

St. Patrick School
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Washington, IL 61571
309-444-4345

April 5, 2019

Irish Messenger

"Change: Think, Change, and Grow"
"Believe the incredible and you can do the impossible."
-Archbishop Sheen

Important Upcoming Dates

- April 10**— Early Dismissal 2:00pm
April 11— 1st Grade Evening Adoration 5:30pm-7pm
April 13— Daddy/Daughter Dance
April 18— Living Stations of the Cross 1:00pm
Early Dismissal 2:00 pm (Easter Break)
- April 19– 22**– Easter Break

Save the Date

- May 8**—Early Dismissal 2:00pm
May 10—No School; State Track Meet
May 16—Kindergarten Evening Adoration 5:30pm—7pm
May 17—Graduation **Tentative** 6:00pm
May 24—**Tentative** Last Day of School; 11:30 am Dismissal



UPCOMING SPORTS / ACTIVITIES

APR 9—SCHOLASTIC BOWL MEET VS WASHINGTON GRADE #52 @ HOME 4:00PM

APR 9—TRACK MEET 7/8 @ WCHS 4:30PM

APR. 10—TRACK CONFERENCE MEET @ EASTSIDE 9:00AM

APR 10—TAZEWOOD CONF. SCHOLASTIC BOWL MEET @BLESSED SACRAMENT 4:00PM

APR. 17—TRACK CITY MEET @WCHS 4:00PM

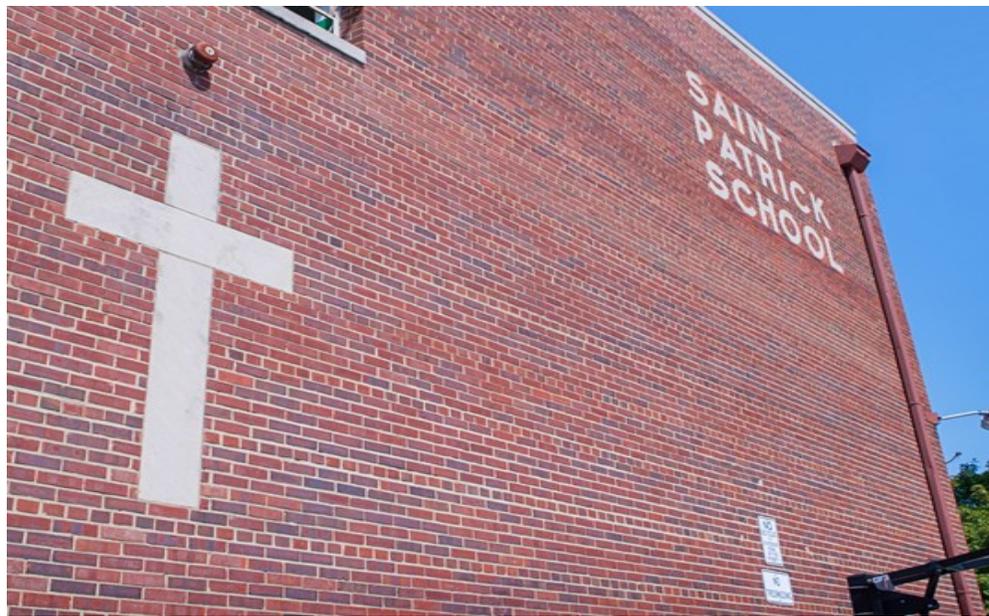
APR 24—SCHOLASTIC BOWL REGIONALS @MCNAB 4:00PM

APR. 25—TRACK COUNTY MEET 1PM

APR 27—TRACK ST. MARYS RELAYS 9:00AM

APR 29- TRACK MEET @EAST SIDE CENTRE @4:00PM

"Reverence, Respect, Responsibility.....Excellence in Academics and Faith Formation"



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, Anxiety! More and more people today, especially young people, are developing generalized anxiety. You might be asking why is that? A little anxiety is a natural part of our human nature, but why is it that individuals exhibit it more severely than just a case of the nerves or jitters? Here is an interesting article on the topic for your consideration. Click on the link:

https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/what-mentally-strong-people-dont-do/201711/10-reasons-teens-have-so-much-anxiety-today?fbclid=IwAR3F7HkwDmkGrxM2gC5qaO8ctj1Md8BDHgZZHGVOOfmdQ89twsc3HPvz5_kg



The Spot Coffee Trailer is coming to serve coffee and tea in the school lot on Friday April 26th from 7:30am—9:30am.

