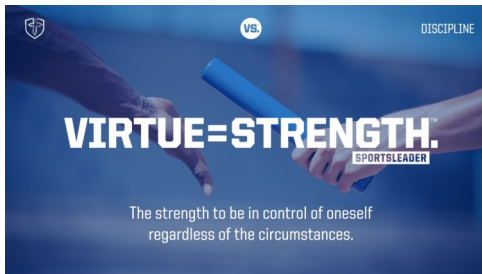


Virtue of the Week— DISCIPLINE



This week our virtue is **DISCIPLINE**. The strength to be in control of oneself regardless of the circumstances. **DISCIPLINE** is necessary for everything in life. We need to have **DISCIPLINE** in school, in our relationships, in our future jobs....if we expect to succeed the way we want.

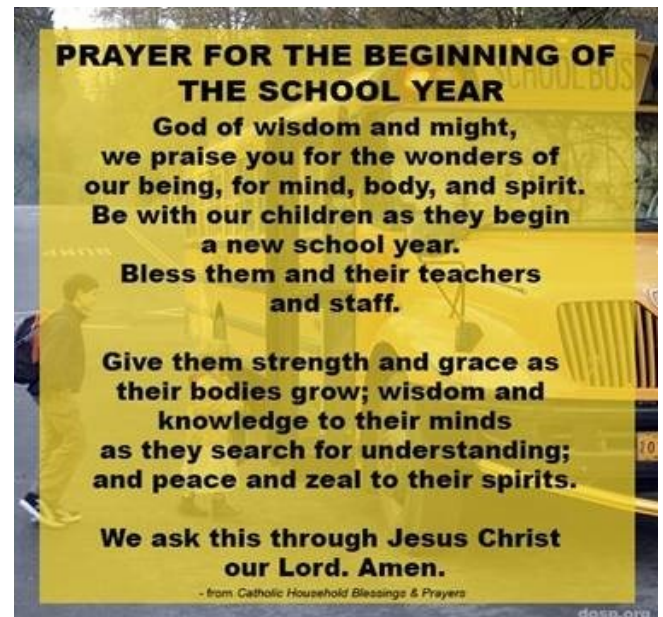
Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for this day, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and forge our resolve to have **DISCIPLINE** in our pursuit of excellence in every area of our life.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sat., Aug. 21: Baseball @Peoria Christian 10am
- Sun., Aug. 22: First Lego League Meeting
Social Room 3:30-5pm
- Mon., Aug. 23: Preschool Program Begins
- Tues., Aug. 24: Baseball vs. St. Joseph Pekin
@ Home 4:30pm
- Tues., Aug. 24: Softball vs. Washburn @ Half
Moon Park 4:15pm
- Wed., Aug. 25: Beginning Band Meeting
Gym 4:30-6:00pm
- Wed., Aug. 25: Softball vs. Limestone Waters @
Home 4:30pm
- Thurs., Aug. 26: Baseball vs. St. Mary's @ Home
4:30pm
- Thurs., Aug. 26: Cross Country, Mid Illini
Conference Schools @Mineral
Springs Park 4:00pm

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Fr. John blessed all
the classrooms on Friday.



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.

Hello Parents!

Welcome back to school! It is so great to see your children again. Summer is short, but by this time of the summer, here at school, we are missing their shiny faces, their funny stories, and their beautiful spirits. We are looking forward to a great school year. Many of the protocols we had in place last year continue and we are working hard to keep all children and staff safe.



We welcome new staff to our school and you will be hearing more about them soon. Dr. Michael Thurwanger will be teaching the 7th and 8th grade algebra classes, Mrs. Meg Hatton has the 4th grade, and Mrs. Miriam Briggs is our new preschool aide. Our teachers at St. Patrick School have worked hard through the summer preparing an inviting environment in their classrooms with many wonderful learning opportunities and experiences for each child to look forward to throughout the year.



We are fortunate to have our sports programs (softball, baseball, and cross country) in full swing and will begin our band program again in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully, winter sports will take on a more normal schedule this year. We will keep you posted with updates on that.

