

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

*Reverence, Respect,
Responsibility... What
starts here can change
the world.*

As the Christmas season descends upon us, I am filled with joy as I reflect on the blessings of our school community. Throughout the year, I have witnessed countless acts of love, kindness, and generosity, both within the walls of our classrooms and beyond.

These acts of compassion are a testament to the strong Catholic values that our school holds dear. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us remember the importance of spreading love, peace, and goodwill to all.

Let this Christmas be a time for us to come together as a school family, cherishing the bonds of friendship and fellowship that we share. May we open our hearts to the true meaning of Christmas – the gift of love, hope, and forgiveness.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We are committed to providing them with not only academic excellence but also a strong foundation in faith and values.

May this Christmas season be filled with blessings for all of you. May your hearts be filled with joy, your homes with warmth, and your lives with love.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

-Mrs. Smith

Merry
Christmas



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 4:30PM & 9:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AT 9:00AM

FROM THE FACULTY & STAFF
OF
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

December 14, 2023

12/18-12/22



Monday - What NOT to Wear Monday. Annoy your teachers with your ugliest sweater!

Tuesday - Tinsel Toes and Holly Hats! Get in the crazy Christmas spirit, wear your craziest socks and hats with school spirit wear!



Wednesday - Winter Whiteout. We're having a white Christmas this year. Wear your best snowy colored clothes!

Thursday - Cozy Christmas. Wear your coziest pajamas and settle down for a long winter's nap!



Friday - Santa or the Grinch? Choose Santa or the Grinch and wear their color. Santa - Red or Grinch -Green!



Students can bring in monetary donations of any amount each day to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital! Each donation allows students to participate in that day's theme. The class that raises the most money gets a **free dress week after Christmas Break!**

Each day every grade level will vote on the most spirited outfit to win a Christmas treat from the office!

(These are all "free" dress days, no required uniform bottoms.)



CHRISTMAS

Programs

K-8TH GRADE

DECEMBER 18 | 6 PM

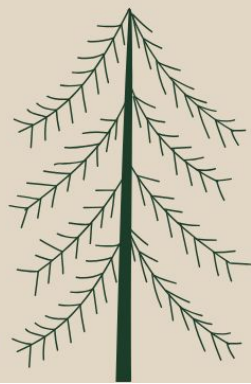
FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

- Doors open at 5:30
- Students should arrive before 6
- K-2 Report to Banquet Room
- 3-5 Report to Balcony
- 6-8 Report to Back of Auditorium

PRESCHOOL

DECEMBER 20 | 8:300 AM

SR MARY ANN GYM | ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



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Recent Happenings

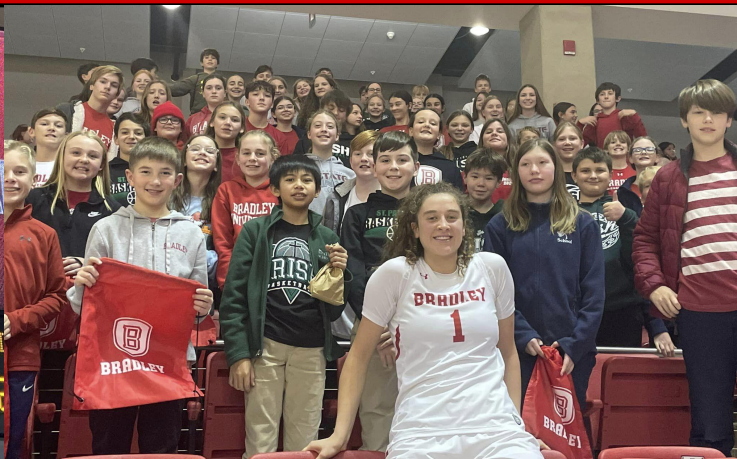
Deacon Harold spoke to our 5th - 8th grade students to kick off Advent



3rd-5th Grades joined the record crowd of 8,701 at the Peoria Rivermen Education Day!



6th-8th Grades attended the Bradley Women's Basketball Education Day and saw alum Claire McDougall score 10 for the Braves!



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Advent



5th Grade attended 7 AM mass together as part of their Advent calendar. Then they invited Father to join them for breakfast.



