



# LITTLE GIANTS BIG NEWS

October 2022 Edition

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

So here we are in October! Six weeks of school already flew by and the first marking period soon to end! What a GREAT start to a great year. The students are full of smiles and have the routine down. Our teachers are busy creating exciting lessons and planning fun activities for our students. It is good to be back at Saint Patrick School! One thing you might have noticed this year in our new curriculum is how the entire school is concentrating on the book of Genesis. That's right! It is cool to think that every child at Saint Patrick School has heard the story of Creation, the story of Adam and Eve, and will have talked about Noah, Abraham and Joseph in Egypt this year!

Check out our Virtue Tree! Every time a staff member catches a student in an act of virtue, they get to put a leaf up on the tree. It was a bare tree a few weeks ago. Now it's in full bloom! In addition to these stories, a new writing program is under way. Students are writing in every class, every day! I'm so excited. I get to walk around the school and see the excitement and energy of the teachers and their students as they dive in full force! It's beautiful!

We are praying our first Latin Prayer as a school; the Ave Maria. They sound so good! Additionally, in our daily prayers we pray for a long list of the sick in our community. The requests keep coming in and our students keep praying for healing. Why not ask your children about the miracles that we are praying for and how God is answering?! Know someone who is in need of prayer? Why not send along their name. Together, Saint Patrick School is offering our day to Jesus for the sick and those in need of God's love. Parents, you are always welcome to join us for daily prayer. We'd love to have you there!

Please remember school begins at 7:30am in the gym. Every child should be with their class and ready to begin prayer sharp at 7:30am.

God bless you ~ Mr. Lenze



## 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."

## OCTOBER SERVICE PROJECT



The service project for October is collecting candy for the seminary. Bring a bag of candy and receive a jean day pass. Deadline is October 25th



## ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The SPS Foundation will once again be sponsoring and hosting the 2022 SPS Christmas raffle for our Annual School Auction. As you have likely heard in the past, the School Christmas Auction is our largest annual fundraiser and critical for the success of our school. If you have not already, you will soon be receiving your family's personal raffle tickets to sell. Thank you, in advance, for your support in selling your tickets! If you can help by selling additional tickets, please make your request to the school office.

### CATHOLIC VIRTUES TREE



Our Catholic Virtues Tree is well underway, getting filled with all the kind actions by our students! Be sure to stop by the main school entryway to get a glimpse of God's work flowing through our school!

Thank you to everyone who tuned in to the Informational Meeting on Monday, October 3. If you missed it, please check your email from Andrew Konyha with the link so that you can view it. It is also up on the St. Patrick website.

Keep a look out for deals through the Raise Right App and emails. With Black Friday closer than it seems, there'll be lots of great rebates happening!

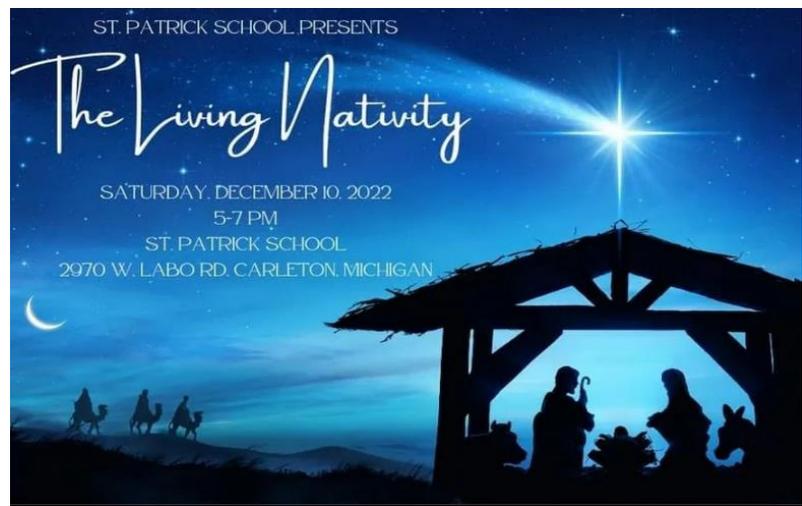
The November Scrip order will be placed on Friday the 5th! Mark your calendar!

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via text, call, or email.

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or [maegan.theisen@yahoo.com](mailto:maegan.theisen@yahoo.com)

### SAVE THE DATE

Planning for the Living Nativity is underway. As a way to honor someone this Christmas season, we are selling luminaries for \$10 to light the path. Order forms will be sent home to school families. If you are interested in purchasing, please reach out to Maegan Theisen at (734) 735-2267 or Hillary Lange at (906) 281-0402



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

BIG thank you to all who supported our annual Rummage Sale through donations, set up, clean up and working the event. Due to your efforts, we were able to raise over \$12,500!



RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP)

# GIANTS CELEBRATING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

ROSE TOTTEN, TURNING 10

ROBERT LOTHIAN, TURNING 8

NICK BOKUNIEWICZ, TURNING 12

WYATT ROOF, TURNING 10

VIV VANDENBRINK, TURNING 8

KIP SALENBIEN, TURNING 6

AMELIA JONES, TURNING 6

ESTELLE TEETS, TURNING 9

JUNE SALENBIEN, TURNING 9

BRADEN BUCKKNER, TURNING 4

ELSIE LANGE, TURNING 12

ZACHARY O'DELL, TURNING 9



## STUDENT INTERVIEWS

BY: CARA MORRISON

I have interviewed a few kids here at St Patrick School and will be sharing those with you today! I have interviewed Beau from 1st grade, Colton from second grade, Kinley from 2nd grade, and Emma from 1st grade. Here are some questions I asked them:

First, I interviewed Beau from 1st grade. He said that his favorite colors are red and orange. He also said his favorite type of music is rock and roll. His favorite part about school is recess and he gets to read in his classroom! His favorite super kid is Oswald.

Now moving on to Colton who is in 2nd grade! He said he likes how they get to read and do a lot of other fun things in his class! His favorite color is blue. He loves science; his favorite teacher in the school is Mrs. Geiger.

Next up, I interviewed Emma in 1st grade. Her favorite color is rainbow, she likes the rummage sales that we do here. Her favorite prayer is Our Father, and she likes to read a lot. Mrs. Miller is her favorite teacher.

Next up is Kinley from 2nd grade! Her favorite thing about 2nd grade is reading in her classroom. Her favorite color is green. Her favorite subjects are science and math. She likes the Halloween carnival at school and Mr. Bolster is her favorite teacher.

Thank you so much for reading the newsletter!



## ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX ( BY: ELSIE LANGE)

THE SAINT OF THE MONTH IS ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX. ST. THERESE WAS BORN ON JANUARY 2, 1873 IN ALCON, FRANCE. SHE WAS KNOWN AS "THE LITTLE FLOWER" AND WAS BORN INTO A FAMILY THAT PRACTICED FAITH, BUT WASN'T TOO DEVOUT. ST. THERESE WAS AN EARLY FRENCH CATHOLIC AND BECAME A NUN AT AGE 15, DESPITE HER FAMILY AND THE BISHOP, WHO TOLD HER SHE WAS TOO YOUNG. FROM THEN ON, SHE PRAYED AND DID NORMAL DAILY TASKS LIKE WASHING DISHES, SCRUBBING FLOWERS, SEWING, AND COOKING. ST. THERESE DIED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1897 AT ONLY 24 YEARS OLD AND WAS CANONIZED IN 1925. SHE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONS AND OF FLORISTS.

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, PRAY FOR US!

## SOURCES

- SAINTS KIT CARDS
- [HTTPS://WWW.LITTLEFLOWER.ORG](https://www.littleflower.org)



BIRTHDAYS, SAINT SPOTLIGHT, LIFE AT ST. PAT'S & 'RIDDLES FOR FUN' BROUGHT TO YOU BY MR. BOLSTER'S 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS



## PTO UPDATE

We are planning a fun and spooky evening for St. Pat's families! Please join us Oct. 28th from 6:00-7:30pm for Trunk or Treat, food and fun!

Nov. 11th we are hosting a Veteran's Day breakfast for Veterans, their spouses and SPS students. Veterans please RSVP to Kelly in the office.

Our sneaker fundraiser has received an overwhelming response and we are so grateful! Please keep the used athletic shoes coming!

## LIFE AT ST. PAT 'S

BY: ALEXA CHILSON

When 5th and 6th grade get to school, they go into the gym for morning prayers. When we are done, we go to our classroom and unpack. First thing we do is our planner. We put things we need to remember to do, like study for a test or math. Then we do our grammar. We fix sentences in it and finish work pages. After that, we do prayer journals. After our prayer journal, we go take a bathroom break. When we come back, we study for our Baltimore Catechism test. We eat our snack after that. We have free time.



