

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

Irish Messenger

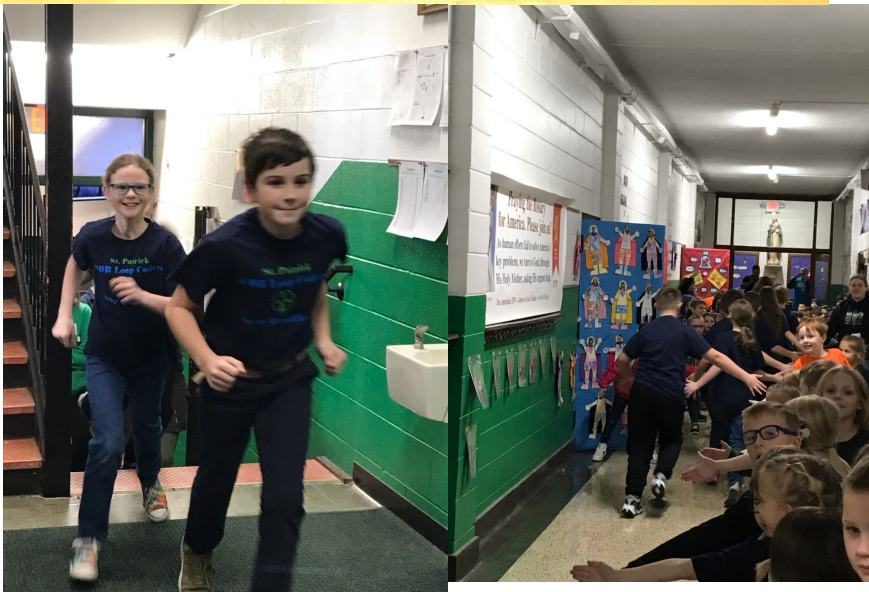
*"Be Merciful, Kind, and Respectful
to All You Meet Each Day"*

January 27, 2023



Our 5th grade Lego Team as they will be going to State on Saturday, January 28.

"St. Pat's "For Loop Coders' (5th-grade team) Best Robot table run of 185 points earned them 19th out of 29 teams in that portion of the competition. They also earned the Robot Design Award from among all 29 teams, and were selected for the state tournament in January.



Good Luck at State, Lego League!

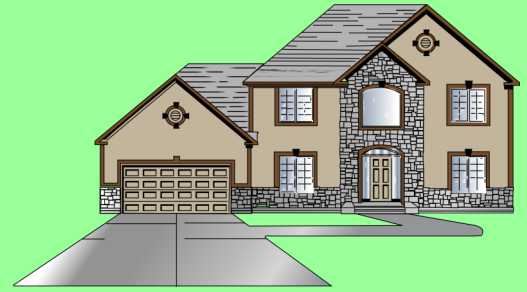


THE MISSION OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL is to foster the spiritual growth and academic life of its students, faculty, and staff, and to teach children, with the cooperation of parents, a Catholic way of life.

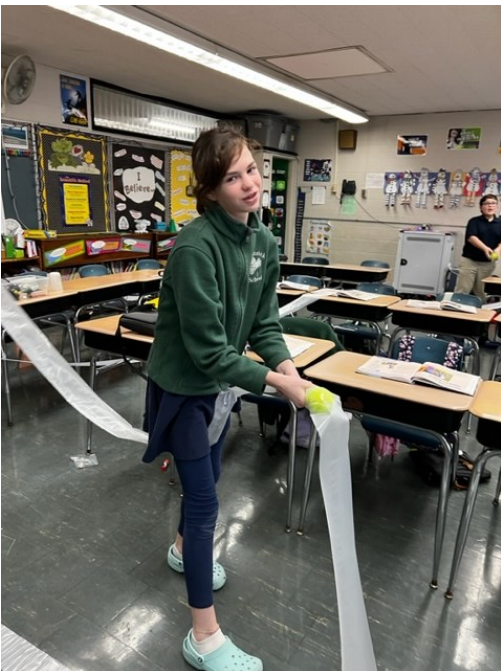
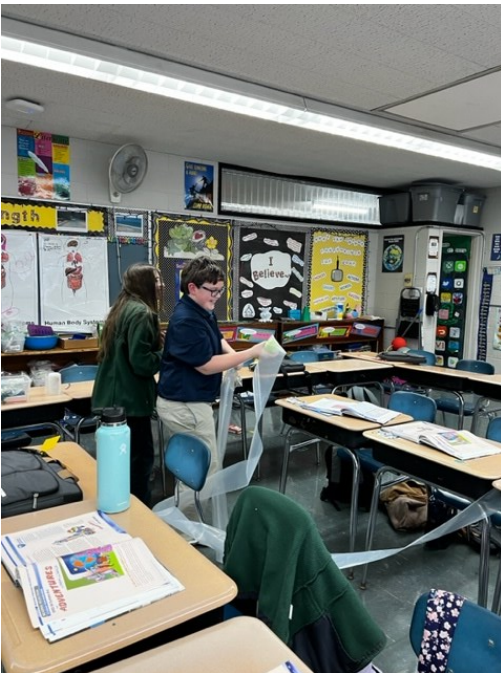
Hello Parents and Families,

