



Hello School Families,

We have had a great 1st semester of the school year. We have been fortunate to be in person with our classes the entire semester with minimal illness. We have been able to bring back extra-curricular activities and athletics. That has been so good for everyone! I personally would like to thank all of you for your support following the COVID protocols and all the things necessary to keep our school safe and healthy. I want to wish each of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. May each of you have a healthy and safe Christmas break. I wish you each beautiful moments and memories with your families, filled with joy this Christmas Season, and I look forward to seeing you back 2nd semester.



Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Shipman

Important Upcoming Dates

- Fri, 12/17: **Christmas Break Begins** 11:30am Dismissal
- 12/20-12/31 **Christmas Break**
- Mon, 1/3: **School Resumes**
- Tues, 1/4: **Boys Basketball** vs St. Mary's— Pontiac @ Home TBD
- Wed, 1/5: **Girls Volleyball** vs Germantown @Home 4:30pm
Boys Basketball @ Norwood 4:30pm
- Thurs, 1/6: **Girls Volleyball** @ Hollis Grove 5:00pm
Boys Basketball @ District 50 5:30pm

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K-4th grade librarians helped us get excited about Christmas!

Aren't they too sweet?



2nd Grade having fun at recess!



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Build Back Better Act

Catholic Schools need your help to ensure the Build Back Better Act does not effectively exclude Catholic schools from child care and pre-K programs, thereby severely limiting options for families.

Below is the link to the USCCB alert on universal preschool in the Build Back Better legislation. Please contact your representatives and senators in Congress the importance to include Catholic schools participation in the Build Back Better Act for our pre-school programs. Thank you for your time and help in this effort.

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/89541/Respond>

All Aboard the Polar Express with Mrs. Schlack's 3rd grade!

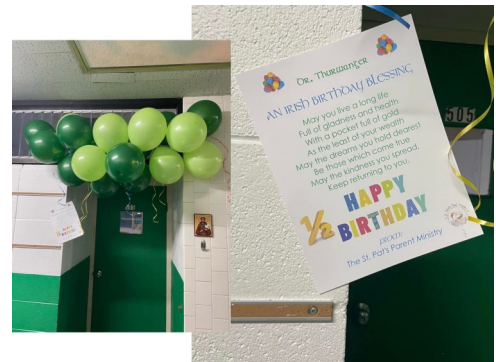


Sunday, December 12th, was the last practice for the Pre-Lego League!



St. Patrick's Parent Ministry celebrated Dr. Thurwanger's 1/2 birthday on Monday! It's Dr. Thurwanger's first year at St. Pat's (Junior High Math) and we're so glad he's here!

HAPPY 1/2 BIRTHDAY, Dr. T!



Members of the 5th grade attended morning mass on Tuesday as an event from the Advent Calendar they created. Included in the picture are the third graders who served.



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The St. Patrick's FIRST LEGO League Robotics Teams competed in a regional qualifier at Woodruff on December 11th. All three teams finished in the top 8 out of 32 teams in the robot game. The 5th/6th grade team won the Rising Star award for being a team the judges noticed and expect great things from in the future. The 8th grade team took 2nd place overall and qualified for the State Championship on January 29th in Champaign! Congratulations to all teams on another successful season, and good luck to the 8th graders as they head to State!



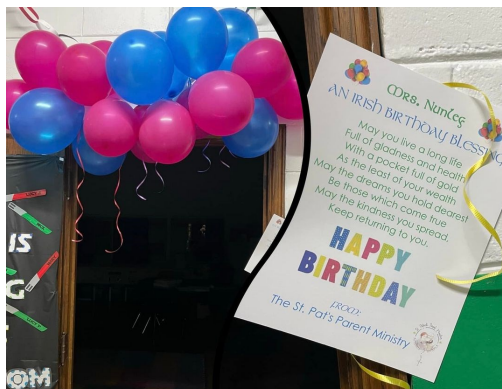
PreK 4 enjoying a Christmas game!
Mrs. Briggs looks adorable!



Pre K 3 had their Christmas Parties this week!



Our kindergartners sure do LOVE Mrs. Nunley and for her birthday (12/19) she gets a two week vacation! (Christmas Break) Please join us in wishing her a very HAPPY (early) BIRTHDAY!
The St. Pat's Parent Ministry



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**Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus for visiting our students!
Merry Christmas!**



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THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES-A CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION
by the Kindergarten and Fourth Grade

