

### Día de los Muertos

The school has been getting ready for Day of the Dead next week on November 1-2. We have been learning about how and why Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico. Students got in the spirit of Day of the Dead by creating sugar skulls, ofrendas, and dressed up skeletons doing silly things. All of these are traditional parts of the Day of the Dead celebration.



### Save the Date



The Christmas Program will be Monday, December 19 this year. Please mark it down on your calendar now so you and your student can attend.



**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.

The Office of a Catholic Schools has requested all of our 42 diocesan elementary and secondary schools take part in a financial collection for the Diocese of Venice, Florida, hurricane victims, in an effort to “Pay-it-Forward”. Please help us in this effort by taking part in a FREE DRESS DAY in exchange for a small donation. Appropriate t-shirts, tropical themed clothing, jeans (no holes, please) or athletic wear are acceptable. Thank you for your support.

## Florida FUN-DS

Dear St. Pat's Family, 

*The Diocese of Venice, Florida has suffered tremendously from Hurricane Ian.*

*We'd like to help.*

**11-4-22**

**Let's get tropical!  Dig out those festive Hawaiian shirts and enjoy a Free Dress Day in exchange for a donation in any amount to benefit our friends in Florida.**



### Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to Jessica Rademacher in 5th grade for completing the Accelerated Reader program and reaching Classic Reader. These students 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!

### Pinning Ceremony

Second grade celebrated their pinning ceremony at All School Mass this week. They will continue preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion this year.

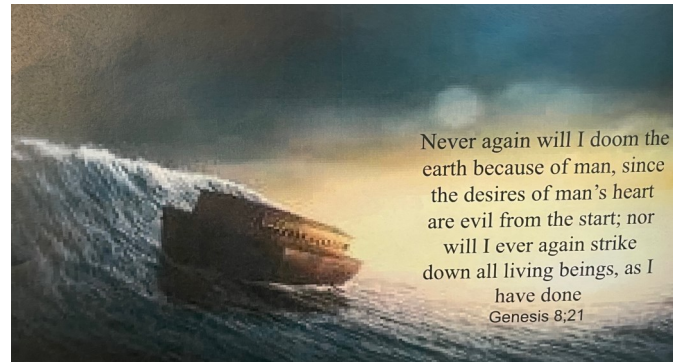
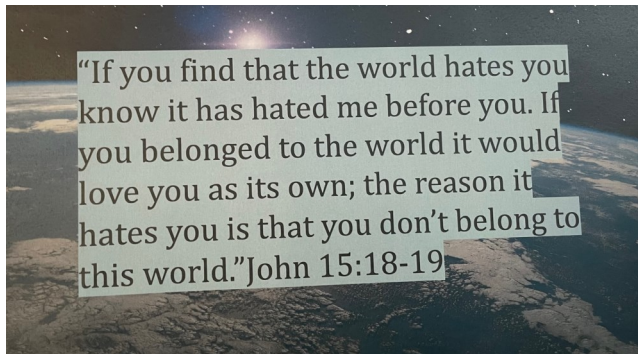


**“Reverence, Respect, Responsibility...**

**Excellence in Academics and in Faith Formation”**

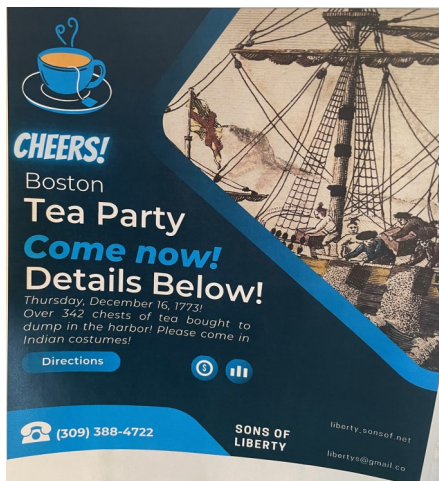
## Favorite Bible Passage

A few weeks ago, 8th Grade shared a favorite Bible passage with the class and created a slide of that passage. Here are 2 of the slides that were created.



## Instagram During the American Revolution

Last week, 7th grade made "Instagram" posts about the American Revolution. They could choose a person or an event from the time period, and then make a "post" about that topic.