We also look forward to a new ministry for our school. It is the “St. Patrick School Parent Ministry”. They will be doing some wonderful things promoting positive parent support in our school. On the first day of school they met in the church and prayed a rosary for the benefit of our precious school, children, and staff. We appreciate their prayers immensely. Look for more information on this new group soon.



Again this year we are participating in the “Virtue = Strength” program that reaches out to our athletes. We have included this program in our classes as well for the last few years. Each week we work on a virtue. This upcoming week we will be concentrating on “Discipline”. I would like to share with you an excerpt from this program for parents. Below you is the news article that may be of some help for you as you face the challenges of being a parent.

DR. RAY GUARENDI ON DISCIPLINE :

I prefer to define discipline in a pretty straightforward, commonsense manner: to put limits and expectations upon a child’s behavior, backed by consequences when necessary, in order to socialize and build character. Here is what I tell parents:

1. More than anyone else, you know what's best for your child.
2. Authority is not a bad word.
3. Discipline, by and large, is not complicated. Good ideas for administering discipline are straightforward and easy for you to use. Similar techniques can work for a wide range of problems.
4. Most importantly, parenthood is God-designed to be enjoyed. We’re all in this together. We share the same worries and frustrations.

So let’s lighten up, laugh more, and love our children enough to do what's best for them — and for us, too.

(This news article is for parents and came from our Virtue=Strength program.)

Our school theme this year comes in part from our school motto. The three “R’s” we are going to concentrate on are “Reverence, Respect, Responsibility”. These attributes are a part of who we are as a Catholic school and in living our mission. We invite each of you to be part of our theme through leading good example in your families.

We thank God for his many blessings in our school. We ask for your continued prayers as we begin this school year and we look forward to assisting in your children’s learning. May each of them have many wonderful learning experiences.

Blessings,

Mrs. Shipman



St. Patrick Beginning Band Info

What a crazy year! Normally, the band experience at St. Pat's begins with 4th grade students having a class learning to play recorders to learn some basic music reading skills and performing with the band students on a concert in May. Kidder Music Co. would then bring a selection of instruments to school in the fall where they demonstrate the instruments and give the kids a chance to try out on instruments they choose. Obviously, that isn't happening this year due to the virus.

So, this year we watched videos demonstrating the instruments and told the 5th graders about band at St. Pat's. The Jupiter band instrument company has developed a mouthpiece tryout kit that can be sterilized with hot soapy water after each use. We have purchased some of these kits and will use them to **tryout 5th graders next Monday, Aug. 23.** The music stores can no longer give tryouts on actual instruments, so we are asking the students to really think about which instrument they would like to play. Once they have decided, we will use the kit to have them try to get a sound on the mouthpiece that simulates the mouthpiece of that instrument. Percussion students tryout with drum sticks. If tryouts are successful, the next step would be for the parents to secure an instrument. Kidder Music and some other music stores in the area have rental plans available that you can check out. A representative from Kidder Music will be at St. Pat next **Wednesday, Aug. 25 in the gym from 4:30 to 6:00 (walk in any time)** to explain their rental and purchase plans and I will be there to answer questions about the band at St. Pat's. If you have an instrument already available to you, it would be a good idea to take it to a music store to have it checked out to make sure it is good playable condition.

We hope you will consider the benefits to being in the band and join our St. Patrick band family. Thanks for considering our program. I look forward to a great beginning band this year.

Bill Booher, band director



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FIRST LEGO League challenges kids to think like scientists and engineers. This robotics season, we're focused on how materials move throughout the world. Transportation drives us forward – impacting economies, bridging cultures, and making us all more globally interconnected. In **2021-2022 FIRST® LEGO® League's CARGO CONNECT**, participants will learn how cargo is transported, sorted, and delivered to its destinations.

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Do you love LEGOs? Do you want to learn how to build and program a robot? Do you want to have fun while learning? JOIN FIRST LEGO LEAGUE at St. Pats!

Who? St. Patrick students in grades 6-8

Coach: Greg Stevenart

When? August through January

School Moderator: Mrs. Kapraun

Cost? \$20 per student

If interested, please discuss with Mrs. Kapraun or come to our first meeting on Sunday, August 22nd from 3:30-5:00pm in the Social Room.