ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Irish Messenger

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Upcoming Events

November 11
2PM Dismissal
No Aftercare

November 12
Picture Retake Day

November 21
Vendor and Craft Sale
9am-2pm

November 23-24
Preschool Conferences

November 24
Sheen Day Activitites
2PM Dismissal
No Aftercare

November 25-29
Thanksgiving Break

December 4
St. Nicholas Day Celebration

December 9
Christmas Program
Five Points 6PM

Message from the Principal

As we begin November, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, prayer, and the special community we share. We recently celebrated All Saints' Day, honoring the saints who inspire us to live holy lives and follow Christ's example. We also observed All Souls' Day, remembering in a special way those who have gone before us and praying for the souls of the faithful departed.

November is also a wonderful month to focus on giving thanks. I am especially grateful for our St. Patrick School family. We are truly blessed!

As the temperatures continue to drop, please remember to send students to school with a warm coat each day. We will continue to enjoy outdoor recess whenever weather permits, and students need to be dressed comfortably for the colder temperatures.

God Bless,
Mrs. Smith

VIRTUE=STRENGTH™

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.

This Week

FERVOR

Definition: The strength to serve and love God with ardent zeal and wholehearted devotion.

It's the strength to love Jesus with fire instead of going through the motions.

Next Week

CONSECRATION

Definition: The strength to dedicate one's life, actions, and possessions entirely to God.

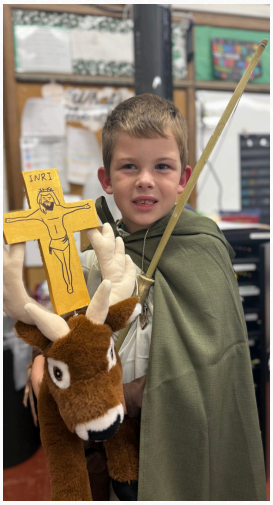
It's the strength to give your whole life to Jesus.

Faith Formation









ALL SAINTS' DAY











Faith Formation









Grades K-8
Visited St. Mary Cathedral and the Fulton Sheen Museum to learn more about Blessed Fulton Sheen.









Academics

🛹🔬 Science in Action!

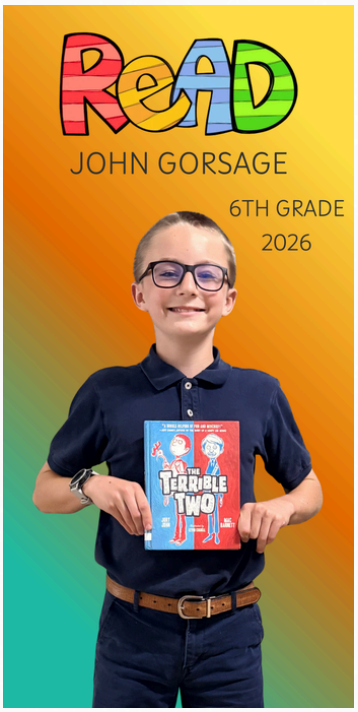
Our 8th grade scientists explored the relationship between mass, speed, and kinetic energy! Students used push/pull spring scales to investigate how changing the mass of a skateboard affected its movement, including the distance it traveled and the time it took to cover a set distance.







John Gorsage
5th Grade
Completed the AR Program and received his Classic Reader Poster



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QUARTERLY HONOR ROLL

Quarter: 1st **School Year:** 2026-2027

6th Grade

Straight A's

Hannah Arbogast
Joselyn Fisher
Evie Gabehart
John Gorsage
Henry Johnson
Josey Poore
Devon Siegle

High Honors

Josie Briggs
Gus Cody
Hunter Karosky
Isabella Morales-Barkley
Max Zuniga

Honors

Savannah Barron

7th Grade

Straight A's

Evelyn Berberich
Ellie Draeger
Joseph Enstrom
Evelyn Kosiara
Anneliese Schlack

High Honors

Lydia Matsko
Kiersten Nolte
Leo Nolte
Grace Parker
Xavier Williams

Honors

Maddax Ehrgott

8th Grade

Straight A's

Aime Blankenship
Zoey Geisz
Cecilia Hatton
Matthew Stevenart
Grant Swearingen

High Honors

Rose Berberich
Jacob Davis
Brynn Reed
Gianna Ruppel
Quin Toohill

Honors

Robert Lindsey
Tate White

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Athletics

Boys' Basketball Kicked Off their Season
Joined by our Spirited Cheerleaders!













Athletics









Athletics

Congratulations, Lady Irish on their 2nd place finish in the Autumn Hardwood Classic!





















Around the Campus

Red Ribbon Week

We celebrated being Drug Free with daily announcements from our Student Ambassadors and dressing in Red!





