



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

March 2023 Edition

Here we are revving up for the final push to June! A fantastic winter; more sunny than cloudy, warmer than most with more ice than snow! It is mid-March, and the year has progressed.

Star Test scores will be coming your way soon. Please review these results with your children. Especially in the lower grade, reviewing math facts at home (such as one- and two-digit addition and subtraction, as well as multiplication facts through 12) can make a huge impact on your children's ability to grow math magically! Reading is also a major key to success. Since this is reading month, you should see your children reading more at home, trying to reach their personal reading goals. March is almost over, now is an excellent time to make 30 minutes of reading each day, at home, a regular part of your children's daily routine. The more they read, the faster and easier reading gets!

When my kids were young, Jan and I would read aloud to the family in the evening. We tried to spend a minimum of 30 minutes a day as a family reading. As the kids grew, the older ones would take turns reading out loud to the rest of us. After a while we were enjoying the time so much the 30 minutes grew to a chapter or two a night. Even now, when my oldest daughter comes home for a visit, her favorite thing to do is to sit by the fireplace or under a tree, with her dad, taking turns reading to each other. Sadly, these times are fewer and fewer, but very precious to us both.

We are also halfway through Lent. Students started our Lent off with an Ash Wednesday with Bishop Battersby. The whole school attended Mass and then sang a beautiful song for the Bishop. They also created a beautiful Shamrock-Spiritual bouquet of prayers and sacrifices offered up for the Bishop.

I will close this note with an observation. This year we have made it a push at Saint Patrick School to teach the students several very special prayers. We say these prayers every day in our prayer time in the morning. By now, every student, from kindergarten through eighth grade should know these prayers by heart. Occasionally, I'll talk to a student about these prayers. I'll ask a question like, "Hey, do you ever say our morning prayers at home, on weekends or when we have a long break?" Often the answer is, "No." Sometimes they ask me, "Should we be saying them at home?" Morning prayer is so important. Children should be in the habit of greeting our LORD every morning as they rise and offer their day to Him. Another person who should hear your child's prayer is her/his Guardian Angel. Our Guardian Angels stand before the throne of God and by our side. They are there as divine protectors of each of us (even Moms and Dads). They never leave our side. All too often we forget they are there, and don't call on them to help us. Why not get into the habit of saying morning prayers with your children every day (if you are not already doing so)? All the prayers we've been saying this year can be found at the following link. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bZZLjR-V_GQaXgZkpODjS2EZMZayiDr2ewvFDG1NXyA/edit?usp=sharing While you are there, I've placed a couple of prayers for Mom's and Dad's to say for their children. We can never give up praying for them and over them!

Finally, don't forget the power of the Sign of the Cross. By making the Sign of the Cross, we profess the central truths of our faith: that God became one of us, with a human body and soul, and that He died on the cross to save us. When we sign the cross over our body and say the word of blessing, we drive away demons, receive a powerful protection against the demons and are renewed in our own weak nature.

God bless you all!

Carl Lenze, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday March 14th**
-Preschool Vision & Hearing Test 8am
- Thursday March 16th**
-Spelling Bee 2pm
- Friday March 17th**
-St. Patrick's Day Breakfast by School Committee
- End of 3rd Semester
- Fish Fry (3rd/4th grade)
- Saturday March 18th**
-Confirmation Retreat
- Thursday March 21st**
-Bookmobile
- Friday March 24th**
- Report Cards
- Fish Fry (2nd, 7th, 8th)
- Monday March 27th**
- Spring Break Week
- Friday March 31st**
- Last Day to Enroll for the 2023-24 school year before registration increase
- Monday April 3rd**
- Classes Resume
- Thursday April 6th**
- Easter Break Begins
- Tuesday April 11th**
- Classes Resume

SERVICE PROJECTS

- March**
- Paula's Angels
- April**
- Selah's House





**Divine Grace
Spring Festival**
St. Patrick Site

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

MAY 19, 20, & 21

We need your help! We are in need of Food Booth, Game Tent, and Dime Toss volunteers & chairs! Please consider supporting our largest spring fundraiser!

PLEASE CALL AARON JONES AT (734)755-9169 TO HELP

PARISH FESTIVAL

Planning for our festival which is from May 19th to May 21st is in full swing. Please get involved to keep our school and parish financially stable and the continual community engagement. The success of the parish directly impacts the success of our school!

MEN'S CLUB

The times of Fish Frys! Thanks to all that have supported. We ask that you continue to consider helping, as this fundraiser enables our support for parish and school initiatives!

If you have any questions, please reach out to John Bozzo at jbozzoi@gmail.com.

SCIENCE FAIR

Big Thank You to Mrs. Wickenheiser and all her efforts for the students to have exposure learning all about science in a hands-on way!



RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP)

We are down to only two Scrip orders left for physical cards for the 2022-2023 school year. I will be turning in tuition amounts for everyone that participated, to Kelly after the May order so that she can get that into the FACTS system to reflect your tuition for the 2023-2024 school year. Wow, did this school year go by fast! I just want to encourage everyone to still use Scrip during the summer months through your Raise Right App. Think about using e-Scrip when you are purchasing plants or gardening items from Lowe's or at Target and other similar stores when buying spring and summer clothing, even uniform shopping! This will continue to help you earn money off tuition for the 2024-2025 school year (whoa, that sounds crazy to say) for items you would be buying anyways!

FUTURE NOTE: A couple changes that will be coming for Scrip next school year is that Scrip will not be mandatory, only encouraged. Physical cards for Scrip will run from September 1, 2023-April 5, 2024. They will continue to be placed at 12:00 pm, the first Friday of each month with the goal of them being sent home with the eldest student the following Wednesday. I will place a May Scrip order for physical cards however, that rebate amount will go towards the following-following year (ex: 2025-2026 school year). The reason for this is to help with getting tuition rebate amounts to the office for FACTS purposes. This will hopefully help alleviate the last-minute invoicing for the next school year's tuition. So, tuition rebate amounts during the 2023-2024 school year will run from April 8, 2023-April 5, 2024.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Maegan Theisen at 734-735-2257 or maegan.theisen@yahoo.com even during the summer months.

GIANTS CELEBRATING MARCH BIRTHDAYS

CLARA WICKENHEISER, TURNING 8
GENAVIEVE BYLOW, TURNING 12

ABBY JONES, TURNING 13
WHITNEY MILLER, TURNING 5

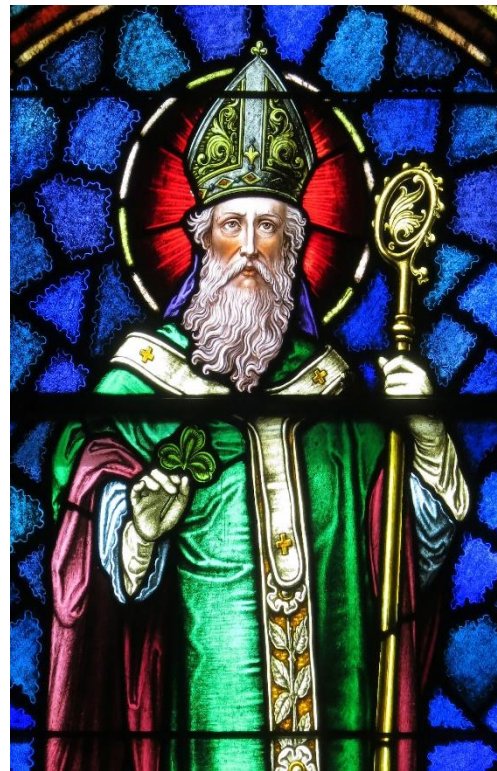
JACOB CARTER, TURNING 9
LEVI FRASIER, TURNING 8

LENNON CLOSE, TURNING 4 COREY CARMACK, TURNING 12



ST. PATRICK

THE STORY OF ST. PATRICK BEGINS WITH A 16-YEAR-OLD BOY NAMED PATRICK. HE WAS BORN IN GREAT BRITAIN A.D. 387. HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY PIRATES AND SOLD TO A TRIBAL CHIEFTAIN NAMED MILCHU. HE HAD TO ATTEND TO SHEEP FOR 6 YEARS AS A SLAVE WORKING FOR MILCHU. ONE NIGHT WHEN ST. PATRICK WAS SLEEPING, AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM AND SAID "PATRICK, GET UP AND FLEE FROM YOUR MASTER, THERE IS A SHIP WAITING FOR YOU TO GO BACK TO BRITAIN." SO, HE GOT UP AS SOON AS THE ANGEL SAID THIS AND RAN 200 MILES TO GET TO THE BOAT. AFTER MANY DAYS OF TRAVEL ST PATRICK REACHED HOME AND LIVED HAPPILY FOR MANY YEARS BUT ONE DAY PATRICK RECEIVED ANOTHER VISION FROM GOD. IN THIS VISION ST PATRICK WAS TOLD TO GO BACK TO IRELAND AS A MISSIONARY. AFTER ST PATRICK WAS ORDAINED AS A PRIEST, HE WAS SENT ON A MISSION TO TEACH CHRISTIANS IN IRELAND AND CONVERT THE IRISH. HE DID THIS BY USING THE EXAMPLE OF THE CLOVER. HE USED THE CLOVER BY SAYING THAT THE CLOVER HAD THREE SIDES THAT STOOD FOR THE TRINITY: THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. ST PATRICK DIED IN THE YEAR 465 A.D. MARCH 17TH AT THE AGE OF 78. ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS CELEBRATED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH.