If you want to be considered for the Sister Mary Ann Scholarship, you MUST apply for the Spaulding Scholarship first.

<https://cdop.org/why-choose-catholic-schools/financial-assistance/>

To listen to this weeks Spanish podcast please click on this link: <https://anchor.fm/expresionesdeaprendizaje>



VIRTUE OF WEEK

Our virtue theme this week is that of being **CONSIDERATE**—The strength to have a sympathetic and thoughtful regard for the needs of others. Being **CONSIDERATE** requires that we think of others before ourselves. If every person on our team is always **CONSIDERATE** of one another we will all enjoy being around one another that much more.

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for giving us the opportunity to gather and play this game that we love. Help us to do it for Your glory and honor. May we grow stronger in the virtue of being **CONSIDERATE** today and develop the habit of looking for ways to do good for others during sports and in all of life.

REFLECTIONS

WHEN YOU NEED HUMILITY...

“OUR SINS ARE NOTHING BUT A GRAIN OF SAND ALONG THE GREAT MOUNTAINS OF THE MERCY OF GOD.”

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

“JUST TAKE EVERYTHING EXACTLY AS IT IS, PUT IN GOD’S HANDS, AND LEAVE IT WITH HIM. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REST IN HIM—REALLY REST.”

ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

“TRUE PROGRESS QUIETLY AND PERSISTENTLY MOVES ALONG WITHOUT NOTICE.”

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

“AS GIFTS INCREASE IN YOU, LET YOUR HUMILITY GROW, FOR YOU MUST CONSIDER THAT EVERYTHING IS GIVEN TO YOU ON LOAN.”

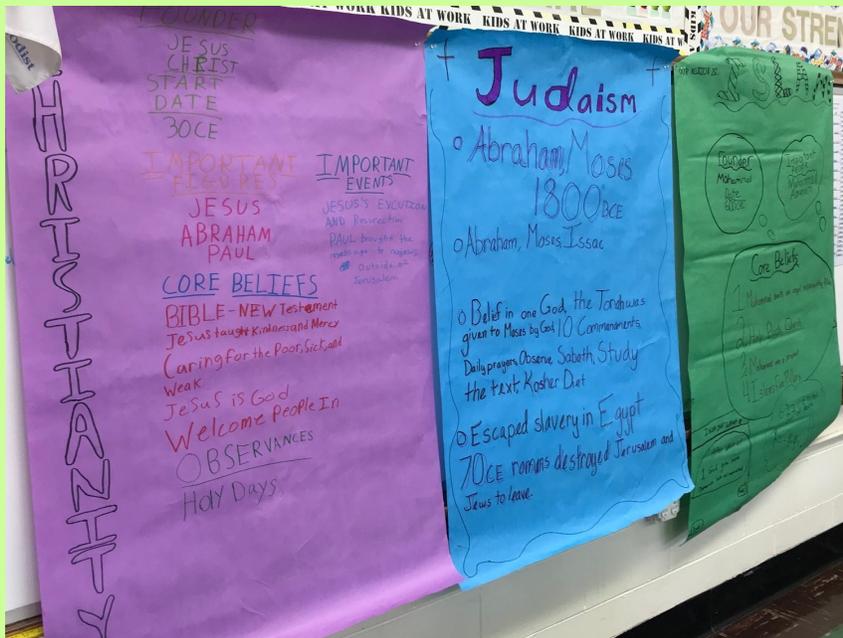
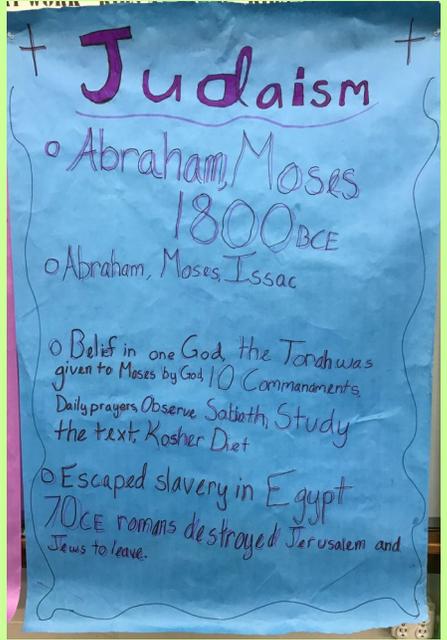
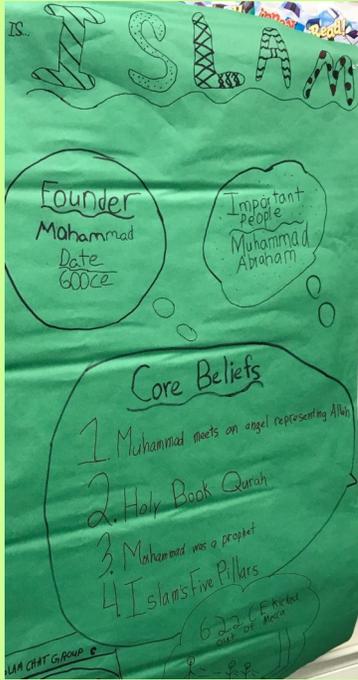
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“DO YOU WISH TO RISE? BEGIN BY DESCENDING. YOU PLAN A TOWER THAT WILL PIERCE THE CLOUDS? LAY FIRST THE FOUNDATION OF HUMILITY.”