## Girl's Basketball

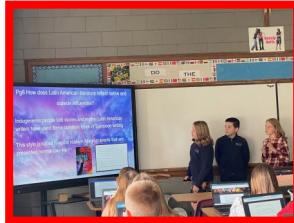
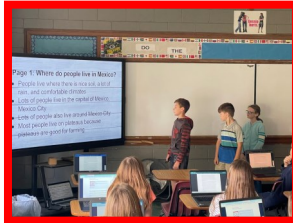
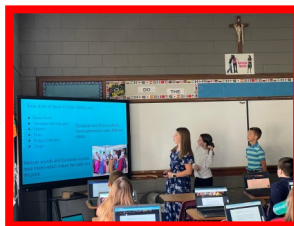
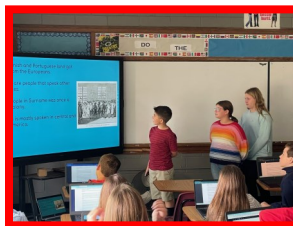
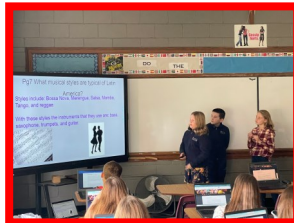
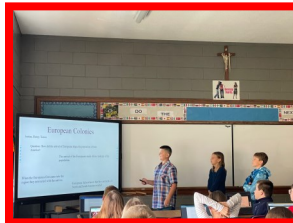
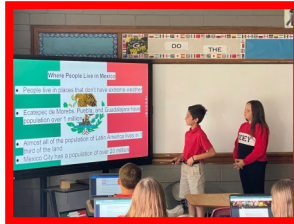
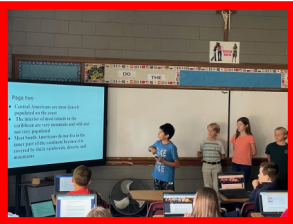
The 7th Grade Girl's Basketball team was the winner of the 2022 Harvest Classic Tournament hosted at St. Jude last weekend.

## Boo Bash

It was all treats and no tricks at the Boo Bash last night where the 8th grade class volunteered their time to hand out candy to trick or treaters. We loved seeing all the families from St. Pat's who joined in on this fun community event!

## Latin America Presentations

A couple of weeks ago, 5th grade made slide presentations on Latin America. They shared them with the class.



***Virtue = Strength***



## *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:

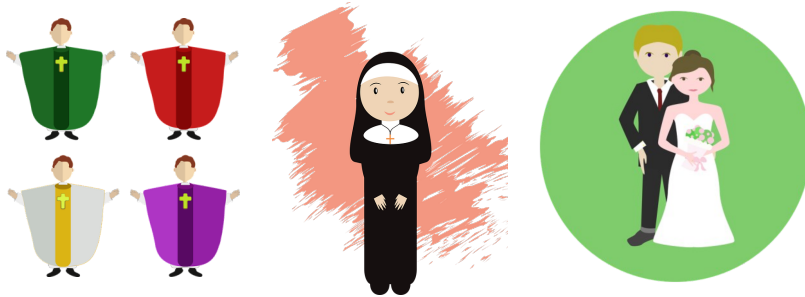
<https://p2a.co/gMQReHi>

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!

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

## National Vocations Awareness Week

The week of November 6-12 is National Vocations Awareness Week. During the week students will learn about the priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony. Students will learn what it means to discern one's vocation later in their life.



Know someone that God might be calling to the priesthood or religious life?

Here are some resources to help them discern:

[Diocese of Peoria Vocation Website](#)

[Institute on Religious Life](#)

[Vita Consecrata - Apostolic Exhortation on Religious Life by Pope St. John Paul II](#)

*Lord, help me to be what you want me to be.*

### MAP Scores

Students at St. Patrick School took the NWEA's Measurement of Academic Progress benchmark assessment earlier this fall. Below are the Mean RIT Scores for each grade compared with the Diocesan mean and the National mean in the areas of math and reading.

**NWEA**, who makes the MAP test, has been making assessments for 40 years.

**NWEA's Mission** is "Partnering to help all kids learn®. "

For more Information visit: <https://www.nwea.org/>

#### Reading - 2022 Fall MAP Benchmark

Grade	St Patrick	CDOP	National
K	142.4	142.7	136.6
1st	164.6	161.5	155.9
2nd	185.4	178.1	172.3
3rd	202.1	191.3	186.6
4th	205.8	200.8	196.7
5th	211.2	207.4	204.5
6th	221.8	212.9	210.2
7th	221.5	219.7	214.2
8th	233.7	222.7	218

#### Math - 2022 Fall MAP Benchmark

Grade	St Patrick	CDOP	National
K	150.2	147.6	139.6
1st	169	166.2	160
2nd	187.5	179.7	175
3rd	198.4	191.5	188.5
4th	208.5	202.1	199.5
5th	215	210.3	209.1
6th	220.9	215.8	214.7
7th	228.3	223.2	220.2
8th	241	229.8	224.9



Don't forget. Pumpkin Saint Decorations are due Sunday if you would still like to participate.



