LIVED IN A PROTESTANT FAMILY IN THE EPISCOPALIAN RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION. ST. ELIZABETH'S MOM WOULD READ FROM THE BIBLE AND TEACH HER ABOUT THE PROTESTANT FAITH, BUT SADLY ELIZABETH'S MOM DIED WHILE GIVING BIRTH WHEN ELIZABETH WAS JUST THREE YEARS OLD. WHEN ELIZABETH GOT OLDER, SHE WOULD ATTEND BALLS AND DANCES. THIS IS WHERE SHE MET HER HUSBAND, WILLIAM SETON. RIGHT AFTER THEY GOT MARRIED WILLIAM SETON CAME DOWN WITH TUBERCULOSIS, SO SHE TOOK HIM TO ITALY TO SEE IF IT WOULD HELP. WHEN ST. ELIZABETH WAS IN ITALY, SHE WENT TO WILLIAM'S SISTER'S CHURCH AND WAS SO AMAZED THAT THE EUCHARIST WAS THE REAL BODY OF CHRIST, SHE BECAME CATHOLIC RIGHT AWAY. WHEN SHE GOT BACK FROM MASS, HER HUSBAND DIED. THIS DIDN'T STOP ST. ELIZABETH, SHE WENT ON TO JOIN AN ORDER WITH HER DAUGHTER, WHICH WAS CALLED THE SISTERS OF CHARITY. THEY WOULD FEED AND TAKE CARE OF THE POOR EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ALSO POOR. SHE ALSO OPENED AND STARTED THE FIRST CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN AMERICA FOR GIRLS. SHE DIED IN 1821 OF TUBERCULOSIS. ELIZABETH WAS CANONIZED SEPTEMBER 14, 1975 BY POPE PAUL THE 6TH AND IS THE PATRON SAINT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

JOKEs

HOST: "YOU WON, AND AS A PRIZE, YOU WILL GET A YEAR'S WORTH OF CALENDARS!"

WINNER: "WHY DID I ONLY GET ONE, THEN?"

KID: "DAD, CAN I EAT THE CAKE IN THE FRIDGE?"

DAD: "YEAH, BUT THE DINING ROOM MIGHT BE MORE COMFORTABLE."

Q. WHAT DID THE PIG SAY WHEN IT WAS HOT OUTSIDE?

A. "I'M BACON OUT HERE!"

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





ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

2970 West Labo Rd.
Carleton, MI
www.stpatscarleton.com

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

OPEN HOUSE

For Parents and Prospective Students

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

- 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

KEY DATES

MAY 1st
New Family Registration

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

JUNE 1st
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

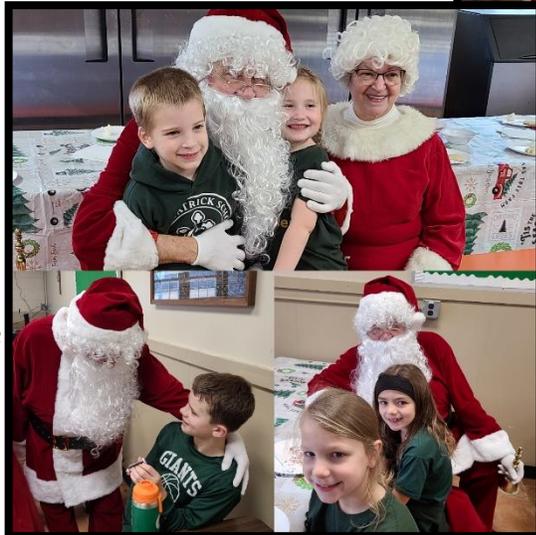
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FOUNDATION

As we approach our upcoming open house and registration period for next school year, we ask that you register early. Our school enrollment continues to increase year over year and the prospects for next year are very promising. As we seek continuous improvement and to remain a school of choice, we need the necessary time to plan, and your early registration helps our administration greatly. The St. Patrick School Foundation is in place to help our families with financial hardship and challenges that you are facing. Please work with the school office to communicate your needs and challenges in order for the Foundation to help!



