

Dear Caterpillar Employees or Retirees (or if you know a Caterpillar Employee or Retiree):

The Caterpillar Foundation has announced a special limited-time program in which they will double your gift up to a \$750 donation. A donation of \$750 will enable Caterpillar to make a \$1,500 payment to St. Patrick School for a **total of \$2,250**. This is a short time special program above the normal 1:1 matching program that allows CAT employees and retirees to donate up to \$10,000.

Take Note! This opportunity is short lived and will end when Caterpillar Foundation reaches its \$1.5 million target. They already have over **\$875,000 donated!**

Please consider helping our beloved St. Patrick School realize improvement goals that will make our school even better. Some of our goals are a much needed new phone and intercom system and funds to eventually install air conditioning and electrical upgrades. ***(We are 2/3rds from reaching our goal of saving for a new phone/intercom system).*** You will need to make your donation as soon as possible before this special program closes. Please make your check payable to St. Patrick School and then **immediately** submit a matching gift request to Caterpillar via the link included here. For more information, please click this link [Giving Tuesday 2:1 Match](#). You can drop your check off in the school office.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and helping build the faith of our children in our community.

Thank you!

Doreen M. Shipman, Principal

Free Rapid & PCR Testing

252 E. Washington St., East Peoria

(309) 210-6887

There is a new Covid testing center in East Peoria. You do not need an appointment and it is free. You have results emailed to you within 20 minutes. This is a self-administered test. Thank you.

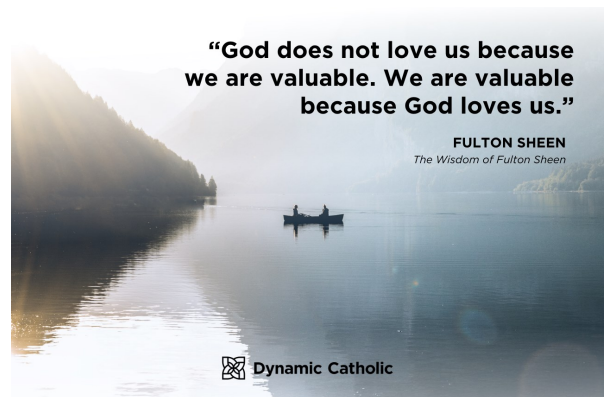
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
To complete their Chapter on Moses and the Exodus the 5th grade had a Seder Meal.



"God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us."

FULTON SHEEN
The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen



 Dynamic Catholic

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DECEMBER 31: LAST DAY TO DONATE THIS YEAR FOR TAX CREDIT

December 31 is the last day donors can receive a 75% tax credit on their 2021 Tax Credit Scholarship gift. Please complete the donation process as early as possible to allow Empower IL team ample time for processing, **especially gifts via check, which need to be mailed by December 20.** Be sure to designate St. Patrick School in Washington as the school of choice for your donation.

Go to <https://empowerillinois.org/donate/> to complete form for your donation. Your donation will be applied to scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thank you!

We are grateful for your support.

Announcing Reservation Night 2022!

Mark your calendars! **Reservations for a 2022-2023 tax credit scholarship will open Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30pm.**

Like previous years, the reservation will be a two-step process. At 6:30pm, the reservation form will open, giving families time to enter their information before submission at 7pm. Once families reserve their time stamp, they will receive an email to log into their EmpowerXChange portal and complete the application when it opens on Friday, January 14.

St. Patrick Parent Ministry chose green and yellow balloons to celebrate our Packers fan, Mr. D! Rumor has it, he hit a milestone birthday. We hope you enjoy your day and **GO! PACK GO!**



Father John blessed Sr. Magdalena's and Sr. Gemma's new car!



Important Upcoming Dates

- Sat, 11/20:** **Girls Basketball** 7th Grade Regionals vs. Riverview @ Blessed Sacrament 10:15am
- Sun, 11/21:** **Pre-Lego League** Rm 101 4:00pm
- Mon, 11/22:** **Girls Basketball** 7th Grade Regionals @ Blessed Sacrament 6:45pm (if win Saturday)
Boys Basketball vs Blessed Sacrament @ Home 5:30pm
- Tues, 11/23:** **Early Dismissal**; Thanksgiving Break 2:00pm
- Wed, 11/24:** **Girls Basketball** 7th Grade Regional Finals @ Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm
- 11/24—11/26:** **No School**; Thanksgiving Break
- Sun, 11/28:** **Pre-Lego League** Rm 101 4:00pm
- Mon, 11/29:** **School Resumes**
- Tues, 11/30:** **Boys Basketball** @ Dee Mack 4:30pm
- Wed, 12/1:** **Boys Basketball** @ Rankin 5:00pm
- Thurs, 12/2:** **Girls Basketball** 6th Grade Diocesan Tourney @ St. Jude 5:00pm
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- Fri, 12/3:** **Girls Basketball** 6th Grade Diocesan Tourney @ St. Jude 5:00pm

“Reverence, Respect, Responsibility...