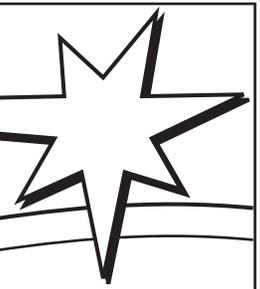
SAINT AUGUSTINE

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Mr. Draeger's 5th Grade Social Studies class is studying religions of the Middle East. Students made posters to show when they began, major figures, core beliefs, etc.



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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

April 2019

St. Patrick School
Doreen Shipman, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

St. Isidore of Seville

St. Isidore was educated by his older brother, St. Leander, the future Bishop of Seville. Isidore found his studies so challenging, he ran away from home! Yet, he went on to become the last of the ancient Christian philosophers, writing treatises on various topics. As bishop, he converted the invading Visigoths and reunified Spain by improving its education system. He also led two Church councils. At his death, he donated all his possessions to the poor.



Gossip

Teach children the harmful nature of gossip. Gossip is making mean comments about others, spreading stories you're not sure are true, or repeating information you have been asked to keep private. No one has a right to know someone else's business. If in doubt, don't let it out.

"For this very reason make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge ..."
(2 Peter 1:5).



Spread Easter joy throughout the year

Catholics don't just celebrate Easter once a year. Every Sunday we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. Try these ideas for spreading Easter joy throughout the year.

Something new. It is a time-honored tradition to have something new to wear to church on Easter Sunday - a hat, dress, slacks, or shirt. The new clothing represents the new life Jesus won for us that first Easter. Whatever special clothing you each wear this Easter Sunday, consider saving it to wear only for Mass throughout the year.

Bring Jesus on the road. Jesus revealed himself to his disciples on the

road to Emmaus after his Resurrection. Take Jesus on the road and perform an act of kindness every Sunday. Visit

a lonely relative, perform someone else's chore, take a meal to someone hungry for food or attention.

That's how we reveal Jesus to others.

Among the living. In Luke 24, the angels asked the women why they searched for the living Jesus among the dead.

Plant an indoor Easter garden that you can tend all year. Note new leaves, blossoms, or shoots when they appear, and remember that Easter brings us new life.