We have had a request to please do not block private residential driveways on Cedar St. when you drop off and pick up your children or any other time. Parking is available in the school's large south parking lot. Thank you for respecting this courtesy to our neighbors.

Mrs. Shipman



6th grade made models of the digestive system in science class.

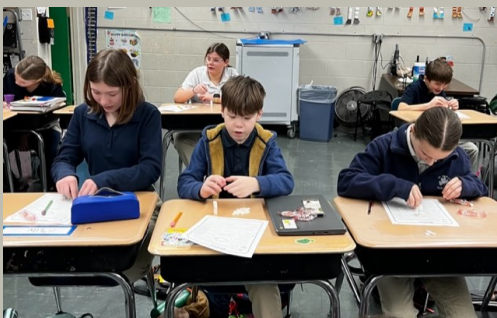
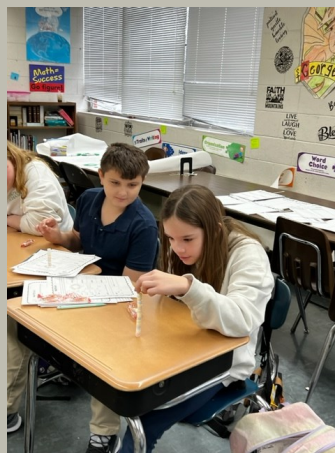
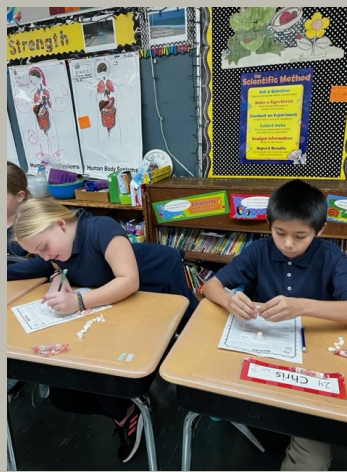


Did you know?

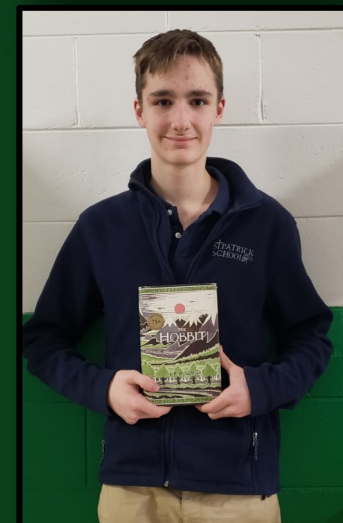
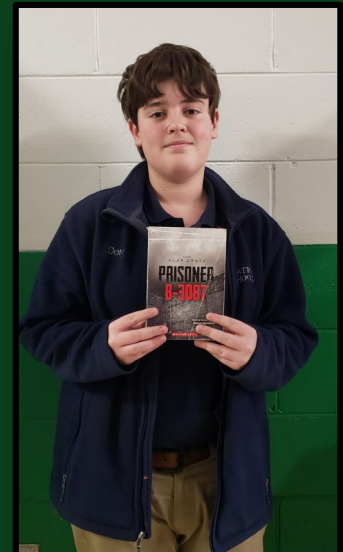
- * The small intestine is 22 feet long.
- * Digestion is how food is turned into nutrients and energy.
- * Most of your food is absorbed in the small intestine.
- * peristalsis is the name for how the esophagus pushes food into your stomach.
- * Your stomach acid is highly corrosive.
- * Your colon makes sure your body doesn't loose more want than you should be in digestion.

