



— January 9, 2026 —

# Irish Messenger

Issue 11

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Jan 9 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Report Cards  
Published*

*Jan 14 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Early  
Out, 2pm dismissal, no  
aftercare*

*Jan 13, 15, 20 - MAP  
Testing*

*Jan 19 - MLK, No  
School*

*Jan 20 -  
PreK/Kindergarten  
Open House 6-7:30pm*

*Jan 26-Jan 30 -  
Catholic Schools' Week  
:-*

## Message from the Principal

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a restful and joyful Christmas season. We are excited to see all our students back in the classrooms, ready to learn, grow, and continue our Christ-centered journey together.

As we return from break, please help us keep our school community healthy by keeping students home if they are sick. Also, as winter weather continues, please make sure students come to school with appropriate outer layers, hats, gloves, and coats. Snow boots are welcome for the walk to school, but students should have a change of shoes for the classroom so we can keep our floors safe and clean.

Thank you for helping us care for each other.

Here's to a happy, healthy, and wonderful start to the new year!



# VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

VS.

January 9th

## CONFIDENCE

The strength to believe in oneself, fostering a sense of assurance in decision-making and interactions with others.



VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

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## ENDURANCE

The strength to persist through challenges and hardships, maintaining resilience over time.

January 16

# Good Disciples



Our littlest Irish are already jumping in to serve others.

Preschooler Viola showed that being a good disciple starts young by helping at the SVDP food pantry at St. Monica!

## Have a Good Disciple Suggestion?

We love highlighting the good deeds of our students, staff, and families. If you witness someone living out their faith through service, compassion, or helping others, please share it with us! Send your Good Disciple suggestions (and a picture, if possible—it always makes the story even better!) to:

Mrs. Smith or Tammy Barron  
[barront@stpatswashington.com](mailto:barront@stpatswashington.com)



# 15<sup>th</sup>



## Diocese of Peoria

We had the privilege of hosting the traveling Diocesan Monstrance at St. Patrick School. Students learned about the Monstrance and the Luna, and how adoration is an extension of the Mass—adoring Jesus Himself.

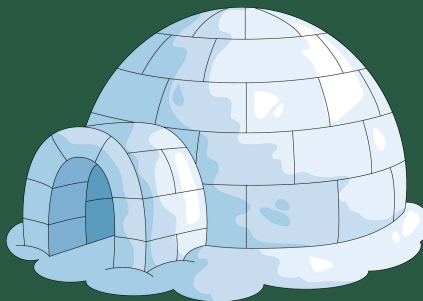
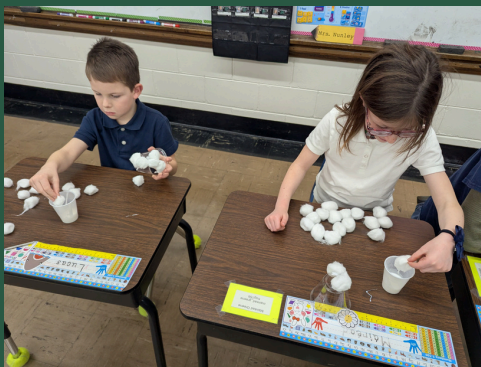
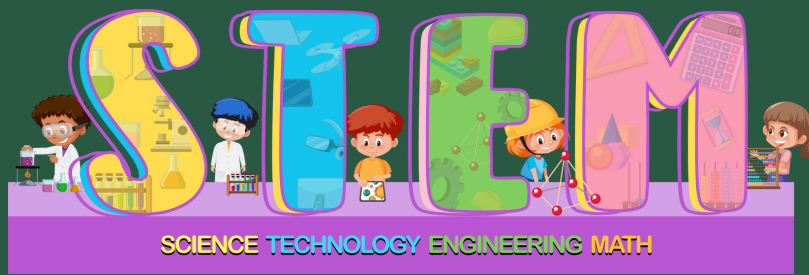
On the traveling Monstrance, we could see the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Lamb of God, and the coat of arms of the Diocese of Peoria.

We were blessed to use this Monstrance for our all-school Exposition at Mass today, as well as for adoration throughout the day. Students, teachers, and parents were all excited to see it up close and personal.

Thank you, Father Matt and Deacon Paul!







## Igloo S.T.E.M Fun!

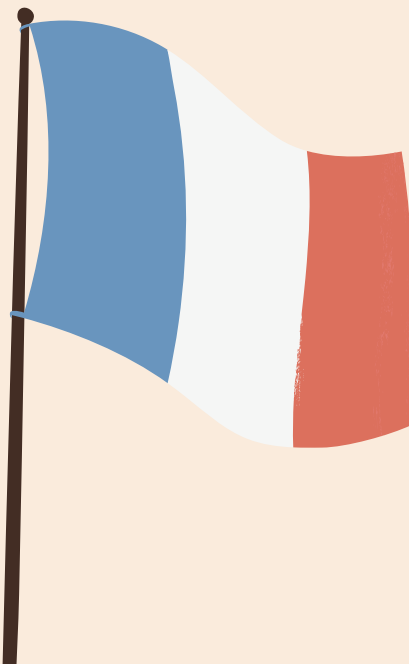
Our kindergarten scientists and engineers explored S.T.E.M. by designing and building igloos using cups, glue, and cotton balls!