RIDDLE

Q. WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A 4 LEAF CLOVER WITH POISON IVY?

A. A RASH OF GOLD!

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



SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTE

School Committee has several positions opening for the 2023-24 school year. We are looking for parents who would be willing to help shape the future direction of Saint Patrick School, to apply for one of these positions, and/or to nominate someone for an open position on the Committee.

Those interested in joining the SPS School Committee should submit their intention and biography to Mr. Lenze at principal@stpatrick.school by Friday, March 24th. Nominations are also due by this date. Elections for the 2023-24 school year will take place in April.

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

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



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FOUNDATION

As we enter the registration period for next school year, the SPS Foundation would like to remind you that Financials should never be the ultimate preventing factor to attend St. Patrick School. There are several options to consider for financial assistance and the Foundation is standing by to help. Reminder that the AOD deadline for applications is March 31st, with the pastor verification. Please reach out to the school office and begin the financial assistance request



← KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Another reminder that 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 is shown to the right with further information. There is also a QR code for those that wish to use the online platform.

We appreciate your support in recognizing those in our community!

CYO SPORTS

We wrapped up our winter sports with a great banquet! Thanks to all for a great season.

Spring sports are upon us! Bring on the sunshine and warm weather! We are excited to have 2 strong teams this spring season. Our Girls B softball team is back to defend their title as CYO champs!

We also have a Boys B baseball team competing this year, and we can't wait to see them on the fields! There is still time to register your child for spring sports. Please reach out to Justin Roof ASAP. Practices start March 13th. We anticipate games to start the week of April 11, and we will share game schedules as they become available. In other exciting news, St. Pat's has joined with Holy Ghost to form a track team. Registration is currently open for 4th grade and up, and anyone interested should contact Justin @ 734-323-3905 for further details.

We are in need of a Concessions Manager for the spring sports season. Responsibilities include stocking food/drinks and organizing volunteers to work the concession stand at home games. This is a great way to earn your volunteer hours and to be of service to our CYO program. St. Pat's has 2 nice ball fields, and we host a lot of double headers. Our athletes need the chance to refuel between games, so the concession stand is important!

Thank you for your continued support for the CYO program! Feel free to reach out to our AD Justin Roof with questions/concerns.



SOME INPUT ON OUR SCHOOL FROM NONE OTHER THAN... MS. LINDSAY!!!

WE INTERVIEWED THE NOT-SO-NEW (AND AWESOME) THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE TEACHER, MS. LINDSAY. SHE REALLY LIKES THE SCHOOL AND SAYS THAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN VERY WELCOMING TO HER. WHEN WE ASKED WHAT SHE THINKS COULD MAKE THE SCHOOL BETTER, SHE REPLIED THAT SHE CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO CHANGE YET, BUT MAYBE A CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN WOULD BE NICE! SHE LIKES THE BEAUTIFUL SIGHTS AROUND THE SCHOOL, SUCH AS THE SUNRISES, TREES, THE CREEK ACROSS THE STREET, AND ALL THE PEOPLE INSIDE. MS. LINDSAY'S FAVORITE EVENTS THE SCHOOL HAS ARE WHEN SCIENCE ALIVE COMES (DESPITE THE GIANT PYTHON) AND THE ANNUAL BOWLING TRIP. SHE LOVES TO SPEND TIME WITH HER CLASS OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM. MS. LINDSAY ENJOYS TEACHING AT THE SCHOOL BECAUSE OF THE OBVIOUS LOVE THAT BOTH THE STAFF AND THE STUDENTS HAVE FOR CHRIST, AND THE CHRIST-CENTERED ATMOSPHERE, WHICH SETS THIS SCHOOL APART FROM OTHER SCHOOLS. JUST FOR FUN, WE ASKED MS. LINDSAY WHAT HER FAVORITE DESSERT WAS, AND SHE REPLIED, CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH WHITE BUTTERCREAM FROSTING. WE WANT TO THANK MS. LINDSAY FOR LETTING US INTERVIEW HER AND WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE



SPS PTO

A big special thank you goes out to our school community for supporting our spirit wear fundraiser. All items ordered will be sent home with your children once production is complete.

We are beginning to plan for Secretary's Day, Principal's Day, and Teacher Appreciation Week. Please send us an email (pto@stpatrick.school) if you would like to be involved in these events. We'd love to have your input!

Make sure you save May 12th on your calendar to join us for a Mom & Me Sign Painting Party. The Painting Barn will be joining us in the gym at St. Pat's. Further details will be sent home soon. Come out and enjoy a great evening with us!

MARCH IS READING MONTH! THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST READING MINUTES WINS A PARTY!