Celebrate Easter every week. The Mass is where we can meet Jesus and receive the new life he wants to give us. Don't miss a chance to celebrate Easter every week.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do some Catholics bow or genuflect before receiving Communion?

It used to be that people received Communion kneeling before the altar. Today, in the United States, people generally receive Communion standing, but if they do so, some sign of reverence is strongly recommended (*General*



Instruction of the Roman Missal, #160). Some people still choose to genuflect out of reverence and gratitude for the gift they are about to receive: the Body and Blood of Christ, hidden under the appearances of bread and wine (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1380*).

Getting away with sin doesn't work for long

Have you ever known someone who always seems to get away with breaking rules? That can make sin look attractive. Yet, as followers of Jesus, we know that getting away with sin on Earth isn't desirable. Teach children the importance of virtue for the sake of goodness by telling the story of Susanna.

In the book of Daniel, poor Susanna had a dilemma. Two older respected men of her community cornered her while she was bathing and demanded that she sin with them. They were



in private, and no one need ever know. If she didn't, they promised to falsely accuse her of crimes for which she would die.

As much as she feared the men, Susanna feared God even more. *"If I yield, it will be my death; if I refuse, I cannot escape your power. Yet it is better for me to fall into your power without guilt than to sin before the Lord"* (Daniel 22:23). In the end, God sent Daniel to save her.

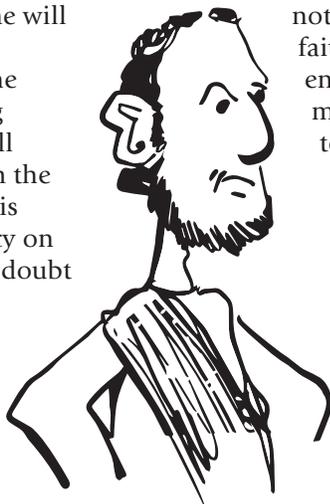
Those who follow God always get rewarded in the end.

Scripture LESSON

From Scripture: John 20:19-31, Doubting Thomas.

Poor Thomas! A faithful friend and an energetic evangelist, he will always be known as "the Doubter." Even though he witnessed Jesus' amazing miracles firsthand, he still needed help to believe in the Resurrection. Knowing his difficulty, Jesus had mercy on St. Thomas' very human doubt and appeared to him. He invited him to do whatever was needed to become convinced.

St. Thomas doubted, but accepted the Truth when it found him. From his story, we learn



that doubts and questions are not necessarily enemies to faith. A "healthy" doubt encourages us to learn more about our faith, not to walk away from it.

What can a parent do? Tell children that God isn't upset by our questions or doubts, especially the doubt that says, "I'm struggling, please help me." When we struggle with our faith, it's a chance to draw closer to God and go deeper into the Faith.

Parent TALK

My oldest daughter recently celebrated her birthday. Her only request was to be able to take her friends bowling. But – unbelievable as it may seem for a ten-year-old – she didn't want presents. On the bottom of the invitations, she wrote "Your presence will be my present. Instead, please bring food for the Knights of Columbus soup kitchen," where we volunteer each month.



Ten girls spent the afternoon giggling, bowling, and enthusiastically eating birthday cupcakes. When it came time to go, we found that there were so many cans of food, we could barely pack them all into my car. When Emma opened her birthday cards, several of them held checks. In all, her friends donated close to \$400 in Emma's honor.

I don't know which pleased me more, Emma's generosity in thinking of the poor on her birthday, or the wonderful and generous girls she has chosen as friends.

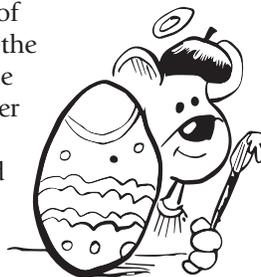
Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507): St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. Upon request, he visited the dying King Louis XI of France. He gave the king much needed comfort, so Louis' son, Charles, built St. Francis a monastery at Plessis, where he lived until his death.

April 23 – St. Adalbert of Prague (997): St. Adalbert was made bishop of Prague, but his conversion efforts made him enemies and he was forced to leave

for Rome. He was later invited by the Duke of Poland to evangelize Pomerania and Hungary, and was martyred.

