

Irish Messenger

Reverence, Respect, Responsibility

October 15, 2021

Virtue of the Week—STEADFASTNESS



This week our strength building on the virtue of Hope is **STEADFASTNESS**. The strength of being dutifully firm and unwavering.

"Hope is the sure and **STEADFAST** anchor of the soul." Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1820

PRAYER

Lord, sometimes we are tempted to do things that are wrong. Help us to be **STEADFAST** and to use our will to always do what is right. Give us the strength and the wisdom to remember that You are always with us and that You can help us overcome any temptation.

Important Upcoming Dates

Sat, Oct 16: Cross Country—State Meet @

Maxwell Park 1:15pm

Mon, Oct 18: Girls Basketball vs. Tremont @

Home 5:30pm

Tues., Oct 19: Girls Basketball—Letters to

Father Social Room 6:30pm

Wed, Oct 20: Early Dismissal 11:30am;

Teacher In-Service

Girls Basketball vs. Rankin @

Home 5:30pm

Thurs, Oct. 21: Early Dismissal 11:30am;

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Girls Basketball @ Central

4:30pm

Fri, Oct 22: No School; Parent-Teacher

Conferences

Girls Basketball 7th Grade @

St. Philomena TBD

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Friendly Reminder...

On Wednesday, October 20th, and Thursday, October 21st, dismissal will be at 11:30am. We will not have Lunch or Aftercare on those days.



The Cash Bash is back!

What: St. Patrick Athletic Committee Cash Bash

When and Where: October 30th at 6:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Washington.

How much? \$100 per ticket will get you dinner, drinks, and the chance to win cold, hard cash.

What can I win? \$2,500 grand prize. \$500 second prize. Lots of \$100 prizes as well

Tickets can be purchased from the school office, church office or any Athletic Committee member

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 School Families,

St. Patrick School Receives Grant from EANS

The Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools known as EANS has been made available to the private schools of Illinois. The \$2.75 billion from this program for the Illinois private schools is part of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. This fund was made available from the Federal government to provide services and assistance to eligible non-public schools to address the impact that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on non-public school students and teachers in the State. These services include areas such as addressing loss of learning, maintaining education support services, facilitating social distancing, materials, supplies, and equipment for reopening and the operation of school facilities, etc.

Last spring St. Patrick School applied for this grant and had to meet specific requirements by the State of Illinois for approval. The amount private schools received was determined by a formula through the State. In July this last summer, St. Patrick School was awarded \$142,012 in grant funds approved for services and materials needed.

We are excited to be able to apply some of these funds towards purchasing up-to-date technology for all of our students as well as other needs in the school. We requested purchase of an additional 100 new ChromeBooks and sleeves for the students which arrived about two weeks ago. Already ordered were 60 ChromeBooks from the Technology Fund before we knew if we had a chance with this grant. An additional 15 new ChromeBooks were received last March from ESSER funds through District 52. All of these ChromeBooks will replace devices that have expiring dates soon and will no longer accept or install updates. Now all students K-8 will have an up-to-date ChromeBook to use.

Additionally, purchased are 17 new Digital Interactive boards and mobile carts. These 86-inch Newline screens from InTech just arrived this past week and will replace the SmartBoards, some of which we have used for more than ten years and are showing much wear and problematic issues with current technology. Each classroom and the Social Room will benefit from this digital technology.

We recently received 30 synchronized clocks as requested through the grant that now are being placed throughout our classrooms and campus and will run through our Ethernet. We should all be on the same time now! Also, we were able to renew our former software subscription for Accelerated Reader that we cut last year as part of budget constraints.

Still to arrive in November are 14 new lunchroom tables to replace our current tables that have seen many years of extensive use and that will help with social distancing when students have lunch.

We truly feel greatly blessed and fortunate for this opportunity for St. Patrick School. Everyone in our school will benefit!



Peace and Blessings, Doreen Shipman

Go Irish!

2nd Grade helped Kindergarten with sight words and practiced reading their Read Every Day Folder Books this week!











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We earned \$362.00 last quarter!



Apple tasting experiment in 3rd Grade!





Happy Birthday to all our September Birthdays!

Ashlyn, 4th Grade—September 1st Elias, PK4—September 2nd Aimé, 3rd Grade—September 3rd Sadie, 4th Grade—September 3rd Bennet, 6th Grade—September 4th Anthony, 8th Grade—September 10th Leo, 2nd Grade—September 11th Kiersten, 2nd Grade—September 11th Isaac, 8th Grade—September 12th Sophia, 4th Grade—September 14th Owen, Kindergarten—September 16th Rose, 3rd Grade—September 17th Esme, Kindergarten-September 18th Josie, 1st Grade—September 22nd Khloe, 5th Grade—September 22nd Maya, 4th Grade—September 23rd Katie, 2nd Grade—September 24th Grant, 3rd Grade—September 25th Tobias, PK4—September 29th

Starbuck wishing the Girls Basketball Team "Good Luck" on their game against Elmwood!



8th Grade took a tour of PND High School on Thursday





"Whatever happens, abide steadfast in a determination to cling simply to God." - St. Francis de Sales

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Information Night

An evening to meet faculty and staff of Peoria Notre Dame, learn about the curriculum, and take a tour of the school.

OVERVIEW WILL COVER:

- Why PND?
- Academics
- Athletics and Extracurriculars
- Financial Commitment
- Enrollment Process
- Project Lead the Way and Capstone Diploma Programs



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