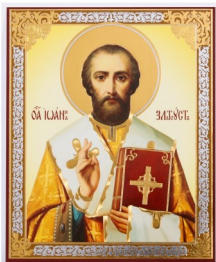
Excellence in Academics and Faith Formation”

Thursday was National Catholic Principal Appreciation Day! A big THANK YOU goes out to Mrs. Doreen Shipman for her hard work and dedication toward our school. Thank you for all that you do for the faculty, staff and families here at St. Pat's! You are appreciated.



"Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude."

- St. John Chrysostom



Hair Styles

There have been some questions from the students about hair styles and hair color. Please refer to Page 55 in the "Parent-Student Handbook" that states what is accepted and what is not accepted for hair styles. Students are expected to be in compliance. The excerpt from the handbook is as follows:

Hair

Clean, well groomed, and conservative hair style

No distracting hair color or "fad" styles; hair color must be one's natural hair coloring

Simple hair bows (no larger than 4 inches)

One grosgrain or satin ribbon tie in solid white, navy, or black

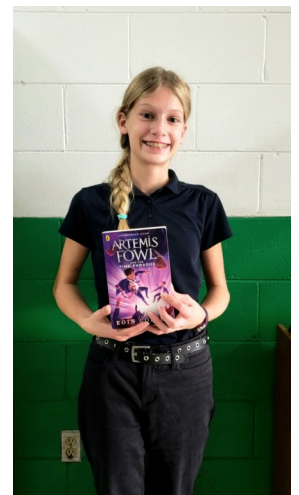
One headband in solid white, navy, black, or hunter green

"Bobby pins" and hair clips in solid white, navy, black, or brown

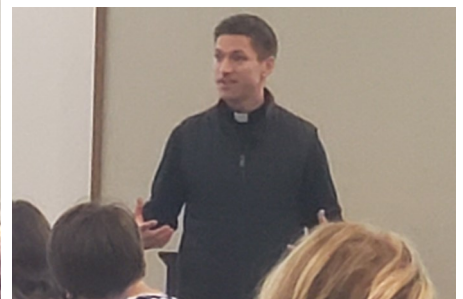
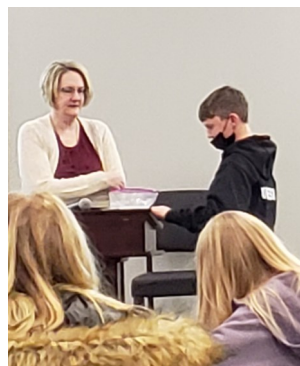
Boys only: hair must be 3 inches or shorter

Angela, in 8th grade, received her reading poster for meeting qualifications for Classic Reader.

Way to go!



8th grade students participated in their Confirmation Retreat at Sacre Coeur Retreat Center on Saturday. Father Chase Hilgenbrink shared words of inspiration on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Students participated in Mass and Adoration, and they enjoyed playing charades and bingo.



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In order to raise money for the parish and have a little fun.....

ST. PAT'S IRISH SWEEPSTAKES

This raffle will begin November 5, 2021 and will run through Christmas Day, December 25, 2021.

10 CHANCES TO WIN

- 8 chances to win \$150 (One Drawing on Each Friday Nov. 5-Dec. 24, 2021)
 - \$500 Thanksgiving Day Drawing
 - \$1000 Christmas day Drawing

Winners need not be present to win. Purchase or sell the enclosed tickets anytime between now and December 23, 2021. Tickets are available in the parish office or online. All proceeds will go toward repairing leaks/repairs in the church.