April 28 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave St. Faustina – would receive special graces and great mercy.



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Knights of Columbus Breakfast/Lunch

When: April 7th, after all Masses

Where: St. Pat's Gym

Take a morning off cooking breakfast and let the Knights cook for you. On April 7th, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast in the gym after 7:00 and 8:30 Masses next weekend along with a lunch during and after 11:00 Mass. The Breakfast will be from 7:30 - 11:00 and the lunch will be from 10:30 - 1:00.

Breakfast will consist of Biscuits and Gravy, scrambled eggs and sausage links with coffee, milk and juice.

The lunch will consist of pork chop sandwiches, brats, hot dogs, chips and soda/water.

All proceeds from both meals will go to the Technology fund for the St. Patrick's grade school.

****There will also be members of the Knights available to hand out forms or answer questions for anyone wishing to join the Knights of Columbus**

LIVING THE CATHOLIC LIFE

IMMACULATE LOVE

with **Ken Yasinski**
includes **Musical Adoration**

April 5-6
St. Patrick Catholic Church

705 E Jefferson St. Washington IL

Each Evening at 7:00 PM



Have you ever felt like your life was a mess? Mary, the Mother of Jesus, gracefully lived through humanity's darkest hour. Her example teaches us to turn our mess into a message. Her intercession empowers us to get through the darkness. Join us to rediscover strength in Christ, through Mary.

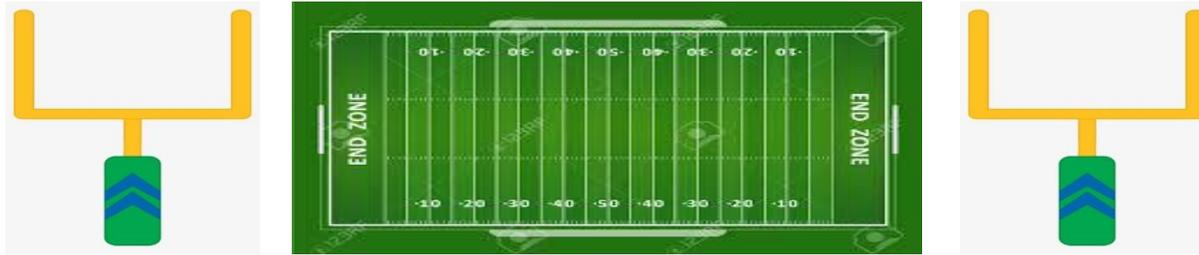
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***Supper will be served after 4:30pm Mass on Saturday , April 6th.**



Field Goals and Fun Daddy/Daughter Dance

For St. Patrick's School and Parish

Knights of Columbus Hall on April 13th from 6 - 8 pm

Girls K-8 Grade

Registration Form

Please return this form in an envelope marked "Daddy Daughter Dance, Attention Ezzy Ozella" by April 10th to the school or church office. Please enclose cash or check made payable to St. Patrick's School. DJ, Dancing and Desserts will be provided.

Family Name _____

Email address for photos _____

Daughter/Grade _____

Daughter/Grade _____

Daughter/Grade _____

Number attending _____ Cost is \$25.00 per couple and \$5.00 for each additional daughter

Please remember that male relatives or family friends are welcome as escorts.

Contact Ezzy Ozella at 309-251-7833 with any questions.

Mother Son Bowling/Laser Tag Event

Join St. Patrick School and Parish for our 4th annual Mother and son event!
PreK – 8th grade

Where: Washington Plaza Lanes

When: Sunday, April 14, 2019
1 - 3pm

Cost: \$10/person*

*includes 1 game of bowling w/shoes and 1 game of laser tag

Please RSVP by Friday, April 5, 2019

Return this form with your payment to the school office

Checks made payable to St. Patrick's

FAMILY NAME: _____

BOWLER: _____

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Please contact Tammy Barron (309-303-8040) with any questions



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MOVING ON UP...