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STEM

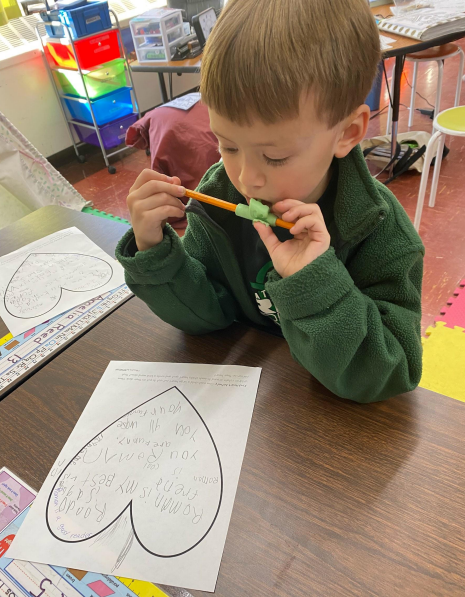


Our *1st* and *6th* graders worked together to build *Elf Traps!*



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1st Grade Spotlight



For Social Emotional Learning we wrote kind things about each student that each person took home. Then, for our kindness tree we wrote one kind act that we did for someone else.



We wrote letters to Santa. On Wednesday, we received a response from our letters and took turns reading them in our groups.

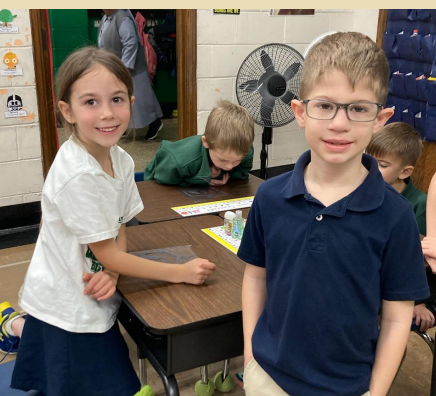


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Nativity Ornaments



**Kindergarten and
2nd Grade
worked together
on Nativity
ornaments to
hang on the tree!**



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LEGO League

On Saturday December 2nd St. Patrick's three FIRST Lego League robotics teams competed amongst 31 teams at the Limestone qualifier. In the exciting robot runs all, St. Pat's teams finished with scores in the top half of competitors, highlighted by a score of **295** for the **FOR Loop Coders**. The **Pizzas of Code** and **Starry Knights** both finished that portion of competition with high scores of **255** and **250** respectively. Each team also performed well in their judged events - Innovation Project, Robot Design, and Core Values. A great day for all teams!

Congratulations especially to the **Starry Knights** who won the **Rising All-Star Award**, and were selected for advancement to **Sectionals** in January!

Pizzas of Code

FOR Loop Coders



Starry Knights

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8th - State Send Off



LET'S DO IT AGAIN!



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Champions Celebration!

Today, we celebrated our 7th & 8th Grade State Champion Basketball teams! Thank you to the *Washington Fire Department* and alums *Brian Barron* and *Alex Volk* for treating the team to a ride on the fire truck!



CURRENT VIRTUE



UP NEXT...

SILENCE

Turn off all electronics and spend time in silent prayer for at least a few minutes every day over Christmas break.

BENEFITS

- The fruit of silence is PRAYER.
- The fruit of prayer is FAITH
- The fruit of faith is LOVE
- The fruit of love is SERVICE
- The fruit of service is PEACE.

We hope you have already joined us in praying this Novena. Our St Pat's Athletics Facebook Page has been posting daily reminders. If you missed the start of the Novena, we encourage you to begin TODAY and pray with us for more HUMILITY, putting GOD FIRST and OTHERS BEFORE OURSELVES a little more each day!

We encourage all of our *Irish Family* to pray this **December Novena TOGETHER** as a family each night, for nine days, beginning on *December 11th*.

Put it on your calendar, and make it a priority!



HUMILITY

MONTHLY NOVENA

DECEMBER 11-19

Monthly Intention: Let us pray that we may grow in the virtue of humility, the strength to put God and others before ourselves.

ADVENT NOVENA

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment In which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,

(Mention your request).

through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♥ simply recite this prayer each day for nine days ♥

What is a Novena?

The word "novena" is derived from the Latin word for nine, or "novem."

Typically, a novena refers to **nine days of prayer**, asking **God** for a **specific intention**, often through the intercession of the Virgin Mary or a Saint.

How Do You Pray a Novena?

Simply **pray** the novena prayer that **corresponds** with each of the nine dates.

Some novenas **repeat** the same prayer each day, while others have a specific prayer for each day of the novena.

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IRISH Athletics

RECORD BREAKING GIRLS BASKETBALL

🏆 STATE CHAMPIONS 🏆
7th grade team
Final Record: 28-0

The **IRISH** were a well-oiled defensive machine, holding their opponents to just 10 points per game in **IESA State Tournament Play**. In the championship game, the **IRISH** held **Kinderhook Western** to an **IESA Record** of 6 points. The **IRISH** were led offensively by **Kate M** with 11 points, as well as contributions from **AJ B**, **Lilia B**, **Emily C**, and **Maeve G**.