## Important Dates

OCT 27 THU—OCT 29 SAT - 8th Grade  
 Girl's Basketball St. Jude Tournament  
 OCT 28 FRI - Girl's Basketball @ St. Jude - 7pm  
 OCT 31 MON - "Decorating Pumpkin as a Saint" Contest  
 NOV 1 TUE - All Saints Day Mass & Saint Presentations  
 NOV 1 TUE - Girl's Basketball Home vs. Norwood - 5:30pm  
 NOV 1 TUE - Boy's Basketball @ Roanoke-Benson - 5:30pm  
 NOV 3 THU - Boy's Basketball @ St. Thomas - 5pm  
 NOV 4 FRI - Florida Funds Day  
 NOV 4 FRI Girl's Basketball @ Bartonville-Monroe - 5pm  
 NOV 6—NOV 12 - National Vocations Awareness Week

We have several students that don't bring utensils in their lunches. We are at the end of our stock and of course won't be purchasing more. Please send your child/children with the utensils they need for their lunches, we won't have any for them.

## Virtue for Next Week

**VIRTUE=STRENGTH.** **VS.**

**LOVE FOR GOD**

The virtue of Love for God, or Charity, is a gift from God, placed or infused in our souls at Baptism, that gives us the strength to love the Lord Our God as the sovereign good, and purely for His own sake.

Love gives us the **WHY** we should live a virtuous life.

## Virtue of Last Week

**VIRTUE=STRENGTH.** **VS.**

**PATIENCE**

The strength to endure delay, pain, discomfort and disappointment.

Watch the patience test between two canines by clicking [here](#).

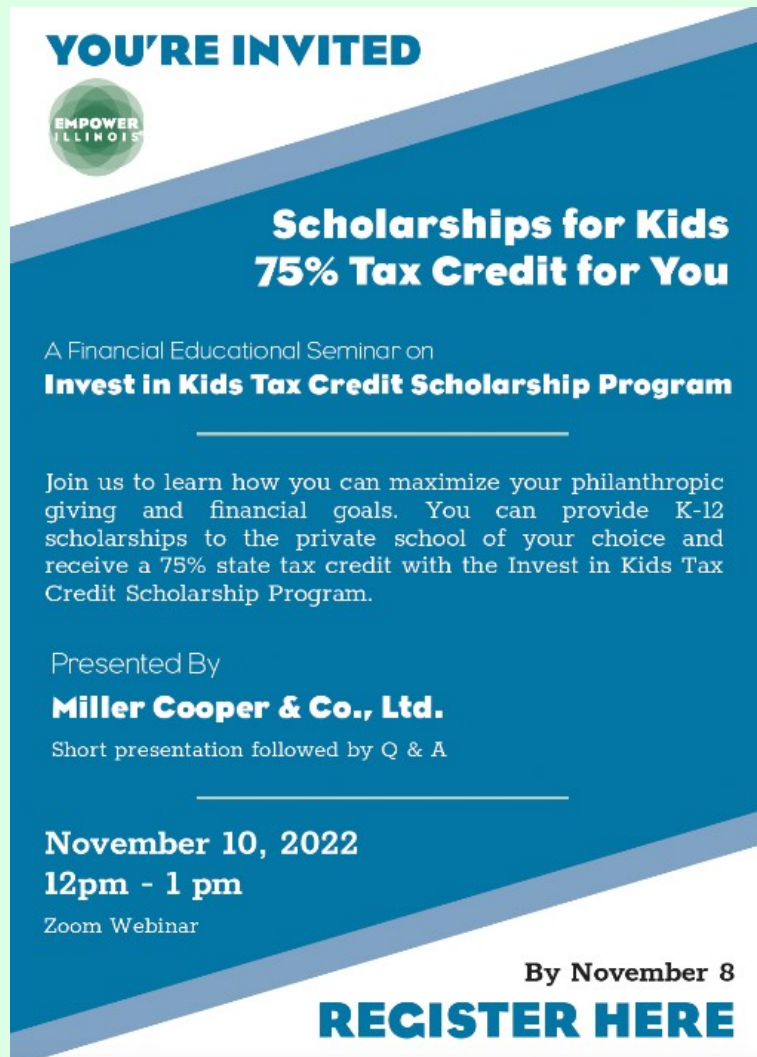
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## TCS Webinar with Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd.


Our partners at [Miller Cooper & Co. Ltd.](#), the 10th largest accounting firm in the Chicago area, are hosting a webinar about the financial benefits of investing in kids through tax credit scholarships on November 10 at 12pm.

This free presentation will cover an overview of the program and FAQs about claiming a tax credit after giving. Please feel free to share the registration link with your donors, prospective donors, folks new to learning about TCS, or anyone who would like to learn more about maximizing their philanthropic and financial goals.

[RSVP here.](#)



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Zoom Webinar

By November 8  
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# Have a great week!