5th Grade Math

5th grade finding the mean, median, mode, and range of the number of smarties they could stack. How many can you stack?



Congratulations to Eian Doty and Carter Osmolski in 8th grade for completing the Accelerated Reader program and reaching Classic Reader. They will be getting a poster hung in the hall and a certificate of achievement. In order to reach Classic Reader a student must pass all other certification levels and complete the requirements for Classic level once: read 3 books with a book level of 6.0 or higher that have an AR quiz worth at least 7 points. Keep reading Irish!



Registration/Re-enrollment will be from Wednesday, February 1 –Friday, February 17 this year. Please take note of these dates so your student's registration is completed on time.





**The 4th grade learned
all about simple ma-
chines and made their
own inventions.**





Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 29–February 4



www.NCEA.org/csw

#CSW23





St. Patrick Schedule of Events for Catholic Schools Week 2023







January 29 – Sunday - Celebrating Our Parish

-  Attend Mass as a family
-  Display in vestibule of church from students




January 30 – Monday - Celebrating Our Community

-  Parent/Grandparent Breakfast and Open House – vote on best decorated classroom door – votes can be dropped off in container in foyer
-  Book character day – Dress up as your favorite book character
-  Reading partner activity
-  Begin collection for the “Dream Center Peoria” - List of items for each grade sent to families and students




January 31 – Tuesday - Celebrating Our Students

-  Team Up Tuesday – Students may wear t-shirt or top of their assigned class color and with jeans, athletic pants, or uniform slacks
-  Free throw contest in the morning
-  Teachers will not assign any homework today to celebrate their students
-  Students will have an afternoon movie in the classroom with popcorn







February 1 – Wednesday - Celebrating Our Nation

-  Students may wear red, white, and blue with jeans, athletic pants, or uniform slacks
-  Grades 5-8 will hold Spelling Bee
-  School Assembly – Dream Center Peoria – Time to be determined


February 2 – Thursday - Celebrating Vocations

-  Spiritual bouquets will be created for Pastor, Parochial Vicar, Sisters, and Seminarian Deacon Hopper
-  Talent Show will be performed from 1:30-3:00 p.m.
-  Dress up as what you want to be when you grow up celebrating vocations and careers

February 3 – Friday - Celebrating Teachers and Staff

-  Feast of St. Blaise – All School Mass will be held at 8:15 a.m. – Blessing of throats at Mass
-  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass – All School Benediction at 2:15 p.m.
-  Fandom Friday – Students may wear Irish Spirit-wear with jeans or athletic pants.
-  Students will have lunch in their classrooms from 11:00 a.m.-11:40 a.m.
-  Teachers and staff will have lunch together from 11:40 a.m.-12:45 p.m. – Classes will be covered by St. Patrick Parent Ministry Room Parents
-  Students will help pack up Dream Center donations

February 4 – Saturday - Catholic Schools Week Conclusion

-  Celebrate Families – Family Fun Night – 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. after Saturday Vigil Mass.

 *Faith. Excellence. Service.* 



Tuesday, January 31st - Celebrating Students

Students can wear a shirt of their class' color on this Tuesday—
Celebrate Students Day. Jeans and athletic pants are also allowed.
Colors are listed by class.

Pre K 3 - Purple

Pre K 4 - Gray

Kindergarten - Orange

1st - Black

2nd - Navy Blue

3rd - Pink

4th - Yellow

5th - White

6th - Green

7th - Royal (Bright) Blue

8th - Red

Dream Center Toiletry Item Collection List

As part of Catholic Schools Week this year, students and teacher will be collecting toiletry items to donate. Items will go to the [Dream Center in Peoria](#). The Dream Center is a homeless shelter. It has apartments also for those in need. The goal of the Dream Center is to help individuals and families transition back into society by helping them find jobs, rent an apartment, and become independent. Each grade has been assigned an item to be donated. Items can be brought to school between January 30 - February 3.