🏆 STATE CHAMPIONS 🏆
8th grade team
Final Record: 26-0

In the **State Championship Game**, the **IRISH** were pitted against **Sigel St Michael** for the second year in a row. Although the **Sharpshooters** practically couldn't miss, it was ultimately the 3-point shooting of **Miranda & Hayden** that secured the win for the **IRISH**. The eighth grade team was also very strong defensively, allowing opponents a total of just 50 points in the three **IESA State Tournament Games**, setting an **IESA record** as well. The **IRISH basketball fans** will certainly miss cheering on our 8th graders: **Miranda W**, **Hayden C**, **Petra C**, **Ava R**, **Lily L**, and **Annie T**.

IESA STATE CHAMPIONS

7th Grade - 2022
7th Grade - 2023
8th Grade - 2023



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IRISH Athletics

Thank you.
AGAIN

STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF, ALUMNI, FAMILY & FRIENDS

for your support of our 7th & 8th grade girls basketball teams as they were both Blessed to earn a spot in the State Championship!



STATE QUALIFIERS

2023



8TH GRADE GIRLS
IRISH BASKETBALL



IRISH BOYS BASKETBALL ACTION

GOOD LUCK

to the 7th grade boys basketball team in the St Jude
Tournament this Friday & Saturday

Come cheer on the Irish

vs St Mary Kickapoo

Tuesday 12/19 @ 5:30PM

&

vs D50

Monday 01/08 @ 5:30PM

Sister Mary Ann Gym



GOOD LUCK

to the 5th grade boys basketball team in the St Mary
Kickapoo Tournament on January 5th & 6th

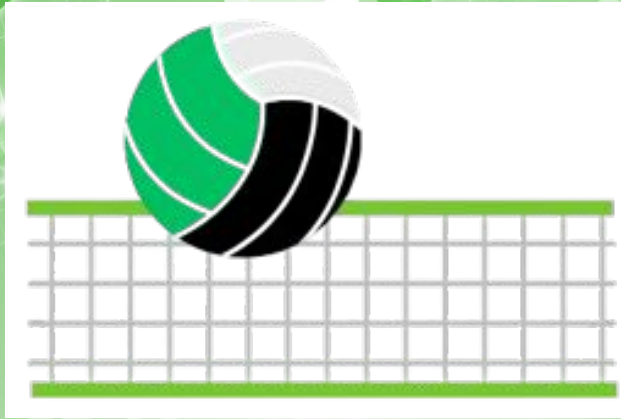
We are the Irish!



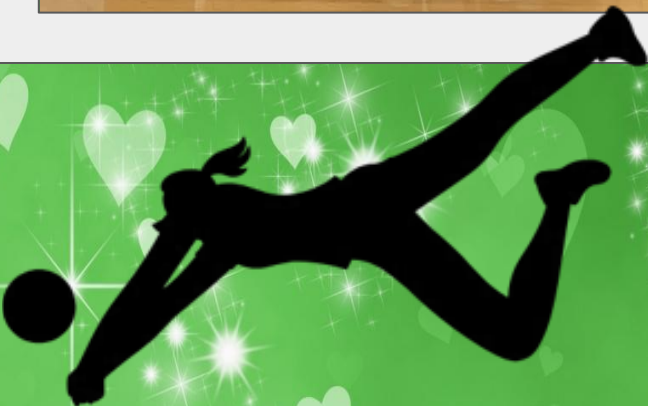
IRISH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL BEGINS

GOOD LUCK

to the 5th & 6th grade girls volleyball team as they begin their season with a home tournament on January 6th in the Sister Mary Ann Gym



Come cheer on the Irish
vs Norwood
Tuesday 1/9 @ 4:30PM



12/22/23

11:30 Dismissal
No After Care

12/23/23 - 1/7/24

NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

1/12/24

NO SCHOOL
Teacher Inservice



Upcoming Dates

12/15-16/23	Boys Basketball @ St. Jude 7th Grade Tournament
12/18/23	K-8th Grade Christmas Program @ Five Points 6 PM
12/19/23	Boys Basketball vs St. Mary Kickapoo @ Home 5:30 PM
12/20/23	Preschool Christmas Program Sr. Mary Ann Gym 8:30 AM
12/22/23	11:30 Dismissal (NO AFTER CARE) Christmas Break Begins
12/22/23	End of 2nd Quarter
12/23/23-1/7/24	NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK
1/5-6/24	Boys Basketball @ St. Mary Kickapoo 5th Grade Tournament
1/6/24	Girls Volleyball @ Home 5/6th Tournament
1/8/24	SCHOOL RESUMES
1/8/24	Boys Basketball vs D50 @ Home 5:30 PM
1/9/24	Girls Volleyball vs Norwood @ Home 4:30 PM
1/12/24	2nd Quarter Report Cards Published
1/12/24	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice

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.