The students practiced problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork while learning how structures are built. We loved seeing their imaginations at work!



# World Languages bonjour

We have officially flipped the classroom from Spanish to French! We are kicking off our studies with practical phrases and vocabulary students can use immediately, making connections to our Spanish knowledge along the way. As we begin this new language journey, St. Louis IX, King of France, will guide our exploration of French culture and our Catholic faith. C'est parti!





# LEGO LEAGUE

Sectionals

Saturday, January 17  
8am-4pm  
Peoria Academy

GOOD  
LUCK!



All three of our Lego League teams  
qualified for sectionals!



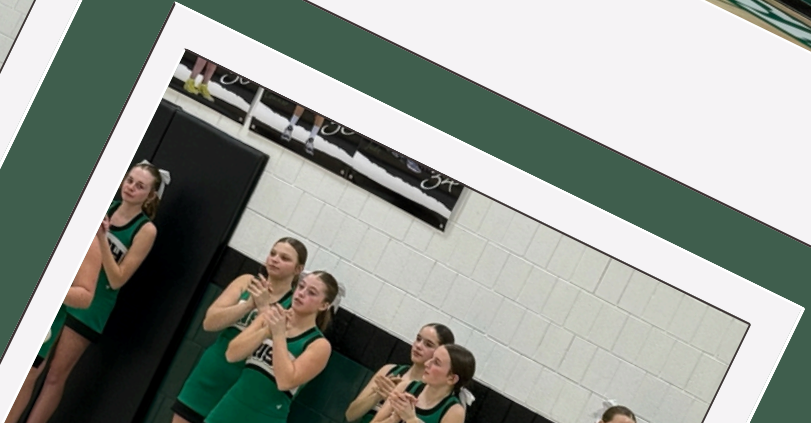


# 8<sup>th</sup> grade NIGHT

January 6, 2025









# VOLLEYBALL

## Upcoming Dates

Jan 13 @ 4:30  
at Robein

Jan 15 @ 4:30  
vs. Norwood

Jan 16 @ 4:00  
vs Central

Jan 19 @ 4:30  
at Bartonville Monroe

Jan 23 @ 4:30  
vs St. Jude

Jan 27 @ 4:30  
vs St. Mary's







ST. PATRICK SCHOOL  
Every Tuesday and Thursday  
we show our Irish pride!

# SPIRIT WEAR TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS














STUDENTS CAN WEAR SPIRIT  
WEAR TOPS (OR MRS. HARRIS  
TOPS ON THURSDAYS) WITH  
UNIFORM BOTTOMS.

# APPROVED UNIFORMS

## St. Patrick Approved Uniforms

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Questions?  
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FOREVER

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FAMILY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE  
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MAKE SURE TO SHARE YOUR  
SERVICE HOURS TO HELP THE  
DIOCESE REACH 150 HOURS!

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# PEORIA NOTRE DAME WINTER SHOWCASE



JANUARY 9, 2026

Food will be served at  
5:00 – 7:30 PM  
\$5/Person or  
\$20/Family  
(includes pasta, bread,  
a cookie, and water)

Girls Basketball  
5:30 PM

Boys Basketball  
7:30 PM

Introduction of  
winter sports  
athletes between  
both games





ST. PATRICK SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO

# Snow Much Fun!

a **FREE** event for **ALL** Current & Potential

**Pre-K3/4 & Kindergarten Families**

**Tuesday, January 20th**

**@ St. Patrick School Gym**

**6-7:30pm**

**MEET & GREET with Elsa, Anna, & Olaf!**

& Join us for Face Painting,  
Games, Crafts, & Sweet Treats!

**RSVP Preferred**

**309-444-4345**

**[shughes@stpatswashington.org](mailto:shughes@stpatswashington.org)**

**100 Harvey St / Washington**





# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## **FREE THROW CONTEST**

**FEBRUARY**

**11**

**6:00PM**

FREE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.  
NO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS.  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM  
EAST PEORIA CENTRAL JR HIGH MAIN GYM  
AGES 9-14 BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISIONS  
AGE ON JANUARY 1, 2026  
AWARDS GIVEN TO WINNERS IN 12 DIVISIONS

DISTRICT COMPETITION FOLLOWING COUNCIL LEVEL.







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