8am - 12:10pm

Wednesday,

May 1st

WELCOME TO
KINDERGARTEN



The kindergarten teachers at St Patrick School want **you** to be one of our **special guests!!!**

You're invited to our **real-life kindergarten classroom** for a full morning of kindergarten **FUN**. Your parents are welcome to stay in the social room and have a chance to talk to our ambassadors while you experience kindergarten.

We look forward to having **YOU** as a part of our newest kindergarten class!

Please bring a sack lunch because kindergarten always makes us hungry! (***But PLEASE don't bring anything with peanuts***)



To RSVP and for more information, please call the School Office:

309.444.4345

www.school.stpatswashington.com



St. Patrick School

100 Harvey St, Washington

ST. PATRICK IRISH 2019 BASKETBALL CAMP



WELCOME

“The goal of our camp is to provide each camper with a positive fun-filled learning experience. The camp is designed to provide personal attention to each camper, in an effort, to help improve his or her basketball fundamentals. Each camper will have the opportunity to develop team skills during competitive play each day. The camp will be staffed by St. Patrick’s coaches. Register now and get in on the fun.”

INDIVIDUAL DAY CAMP

JUNE 10-14

Morning Session: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. daily (Boys & Girls- **Grades 4-6** – Fall 2019)

Afternoon Session: Noon – 2:00 p.m. daily (Boys & Girls- **Grades 7-8** – Fall 2019)

An instructional camp for boys and girls **entering 4th to 8th grade** featuring the St. Pat’s basketball coaches.

Each day, campers will participate in instructional stations, games, and contests. The instructional stations are designed to help improve each camper’s individual skills and team concepts. The games and contests provide each camper an opportunity to utilize their station instruction in a competitive environment.

Camps are offered to allow each camper the opportunity to work and play within their own age group.

Deadline for camp T-Shirt: May 17, 2019

CAMP FEES / REFUNDS

All St. Patrick’s Irish camps require a registration form and full payment to guarantee a spot. **Your registration will not be processed without the full payment. Refunds will ONLY be given when we receive a notice from a doctor stating that the athlete is physically unable to participate in the camp. If this occurs, a \$15 administration fee will be deducted from your refund.**

CAMP FEATURES

INDIVIDUAL

- Camp T-Shirts
- Player/Coach Ratio of 10:1 or less
- Contests within each age division

INDIVIDUAL CAMP REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

School _____

Grade (Fall 2019) _____

Age _____

Amount Enclosed _____

T-Shirt Size (**Circle**) YL AS AM AL AXL

Individual Day Camp: June 10-14

Morning Session: 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.daily (Boys & Girls- Grades 4-6 – Fall 2019) _____ \$50.00

Afternoon Session: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. daily (Boys & Girls- Grades 7-8 – Fall 2019) _____ \$50.00

Enrollment is limited. Sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

You must have a valid physical on record with the school to participate. Please send your registration form, medical information and emergency form, and full payment to the school office.

Checks should be made payable to: St. Pat's Athletic Committee

For further information, contact Jeff Draeger at draegerj@stpatswashington.com

4th-8th Grade Youth Group

(LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR)



Sunday

April 28th

6-7pm

St. Patrick's Gym

Dinner Provided

Be a Part of the Fun!

Everyone is Welcome



Jazz Night!

a benefit performance for the

Presented by



Scattered! PND Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Thursday, April 11, 2019

6:30-8:00 p.m. PND Commons

Featuring

THEory DROPOUTS Jazz/Rock Combo

THE WASHINGTON ROTARY CLUB
presents

SMARTY PANTS



April 26
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00pm | TRIVIA AT
7:00pm

Countryside Banquet Facility
659 SCHOOL STREET, WASHINGTON, IL 61571

TEAMS OF 8 \$120.00

CHECKS PAYABLE TO WASHINGTON ROTARY CLUB. SIGN UP YOUR TEAM TODAY
BY EMAILING KRISTYLHOWELL@MTCO.COM OR CALLING 309.256.6443

DEADLINE IS APRIL 22nd

BAR AND FULL CONCESSION MENU AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK PLEASE!

GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL EVENT!

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