## CYO Sports Schedule:

**10/10**

Soccer 5:15 @ Holy Ghost

**10/11**

B2 VB 6:15 @ St. Charles

**10/12**

A VB 7:30 @ St. Charles

Soccer 5:15 @ Holy Ghost

**10/13**

B2 VB 6:15 @ St. John

B1 VB 7:30 @ St. John

**10/15**

A VB 10:00 @ St. Mary Monroe,

B1 VB 12:30 @ St. John the Baptist,

3-4 FB @ 8:00 & 9:00 @ St. Charles,

Soccer 10:00 @ Holy Ghost,

7-8 FB Playoffs

**10/22**

7-8 FB Prep Bowl



## CYO SPORTS UPDATE

We are proud of our fall athletes!

Playoff schedules coming soon!  
SPS Athletic Committee plans to host a volleyball camp for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls on Mondays in November. More info coming soon!

Who's ready for some basketball? Winter signups are now open for 4th grade - 8th grade CYO Boys' and Girls' basketball. This includes Divine Grace Parish, St. Pat's School, and religious education kids. Please register with Justin Roof via text or email (734)323-3905 or jrgrain@gmail.com before the Oct 21<sup>st</sup> deadline. We are also in need of coaches, so if you would be interested in coaching or assisting in any way, please reach out to Justin.

## LIFE AT ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FROM THE 3RD GRADE POINT OF VIEW

BY PIPER SALENBIEN

Hi and welcome to St. Patrick's School. Our first contestant for the newsletter is Estelle. Estelle is in 3rd grade and goes to St. Patrick School, just like all of us. Today's newsletter will be about how Estelle likes St. Patrick School. Estelle's teacher is Mr. Lothian. Estelle loves Mr. Lothian because he is funny and makes her laugh every single day. Estelle's favorite subject is math because Mr. Lothian teaches the best math ever. Estelle came to St. Patrick's in preschool. Estelle's favorite joke is:

*Q: Where did the cow go for lunch?*

*A: The moovies.*

Our next contestant is Rocco. He is also in 3rd grade and he loves his teacher for two things, one: he is smart, and two: he is handsome. Rocco's favorite subject is math because he likes a challenge and that is what Mr. Lothian gives them in 3rd grade- a challenge. Rocco loves St. Patrick School a lot; he came here in 2nd grade. His favorite sport is football. Rocco's favorite joke is:

*Q: where did the cow go for lunch?*

*A: the cow farm.*

The Preschoolers have been busy learning about apples. They celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday this past week. The kids went out on a hunt to find apples outside at school. Once they had their apples, they were very excited to cut them up to make applesauce. They also colored and painted an apple tree to decorate the halls at school. We read a story in Religion, "The Little Red House with No Doors." In the story, David was sent out to find the red house with no doors and a star inside. The kids were very surprised when they found out the house was a red apple. God has many surprises for all of us. You just have to be patient and look for them.



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### STAY REV'D UP FOR AUCTION

We hope you have your babysitters booked! This is a must-see event you won't want to miss! This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and all support is needed. Each family should've received their raffle tickets to sell. Invites will be going out during the month of October, please start. We continue to need support with solicitations. If you can call businesses for donations, please reach out Christie Salenbien at (734) 755-7279.

# FUN RUN UPDATE

Our annual Fun Run brought in a great crowd! Thank you to all who pulled off the event!



## 1 MILE – ADULTS:

1. Mike Pitock
2. Isabella Niedermeyer
3. Robert Lothian

## TOT DASH – BOYS:

1. Crew Bishop
2. Brody Grubb
3. Branch Schafer

## TOT DASH– GIRLS:

1. Lucia Jones
2. Ella Schafer
3. Clare Williams

## 1 MILE– BOYS:

1. Cale Jones
2. Maddox Busen
3. Caden Williams

## 1 MILE–GIRLS:

1. Rose Totten
2. Avery Jones
3. Hadley Schafer

## 5K– MEN:

1. Finn Totten
2. Gabe Busen
3. Jonah Busen

## 5K –WOMEN:

1. Becky Tomlinson
2. Sarah Busen
3. Renee Buckner



SMCC PARADE

## CHOCOLATE BARS!

Many St. Patrick School students are selling \$1 candy bars as a fundraiser.

If you're interested in supporting, please reach out to a school family.



We would love to thank everyone for their kindness this past summer when Kinley got hurt from falling off of a swing. She loved receiving the mail and support from her classmates and teachers. We are so blessed that she has such wonderful friends surrounding her. The uplifting letters and gifts were so thoughtful and appreciated. They helped her during her recovery in so many ways. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.  
- The Kohlman Family