PreK 3 - loofa

PreK 4 - toothbrush

Kindergarten - toilet paper

First Grade - shampoo

Second Grade - deodorant

Third Grade - toothpaste

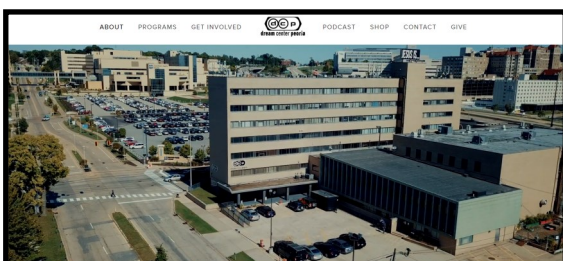
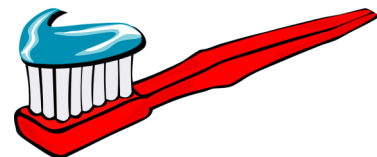
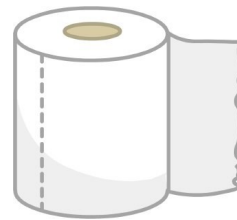
Fourth Grade - bar of soap

Fifth Grade - toothpaste

Sixth Grade - deodorant

Seventh Grade - toothbrush

Eighth Grade - men's deodorant



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO

Snow Much Fun!

a **FREE** event for **ALL** Current & Potential
Pre-K3/4, Kindergarten,
& 1st Grade Families!

Monday, January 30th
@ St. Patrick School Gym
6-7:15pm

MEET & GREET with OLAF!

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

RSVP Preferred

309-444-4345

hughess@stpatswashington.com

100 Harvey St / Washington



FAMILY FUN NIGHT



february 4
5:30-8:30

Celebrate St. Patrick's School and Catholic Schools Week with a family friendly evening of games, food, and fun!

cupcake walk to support
8th grade class gift

face painting \$1 popcorn

**\$5 Admission includes
hot dog, chips, & drink**

half time show *games*

St. Pat's teams vs parents
basketball game

The Family Fun Night will be held Saturday, February 4. This is an opportunity for the whole school to come together to celebrate St. Pat's and have a **lot** of fun. Your child will be coming home with a Family Ticket Form and I've

attached one here for your convenience. Please have forms and payment returned to the school office no later than Monday, January 30th. Tickets will also be available for purchase after all weekend Masses and at school pick-up.

The \$5 admission ticket includes a meal of hot dog, chips, and drink.

Here's some quick facts about the FFN.

- This year's Family Fun Night is part pep rally, part school carnival and is built on a long tradition at St. Pat's, but one we haven't been able to enjoy since 2019.
- The 8th graders will hold a cupcake walk to raise money for their class gift.
- 1st-4th graders learned a halftime show during PE. (We know not everyone will be able to make it, but we wanted everyone to have the opportunity to be part of it!)
- The boys and girls basketball teams will be playing against St. Pat's moms and dads.
- Any St. Pat's parent (pre-K - 8th grade) can sign up to play in the basketball game. Dads play the boys' team for the first half and moms play the girls' team in the second half.
- Sign yourself up to play here: <https://forms.gle/Ge6amegoQKb2jbeV6>
- Sign your St. Pat's basketball player up here: <https://forms.gle/J2fVBegs4HWMDqwX8>
- No one is obliged to participate but everyone is encouraged to do so!
- Everyone is encouraged to wear St. Pat's spirit wear to the FFN.
- Following the game there will be face painting, Plinko, SkeeBall, and more!
- Tickets will also be available at the door, but we appreciate purchasing early.

Questions? Please reach out to Bonnie Engstrom (bonniefandel@gmail.com) or Mari Briggs.

Thanks and God bless!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT



february 4
5:30-8:30



Family Fun Night Tickets

Tickets: \$5 / person

includes admission + meal of hot dog, chips, & drink

Please return form and payment to Mrs. Biagini by January 31st.

Family Name _____

of Tickets _____

Total Cost \$ _____ cash or check. Please make checks out to St. Patrick's School



On Sunday February 5th, from 7:00–8:30pm in the Saint Patrick's School Gymnasium. Snacks, games, and fun!



Important Dates

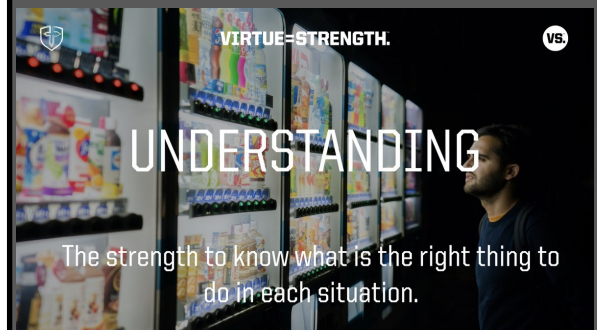
JAN 27 FRI - Volleyball Home vs. St. Thomas - 4:30pm
JAN 28 SAT - Lego League State Tournament
JAN 28 SAT - Boys Basketball vs. Lowpoint-Washburn @
Epiphany—1pm
JAN 29 - FEB 4 - Catholic Schools Week
JAN 30 MON - PreK-K-1st Grade Info Night – 6-7:15 p.m.
Gym



5th—8th Grade students are invited to join the Bishop O'Rourke Speech League Contest. See more information on the following pages for details and registration information.



Next Week's Virtue



The strength to know what is the right thing to do in each situation.

Last Week's Virtue



Listen to a song about foresight by clicking the [link](#).

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CALL FOR LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

It makes a difference!

*Support St. Patrick Parish/School Fundraiser
by donating a LIVE auction item!
Proceeds directly support our parish & school.
High ticket items, such as, but not limited to:*

***Vacations / Time Shares**

***Hotel Stays**

***Group Experiences**

***Sporting Events**

***Dinner Parties**

*We appreciate your consideration and your
generosity will be recognized.*

BISHOP O'ROURKE SPEECH LEAGUE CONTEST TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

4:45 pm - 7:30 pm at St. Vincent de Paul School, Peoria

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND. Questions: Mrs. Harris bharris@stpatswashington.org

Speech League (Declamations) is a small skit (5-7 minutes) that a student or a group of students dramatizes with no props besides a chair or table. Students may choose to perform a Monologue, Duet, Small group, or Chorale Reading. (Descriptions below)

Students are able to choose their own groups. They may work with other students in 5 - 8 grades. Students may choose to do up to 3 skits.

On the night of the competition at St. Vincent de Paul School, students will perform in a room with 4 - 5 other skits. Every student will be awarded a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place medal. The placing is determined by their performance and the ability to perform the skit within the allotted time. (Too little or too much time will lower the score.) The students are expected to dress appropriately for the competition - "church clothes," no jeans - but they may not dress the part of their character.

Practice will be scheduled during RTI or before or after school (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday). The schedule will depend on the number of students participating and volunteers to help practice. I will have a sign-up genius to schedule student's practices.

Students will need to have the skit mostly memorized before coming to practice.

The cost is **\$10 per event** your student is in. If your child is in 1 skit, the cost is \$10. If your child is in 2 skits, the cost is \$20. For a duet, both students will pay \$10.

Please complete the form below and return with your payment by Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Thank you,

Mrs. Brenda Harris

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Types of Events at the Competition

Individual Events

Humorous of Serious Presentation – one or two selections in which two or more persons are characterized in each selection.

Humorous of Serious Monologue – one or two selections in which only one character carries on conversations with one or more imaginary characters in each selection

Poetry – one or more selections of poetry.

An individual may use a single chair and only if it is absolutely necessary and appropriate to the selection.

Duet Events

Duet Acting – A humorous or serious presentation with direct dialogue or conversation between two contestants portraying no more than two characters, who may speak to off-stage characters or to silent characters.

Duets may use two chairs, or two stools, or a chair and a stool, or a table and two chairs, or a table and two stools, or a table and one chair, or a table and one stool, or a table and one chair and one stool.

Small Group Acting

A serious or humorous presentation by three to five performers characterizing three or more persons presenting one selection within a time limitation.

Small groups may use 3 chairs and 1 table.

Chorale Presentation

Chorale groups of nine to twenty (20) members must present two or more selections within time limitation.

Chorale Presentation may use no props

Modified IESA rules will be followed

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_____ will be participating in declamations.

If your child is going to partner with another student or a group of students please list their names.

My child understands that he/she will need to:

- Memorize the skit and work to dramatize the skit through voice and actions. • Skits should be mostly memorized before the first practice.
- Students will need to practice at home with and without their partners. • Practices will be Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday before or after school or during RTI time.
- Students should come to practice once a week beginning February 7. • Sign up for practice times on Sign Up Genius.

If you, as a parent, are willing to volunteer to help coach the students, please let me know what days and times you are available to help. Any help will be appreciated.

I am available to volunteer on _____.

The cost is \$10 per event. Please send in payment with this form

Parent Signature

Questions: bharris@stpatswashington.org - please put declamation or speech contest in the subject line