SLIME

Our top 4 Fundraisers got to Slime Mrs. Smith at an all school assembly!







Around the Campus

Happy Halloween











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Saint Patrick School

One Week Until Retake Day

Saint Patrick School has photo retakes coming up for those who missed picture day or want a new photo taken.

Retake Day:

Thursday, November 12, 2026

STUDENTS WANTING RETAKES OR WHO WERE ABSENT ON PICTURE DAY.

To-Dos:

- Mark Your Calendar
- Plan Your Outfit & Hairstyle
- Practice Your Smile



Please, don't wear green.

Our green screen lets you choose your background when you order your photos, but it also makes green clothes disappear.

When will my photos be ready?

About a week after picture day, you'll get an email letting you know that your pictures are ready to view and order online.

LEARN MORE

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Photo Share

We're excited to partner with Jostens this year!



Families can upload photos from school events, activities, and special moments throughout the year.

Visit:
https://photos.jostens.com/9ND6LB
to share your photos!

- Not every photo will be used in the yearbook.
- You can submit photos from a phone, tablet, or computer.
- Share your photos whenever you have a great school moment!

Thank you for helping us capture the memories of our school year!

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.™

Forming Hearts. Building Strength. Living for Heaven.

At our school, we are committed to helping our students grow in holiness by forming strong virtues, avoiding vices, and deepening our relationship with Jesus and Mary through prayer and devotion.

OCTOBER

VIRTUES TO LIVE

- **HUMILITY** — Knowing you need God
- **DEFERENCE** — Showing respect to authority
- **AFFABILITY** — Friendly and pleasant with others
- **GENTLENESS** — Kind strength toward others

VICES TO AVOID

- **ARROGANCE** — Thinking I'm the greatest
- **CONTEMPT** — Dismissing others
- **HARSHNESS** — Cold toward others
- **ROUGHNESS** — Hurting without caring

NOVEMBER

VIRTUES TO LIVE

- **LOVE FOR GOD** — Loving God above all
- **FERVOR** — Serving God with zeal
- **CONSECRATION** — Giving your life to God
- **OBLATION** — Offering yourself to God

VICES TO AVOID

- **INDIFFERENCE** — Ignoring God
- **LUKEWARMNESS** — Faith without passion
- **WORLDLINESS** — Chasing empty things
- **SELFISHNESS** — Living only for me

OCTOBER FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION



HUMILITY

→ How can you put God and others first more often?

NOVEMBER FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION



LOVE FOR GOD

→ How have you experienced God's love?

OCTOBER 3RD–11TH NOVENA



ST. CARLO ACUTIS

October 3–11

Feast Day: October 12

Carlo was a teenager in Italy who loved video games and soccer but spent his free time serving the poor and documenting Eucharistic miracles. He showed that holiness is possible for young people today.

NOVEMBER 13TH–21ST NOVENA



ST. CECILIA

November 13–21

Feast Day: November 22

Cecilia was a young Roman noblewoman who gave her life for her faith in the early Church, singing hymns to God even as she faced death. She is the beloved patron saint of musicians.

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Learn the Virtues. Love our Lord. Live the Faith.

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Faithful Readers PROGRAM

ACCELERATED READER INCENTIVES



At St. Partick School, we believe reading is a gift from God that helps us grow in wisdom, knowledge, and faith. Students who meet their quarterly reading goal will become Faithful Readers and earn an invitation to a special quarterly celebration.

Quarter 1 – Read-In with the Principal



K-4
- Read aloud by the principal
- Popcorn
- Faithful Reader certificate

Grades 5-8
- Bring your favorite book
- Popcorn
- Time to read, relax, and visit with the principal

Quarter 2 – Cozy Reading Celebration



K-4
- Wear pajamas
- Read with a stuffed animal or blanket
- Bookmark

Grades 5-8
- Hot chocolate or Cider
- Quiet reading time
- Book recommendation card

Quarter 3 – Outdoor Reading Celebration



K-4
- Read outside
- Sidewalk chalk after reading
- Popsicle

Grades 5-8
- Outdoor reading time
- Outside games
- Popsicle

Quarter' 4 – Readers' Choice Party



K-4

Students vote for one:
- Read a favorite picture book
- Coloring while listening to a story
- Bubble time outside

Grades 5-8

Students vote for one:
- Quiet reading
- Card games
- Outdoor free time

Good Books = Big Dreams

Principal's Faithful Readers Celebration

Students who meet all four quarterly reading goals will be invited to the Principal's Reading Celebration!

- 30-minute Extra Recess
- Popsicle or ice cream treat
- Faithful Reader Certificate and Group Photo in Bulletin and Social Media

"Readers grow in wisdom, faith, and kindness, one book at a time."

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Approved Uniforms

LOOK GOOD • FEEL GOOD • SHOW YOUR IRISH PRIDE!

