



Irish Messenger

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

October 14, 2022

Fourth Grade Field Trip — Dixon Mounds

On Thursday, the 4th grade took a trip to the Dickson Mounds near Lewiston as part of the Illinois State History unit. We learned about the native people from this area who called it home hundreds of years ago. We also had a chance to explore the expansive grounds and had a fabulous time.



ATTENTION ALL 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADERS
ST. PATRICK GRADE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
HAS RETURNED



On October 16, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Saint Patrick's School Gymnasium. Snacks will be provided.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please be sure that you have signed up for Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held next week Thursday and Friday (10/20-10/21). Check your email for the link to sign up. School will dismiss at 11:30 on Thursday. There is no aftercare for grades K-8 on Thursday. There is no school on Friday.



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.

Fire Prevention Presentation

The Washington Fire Department came to talk to the preschool and primary grade students about how to prevent fires and what to do if there was a fire. Thank you fire fighters for all you do in our community!



**Good luck at State
Boy's Cross Country!**



Third Grade Mystery Reader

Mrs. Parker was the mystery reader in Third Grade this week! Next time you see her, ask her about her favorite basketball team!

“Reverence, Respect, Responsibility...

Excellence in Academics and in Faith Formation”



News from the Principal



Dear Parishioners and School Families, and Friends:

Your Help Is Needed!

Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program has been in effect since 2018. They have awarded more than 37,000 scholarships totaling more than \$280 million. St. Patrick School has benefited from this program through Empower Illinois with a total of 42 students receiving scholarships totaling \$85,668.75 over the last five years. This year alone 15 students were awarded the need based scholarships totaling \$31,162.50 at St. Patrick School. Also, this year is the most scholarships awarded in the five years since the program began because we had funds available donated specifically to St. Patrick School. Thank you for your donations towards this program.

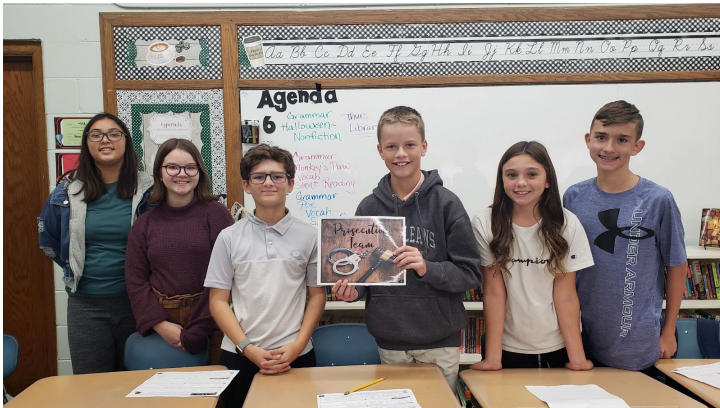
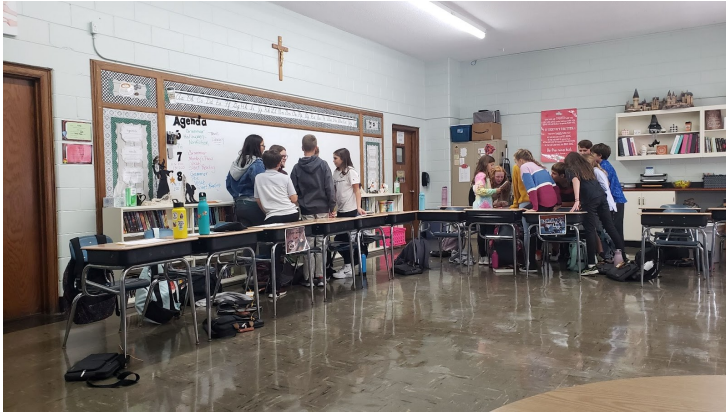
Why we need your help! The program must be renewed and made permanent. It must not be allowed to “sunset” or end. The Invest in Kids Act was passed in 2017 and has been proven successful with bipartisan voter support. Empower Illinois and the Tax Credit Scholarship Community have protected the program over the five years and even given an extension for one year, but now the program is scheduled to end in 2023 unless it is extended again or made permanent. 100% of the scholarships awarded are need based and are critically important for the continuance of these students attending our Catholic and private schools. The demand for this program remains higher than the available scholarships across Illinois, so we need your help (only 21% of the demand was met in 2021).

How YOU can help! Click on this link to tell your legislator to remove the program’s “sunset” or kids across Illinois will lose their scholarships. You can use one of the pre-written messages or write your own. Additionally, you can text “RTS” to 52886 to sign up for campaign alerts. Here is the link to send a message to your legislators to remove the “sunset” on this program and to make it permanent:

<https://p2a.co/gMQReHi>

All you have to do is put in your name and address and send the email. It will automatically bring up your State Representative and State Senator. It takes only a couple minutes of your time and you can help save the scholarship program. Thank You for your help!