There are several ways to buy tickets (\$20 each or 6/\$100):

- Send in your completed tickets or drop in the collection basket with a check or cash
 - Call the parish office to buy tickets or to obtain more tickets
 - Purchase online from our website: <https://stpatswashington.com/>
 - Pay with a credit or debit card by using the form on the reverse side and return to the parish office
- (If you purchase tickets online or use the form on the back, the parish office will fill in your tickets)

If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 309-444-3524.

Sincerely yours in Christ, *Fr. John*

ST. PAT'S IRISH SWEEPSTAKES



705 E. Jefferson St. Washington, IL 61571

TICKETS: \$20 Each/6 for \$100

10 Chances to Win

8—\$150 Drawings

\$500 Thanksgiving Day

\$1000 Christmas Day

Drawings Start: November 5, 2021

End: December 25, 2021

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State _____

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Email _____

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Light Up the Night

For Those Who Can't Be Home For Christmas

Almost Home Kids at OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois provides a bridge from hospital to home for children with medical complexities.

The children in transitional care often have never lived at home and may not be home for Christmas!

To make the holiday season special for the children, we are raising money to Light Up our courtyard for Christmas! You can help with a donation to our luminary fund. All donations will go to purchase reusable luminaries safe for use year after year at Almost Home Kids.

For every donation of \$20 you will receive a luminary kit to light at your home.

The children at Almost Home Kids are not the only people who can't be home for Christmas. Maybe you have a loved one in the hospital, or family who works holidays, or lives out of state, or is deployed overseas - Light-up the Night for them! Together, let's remember everyone who can't be home for Christmas.



On Sunday, December 19, at 6:00 PM, we will be transforming our neighborhoods into a holiday display with candle luminaries as we think of our friends and family that can't be with us.

Participants will line their street, driveway and walkways and light the candles inside at 6 p.m.

Please take a photo of your display and email it to sarah_kammerer1@yahoo.com.



While supplies last, each donation of at least \$20 will receive a candle Luminary Kit to light at home to remember their loved ones that will not be with them during the holidays.

This is our gift to you!

Luminary Kits include supplies for 20 luminaries (20 white bags and 20 four hour candles).

You supply the sand/dirt/rocks to weigh down your bags.

One kit will illuminate 40-60 feet of street/driveway/walkway.

Pick up your gift at AHK on December 16 & 17 during regular business hours.

To donate:

Please complete the attached form, include your donation (cash or check to Almost Home Kids), and mail or drop off to: Almost Home Kids, 5200 N. Hamilton Rd., Peoria, IL 61614
OR follow the QR Code to donate online.

Luminary Kit – Pick up

Luminary Kit - Delivery

\$20 donation = 1 luminary kit = _____

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TOTAL DONATION: _____

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Keep up with the latest news and events:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Questions? Call Sarah at 309-243-8957 or email: sarah_kammerer1@yahoo.com

Almost Home Kids at OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois | 5200 N. Hamilton Road, Peoria, Illinois | (309) 573-0710



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 19, 2021

CONTACT:

melaney.arnold@illinois.gov

Illinois Department of Public Health Recommends Booster Doses for All Eligible Individuals

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), following the Food and Drug Administration’s decision to open COVID-19 booster shots to all, is recommending anyone 18 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose six months after receiving their second Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, or two months after receiving the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

“For continued, ongoing protection, we are urging everyone who is eligible to get a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine to get one,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “Scientific and medical experts have reviewed the data and found booster doses are beneficial. While we need more people who are completely unvaccinated to get their first doses, we cannot risk losing some of the protection the vaccines have already provided due to waning immunity.”

Early data show that the vaccines effectiveness against COVID-19 infections is decreasing over time. The lower effectiveness is likely due to the combination of decreasing protection as time passes since getting vaccinated, as well as the greater infectiousness of the Delta variant. Getting a booster shot is not uncommon. This happens every year with seasonal flu vaccine.

While you should get the same type of vaccine for both your first and second doses, the CDC has said mix and matching vaccines for booster shots is allowed. For example, if you received two doses of the Moderna vaccine, you may opt to get a Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for your booster dose. Or if you received the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you may choose Moderna for your booster dose. You just need to wait 6 months after your second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna, or 2 months after your one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Individuals can contact their health care provider or visit www.vaccines.gov to find a nearby location to receive a booster dose. People who have questions about vaccines and booster doses can call the COVID-19 Call Center at 1-833-621-1284.