BLANK Sport-Tek Youth Polo



3 Colors

$13.50

EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Youth Polo



3 Colors

$22.00

Port & Company Youth Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt



4 Colors

$23.00

Port Authority Youth Value Fleece Jacket



2 Colors

$35.00

BLANK Sport-Tek Polo



3 Colors

$15.50

EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Polo



3 Colors

$22.00

Port & Company Essential Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt



4 Colors

$23.00

Port Authority Value Fleece Jacket



2 Colors

$35.00

Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt



4 Colors

$38.00

Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover



3 Colors

$40.00

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Benefitting the

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Monica & St. Patrick

St. Monica Hall - 303 Campanile Dr. - East Peoria, IL

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Doors open at 5:00pm. Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-6:30. Trivia begins at 6:30.

(Gluten free bread & pasta available - please note on registration form if needed)

$25 per person, $200/table. BYOB.

Sign up as a Team of 8 or let us craft an awesome team for you with other brilliant people.

Reservation Deadline 11/2. See below for options to register.

Amazing basket raffle, 50/50 & other fun.

Names:

_____

_____

Team Captain Name _____ Email: _____

☐ I have an existing team _____ (captain name) or ☐ Craft a brilliant team for me

_____ number attending @ $25 per person

Registration form with money can be turned in by any of the following ways:

1. Put in church collection basket. Please put TRIVIA NIGHT on envelope.
2. Mailed to: Steve Driscoll 112 Royal Vista Dr, East Peoria, IL 61611
3. Emailed to: steve.driscoll1996@gmail.com
4. Called to: Steve 309-208-4208

Please may checks payable to: ***St. Vincent de Paul Society*** with Trivia on the memo line.

Questions or phone reservations: Call Steve at 309-208-4208

A FUN EVENING!

Taylor Street Nativity Setup Event

Nov. 7
8am-Noon



Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, November 7th, at 8 AM to set up the Taylor Street Nativity in East Peoria, IL, across from the US Post Office. Help is needed to prepare for the Christmas & Festival of Lights Season. Strong arms & backs are appreciated, but all are welcome to assist. Donuts and lunch will be provided for volunteers, and monetary donations are also welcome.

RSVP at
https://forms.gle/FZZxGUimuJFgsENQA

Future Panthers Cheer Clinic

$35 registration fee inc[illegible]s:
clinic
admissions for 1 child & 1 adult into the game
clinic shirt
cheer bow

Learn cheers, skills, and perform at a WCHS basketball game!



USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

Registration closes Nov. 8th!
Day of registration will be excepted, but please know you will not be promised a shirt or bow.

Date & time:

6TH-8TH GRADE:
FRIDAY, NOV. 13TH 6-8PM

K-5TH GRADE:
SATURDAY, NOV 14TH 9-11:30AM

PERFORMANCE: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2ND @ 7PM

Location: Multipurpose room (MPR)

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 51

Encourage Excellence Every Day with Compassion, Commitment, and Community

Dear Families,

We invite you to join us for an important and informative presentation dedicated to the safety and well-being of students and families of our community. Central School District 51 has partnered with FBI Special Agent Griffin who will be presenting on the topic of **Nihilistic Violent Extremism** and how we can work together to protect and support our children. Area administrators had the opportunity to view this presentation this year and found the information valuable for families.

Content of the Presentation

Please be aware that the material covered in this session is quite sensitive and heavy in nature. While these topics can be challenging to discuss, understanding them is essential for recognizing potential risks and keeping our children safe. We believe this information is critically important for all families to hear.

This presentation will cover critical insights and practical tools for families, including:

- **Early Warning Signs:** Recognizing behavioral changes, indicators of distress, or concerning social shifts.
- **Online Safety:** Understanding how online spaces, social media, and digital platforms can expose young people to harmful content or recruitment, and how to help them navigate the digital world safely.
- **Open Communication at Home:** Strategies for fostering strong, trusting dialogues with your children about sensitive and complex issues.
- **Community Collaboration:** How families, schools, and local organizations can partner together to create a supportive and proactive network for our youth.

Attendance Guidelines

- **Adults-Only Presentation:** Due to the sensitive and serious nature of this topic, **children are not permitted** in the presentation room.
- **Privacy Policy:** To protect the privacy of all attendees and speaker security, **photos and videos of the presentation are strictly prohibited.**

Event Details

- **When** : December 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM
- **Where:** Central Gym, 1301 Eagle Ave

Your involvement and awareness play a vital role in keeping children safe. We strongly encourage all parents and guardians to attend this important session.

Please click **HERE** to RSVP so we can prepare accordingly.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting the safety and strength of our community.

POT OF GOLD

save the date

SATURDAY

March 6, 2027