SPS PTO

December wrapped up nicely with Cookies with Santa and Mrs. Clause, the kids loved it! As we walk into January, the St. Patrick School's PTO has been hard at work this month gearing up for our Catholic Schools Week celebration. We'll be starting the week off right with a special visit from our favorite animals at Science Alive! We are also organizing our annual field trip to the bowling alley. We have plans to appreciate our staff with a special luncheon and our students with an ice cream social. To help offset these expenses we'll be rolling out a spirit wear fundraiser next month in addition to offering our weekly Friday pizza lunches. We appreciate all of your support and would love for you to join us at one of our meetings!



CYO SPORTS

Our basketball teams are more than mid-way through their seasons. Our athletes are working hard and improving with each practice and game. We expect all 4 teams to finish out their seasons strong. There are still plenty of games left, and we'd love to see our bleachers filled with green and white! Stop by our concession stand for a hot dog and a cold drink, or try our newest addition, freshly made cotton candy!

We are already looking toward our spring seasons of softball and baseball. Signups are now open for any 4th-8th grade boys interested in playing baseball and any 4th-8th grade girls interested in playing softball. Please contact AD Justin Roof via text 734-323-3905 with child's name, grade, and jersey size.

JANUARY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH

B2 Girls 10:00 @ Home
B2 Boys 11:00 @ Home
A Girls 12:00 @ Home

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH

B2 Boys 5:30 @ Home
B1 Girls 6:30 @ Home

THURSDAY JANUARY 19TH

B1 Girls 5:30 @ St. Mary Monroe
A Girls 6:30 @ St. Mary Monroe

SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST

B2 Boys 10:00 @ Home
B2 Girls 11:00 @ Home

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

B2 Boys 5:30 @ Home
B1 Girls 6:30 @ Home
A Girls 7:30 @ Home
B2 Girls 7:00 @ St. John the Baptist

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

B1 Girls 10:00 @ St. Charles

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

B2 Boys 10:00 @ Trinity Lutheran

**Girls tournament play starts Jan. 30th **

**Boys tournament play starts Feb. 6th **



BLESSING THE DOORWAYS ON THE EPIPHANY



Each year, using blessed chalk, people mark the doorpost of their home with an inscription of the new year separated by C+M+B. For instance, in 2023, the inscription is **20+C+M+B+23**. Why C+M+B? It stands for the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedictat*, which means "May Christ bless this house." The letters can also stand for the traditional names of the Magi who visited Christ: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

Chalk is used in this tradition because it is an ordinary substance of the earth, "dust" put to holy use. It reminds us that we are of the dust of the ground, the most ordinary of substances, and yet are fashioned as holy beings for holy purposes. Chalk will not permanently mark the dwelling. Weather will likely cause the marking to fade over time, but each time we view the inscription upon entering our homes we will remember the reason for it and rededicate ourselves to that purpose.



SPS GEOGRAPHY BEE

Throughout the marking period the fourth through eighth grade classes competed to make it to the all-school Geography Bee. Then all finalist competed January 13th to find the winner that will advance.

It was a tough competition, but all contestants showed great determination and sportsmanship. Finishing in third place, was Franklin Lange, 4th grade. In second place, was Elsie Lange, 6th grade. Our 2023 winner of the Geography Bee and school champion was Taryn Stevens, 8th grade. Please keep Taryn in your prayers as she will take a final exam to determine if she will qualify for the state competition.



MEN'S CLUB

Reminder our Men's Club holds monthly meetings on the 2nd 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!

Next meeting: Feb. 13 6:30pm at St. Joes Maybee

New officers have been elected:

John Bozzo, President

Dave Illes, Vice President

Bud Mazur, Secretary

Tom Busen, Treasurer

As Lent approaches, plan to attend and volunteer at the famous fish fries! 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!

DIVINE GRACE PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

Schedule your appointment January 24th, 2023, 12:30pm-6:00pm in the St. Patrick School gym to support the American Red Cross.



REMINDER ALL ARE INVITED TO
JOIN ST. PATRICK SCHOOL IN
MASS FRIDAYS AT 11AM!