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Find us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/IDPH.Illinois](https://www.facebook.com/IDPH.Illinois) or follow us on Twitter @IDPH

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Kids ages 5-11 can now receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

We are holding a clinic for kids ages 5-11 to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. We are happy to answer questions if you are unsure if your child should get vaccinated.

Saturday, November 13 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday, November 20 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

OSF Medical Group - Endocrinology & Diabetes
1800 N. Knoxville Ave. | Peoria



Scan the QR code above to schedule your child's appointment in OSF MyChart or visit osfhealthcare.org/vaccine.

This vaccine requires two doses given 21 days apart. You will need to schedule an appointment for your child to receive their second dose in December before leaving their first-dose appointment.

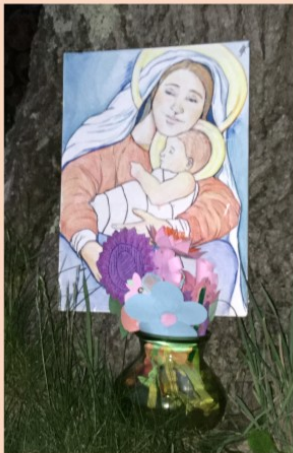


OSF[®] HEALTHCARE

Girls' Days

With the Apostolic
Sisters of Saint John

For girls
ages 9-14



November 13
December 4
January 22
February 26
March 26
April 30



10:30 am—4:00 pm

10809 Legion Hall Rd

Princeville, IL 61559

Contact: chiaralucegirlscamp@gmail.com

309-243-1488



WASHINGTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CHEER CLINIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 2021
12:30 - 2:30



Location: WCHS Torry Gym

Cost: \$27.00

Registration: Only online registrations will be accepted before the day of the clinic. Registration will be available the day of but participants will not be guaranteed a t-shirt. Online registration will start on November 15 and close on Sunday, November 28!

Come learn cheers, jumps, stunts, and tumbling taught to you by the Washington Community High School Cheerleaders! A t-shirt is included as well as admission into the home basketball game on December 11, 2021 against Morton.

Please scan the QR code to register



For questions please contact head cheerleading coach:
Mo Minehan-Dahm
meminehan@wacohi.net

FREE LACROSSE CLINIC



WHEN: Sunday, December 12th 1-3pm

WHERE: BK Sluggers, 4200 E Washington Street, East Peoria

WHO: Girls & Boys between the ages 8-14

Did you know lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the United States and Washington High School has a boys & girls lacrosse team? This clinic will provide an overview of the youth program and provide your child the opportunity to learn fundamental lacrosse skills.



Peoria Notre Dame Dance Team

Christmas Dance Camp 2021

Let us watch your little ones while you do some Christmas shopping!



Who: Girls 4 years old through 8th grade
When: Saturday, December 4, 2021
Where: PND Gym (Check-in will begin at 8:15 AM)
Time: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Performance Time: 11:20 AM
Cost: \$40

Please contact **Coach Tally Sevier** at pnddanceteam@gmail.com with questions.

Mail or drop off your form and payment to:

Peoria Notre Dame - C.O. PND Dance Team – 5105 N. Sheridan Rd. – Peoria, IL 61614

Checks payable to Peoria Notre Dame High School

Dancer's Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade: PreK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 School _____

Parent's name _____

Parent's Phone Number _____

Parent's Email _____

T- Shirt Size: Youth ☐ SM ☐ MD ☐ LG Adult ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L

You are guaranteed a T-shirt if registered by November 22, 2021.

Participants in the 2021 PND Dance Christmas Camp are not covered by medical or accident insurance. In consideration of the acceptance of registration, we hereby release Peoria Notre Dame High School, the 2021 PND Dance Christmas Camp, and all of its employees/volunteers from all claims on account of injuries that may be sustained while attending the 2021 PND Dance Christmas Camp. We hereby agree to indemnify Peoria Notre Dame High School, PND Dance Christmas Camp, and all of its employees/volunteers for any claim that may be hereinafter presented by the participant of any injuries.

☐ I give the PND Dance Team permission to post pictures and/or videos of my dancer on their social media websites (team website, Instagram, Facebook, etc.).

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

MORNINGS AT PND



**DECEMBER 1
@ 8:15 TO 9:15**

**Parents of K - 8th
graders, join us for
coffee and donuts in
our Commons to learn
more about the highly
praised AP Capstone
Diploma Program.**

**For questions or to
RSVP, call
Admissions Director
Matt Blackford at
309-691-8741.**

