

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy New Year! On behalf of the faculty, staff, and myself I would like to thank you for the Christmas gifts and your generosity during the Christmas season to all in our school. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. I hope each of you had a wonderful and well rested holiday break. I wish you many blessings and good wishes throughout the New Year.

Peace and All Good,

Mrs. Shipman



Empower Illinois Scholarship Reservation for Application

Empower Illinois has announced that families can make a reservation for a 2023-2024 tax credit scholarship on **January 18, 2023**. Like past years, the reservation form will open on their website at 6:30pm before the submission begins promptly at 7:00pm. Please prepare for the upcoming reservation night. Application resources can be found online at <https://empowerillinois.org/apply/>. It is critical for you to submit your reservation as soon as possible on January 18, 2023 when the site opens at 7:00 p.m. to get your time stamp for completing your application.



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.

Dear Parishioners and School Families, and Friends:

Mrs. Harris Awarded Grant

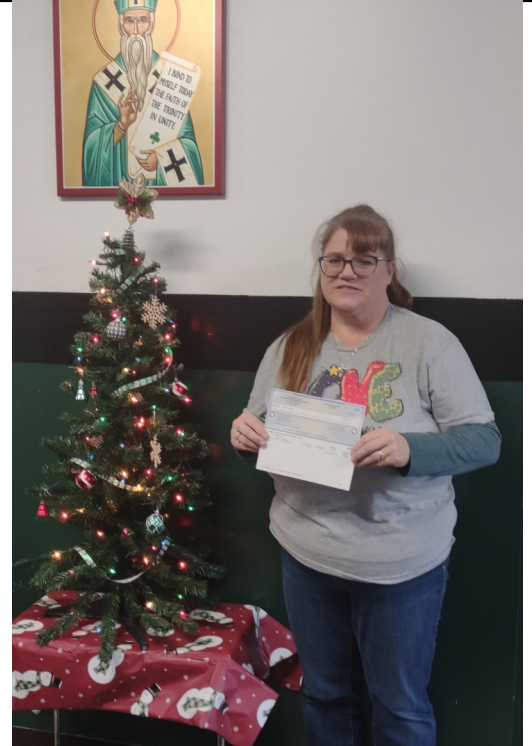
Mrs. Brenda Harris, teacher at St. Patrick School, was awarded a grant for \$700.00 from the Greater Peoria Economic Development. She participated in the Greater Peoria Digital Literacy Workshop recently and then applied for the grant. Mrs. Harris plans to use the funds to purchase an iPad for students at St. Patrick School to learn how to make and edit movies. They will become more familiar with other technologies besides using their Chromebooks.

Peace and Blessings,

Doreen Shipman



Go Irish!



Christmas Programs



Thank you for your attendance at the recent Christmas program held at Five Points. We are so fortunate to be able to use such a nice venue for the band concert and the class presentations each year. The students did a great job and I am so proud of them. A lot of hard work and time from the teachers and the students went into preparing the program to make it a success. Thank you, too, for your generous donations after the program. The eighth graders collected \$1,693.42 which makes it possible to cover the costs for next year's Christmas program at Five Points.



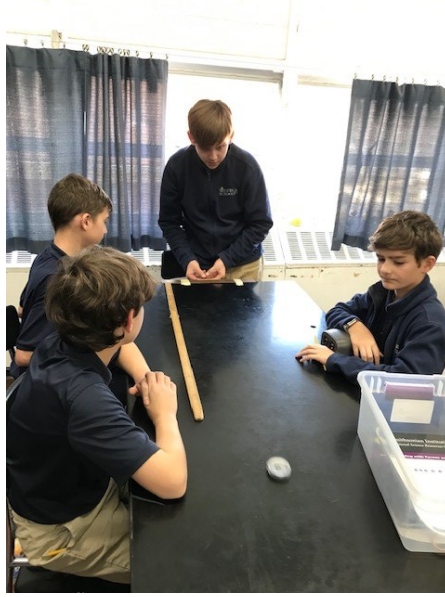
Thank you to preschool parents and grandparents who attended the preschool social and Christmas video. Everyone enjoyed the cookies and hot chocolate in the Social Room while watching the Christmas video with the preschoolers performing their special songs. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Blessings,
Mrs. Shipman

Forces & Motion

The seventh grade science class began their physics unit by doing six different forces and motion labs.



Weight & Your Heart

6th grade tested how extra weight affects your heart in Science class. Students did activities with and without weights to see the difference.





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.

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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

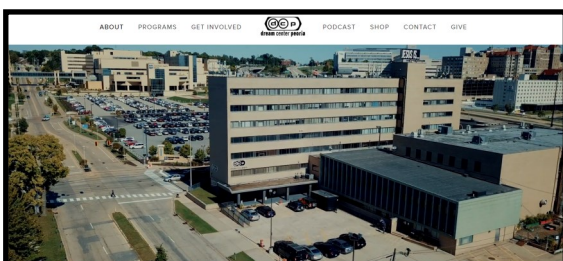
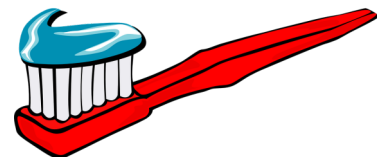
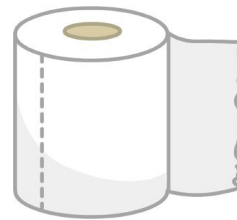
Fourth Grade - bar of soap

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

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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



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



Important Dates

JAN 13 FRI - Volleyball @ D50 - 4-7pm

JAN 14 SAT - Volleyball @ D50 - 9-12pm

JAN 13 FRI - JAN 14 SAT— 8th Grade Boys Basketball
Tournament @ Blessed Sacrament - 8:30pm

JAN 16 MON - No School; Martin Luther King Day

JAN 16 MON - Volleyball Home vs. Bartonville-
Monroe - 4:30

JAN 17 TUE - Volleyball Home vs. Robein - 4:30

JAN 18 WED— Boys Basketball Home vs. Lowpoint-
Washburn @ 5:30

JAN 18 WED - First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade - 6pm

JAN 29 - FEB 4 - Catholic Schools Week

First Grade at All School Mass on January 13, 2023



Next Week's Virtue

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.
PROS | CONS
CIRCUMSPECTION

The strength to carefully consider all circumstances and possible consequences.

If you are circumspect, you think carefully before doing or saying anything.

Last Week's Virtue

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.
PRUDENCE

The virtue of Prudence is the strength that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.

Prudence isn't merely about knowing the good, it's about doing the good.

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