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Court is in Session



Mrs. Smith's, (AKA the Honorable Judge Smith's) 7th grade ELA class participated in a mock trial after reading "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs. Students convened as the jury, prosecution, and defendant teams to provide evidence to prove that Mr. White was guilty or not guilty of participating in the death of his son Herbert by wishing on the cursed monkey's paw. After deliberation, the jury came to conclusion, based on the



evidence provided, that Mr. White was in fact guilty. 7th graders had fun while working on their ELA standards!

Virtue = Strength

Part Time Teacher Aide Opening

St. Patrick School has a part time teacher aide opening for preschool. This position begins December 12, 2022. Please contact Mrs. Shipman at 309-444-4345 or email at shipmand@stpatswashington.com for more information.



Important Dates

OCT 14 FRI - End of QTR 1

OCT 15 SAT - Girl's Basketball @ Home vs. St. Thomas - 10am

OCT 15 SAT - Cross Country State Meet @ Maxwell Park - 11am

OCT 17 MON - Girls Basketball @ Tremont - 5:30pm

OCT 19 WED - Girl's Basketball @ Home vs. Ranken

OCT 19 WED - Report Cards Published

OCT 20 THU - 11:30 Dismissal: K-8; No After Care for grades K-8; Parent Teacher Conferences

OCT 20 THU - Girls Basketball @ Home vs. Blessed Sacrament - 5 pm

OCT 21 FRI - No School: PreK3 -8; Parent Teacher Conferences

OCT 21 THU—OCT 23 SAT - 7th Grade Girl's Basketball St. Jude Tournament

Virtue for Next Week




VIRTUE=STRENGTH. VS.

STEADFASTNESS

The strength of being dutifully firm and unwavering.

WAY TO LIVE THE VIRTUE THIS WEEK
When you give your word to do something, stick to it. Don't give up when it gets difficult or boring.

Virtue of Last Week



VIRTUE=STRENGTH. VS.

TRUST

The strength to confidently believe in someone regardless of the situation.

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love and the future to His providence."
- St. Augustine

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Christmas Ornament FUNdraiser and Literacy Night!

Wednesday, November 2nd
6-8 PM

Sister Mary Ann Gymnasium
St. Patrick School



This year we will be working with Art at the Bodega to fundraise for our school library. The Bodega will be here to paint Christmas ornaments with you and your family. \$2.50 from each ornament will be donated back to the school for library books and supplies.

During the event, our 8th graders will be reading Christmas stories and decorating bookmarks with children who finish early or need an activity while the family puts the finishing touches on their ornaments.

This is a great opportunity to interact with school families, celebrate the love of reading, and get some family fun time in while working to help the school. All ages and family members are welcome!

An order form was sent home with your students. Please complete one order form per family. These need to be turned in to the school with your payment (cash or check made out to Art at the Bodega) by Monday, October 17th. You must turn in the order with payment by the due date so that the Bodega has a count for the evening. Extra forms can be printed off here: [Order Form](#)



Ornaments will be taken back to the Bodega for firing in the kiln and delivered to the school before Christmas. These will be sent home with the student whose name is on the order form.

We are looking forward to a fun filled night of painting and reading!
If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Smith by email.
csmith@stpatswashington.org

Calling all St. Pat's Families!

Dig out your hot glue guns, fabric swatches, and googly eyes! All Saints' Day is approaching and in celebration of this Feast Day, the Parent Ministry would like to host a pumpkin decorating contest, inspired by the Saints!

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, is a Christian solemnity, which falls on November 1st. This is a day to venerate all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown.

FAMILY FUN CONTEST!



Oh when the Saint Pumpkins ...
go marching in ... 



Here's how it works:

Each participating family (this is totally optional) will be responsible for picking their favorite saint and purchasing a pumpkin. Let your creativity do the rest! Each pumpkin will be anonymously judged by our St. Patrick staff on the following criteria:

1. Creativity (use of materials)
2. Likeness to the saint chosen
3. Overall inspiration and appearance

***Winning family will receive a gift certificate from Monical's along with a 4 pack movie pass to Sunnyland Cinemas!**

Please print and fill out the information on the tag (⇒) and drop off, along with your pumpkin saint to the school office or your CCD instructor, **no later than Sunday, October 30th.**

Winning Family will be announced on Tuesday, November 1st! Good luck and have fun!

St. Patrick Parish's
All-Saints' Day
Pumpkin Decorating
CONTEST



Family Name /
Phone Number:

Saint:

Patron Saint of:
