

St. Patrick's Shamrock

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December 2022



Principal's Report



Dear St. Patrick Families,

What a great month we have had at St. Patrick's School! It has been such an eventful month with Veterans Day, Thanksgiving break, and starting play practice! We have had many visitors to our building and finished up the first quarter.

This year, the staff thought that it is important to recognize our local veterans and families that have had such a profound impact on the lives we live today. We were able to host a Veterans Day Program this year and highlight this special day for our students. We had a wonderful turn out with many veterans from the community who came to share in this event. Many of them were family members of our students which was very meaningful to them both. Each class had a part to share, and the older students were able to also be part of the Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin Whitney. His message dealt with fairness and covered many topics that were relevant to our students. Lt. Colonel Kevin Whitney shared soldiers' experiences from as far back as WWI with photos and stories. The impact that this has on our youth is invaluable. Knowing what others experience as veterans leads to a deeper understanding and appreciation for each and every one of our heroes. I would like to thank each of the veterans for their service and the families that also make sacrifices. Thank you, Kevin Whitney, for sharing your message and this special day with us! We will continue this event and hope to grow it moving forward!

Thanksgiving week was also eventful here at St. Patricks! We have so much to be thankful for. Our Student Council organized events for PK and Dodgeball games for the older students. They enjoyed the Tuesday afternoon with loud cheering and tons of fun in the gym. Teams were split and each grade level played against the other! The older students played tournament style and had concessions sold by the Student Council. The students enjoyed themselves and put forth their best effort to win at every level. We also had time to practice for our Christmas Concert. This year, the 8th grade will be doing the musical "Miracle at Midnight" with music and production by our younger students. They are very excited to sing and perform for our families on December 11th. This event is going to be held at 1pm that Sunday in the school gymnasium.

The end of our first quarter was November 3rd. This time of the year is so busy and things are wrapping up and onto the next quickly. The next month and a half will move quickly for students, staff and families alike! Please let me know if you have questions or would be interested in enrollment at any time. The end of quarter 2 will be mid January and we have the opportunity for students to join our PK at that time as well. We currently have families that are going to be taking advantage of this, and we want you to know this is also available. If you do not have a student in PK but are interested in enrollment or a tour, please contact the office. Those in the church and families interested in visiting or just stopping by are welcome at any time. We have so many wonderful things happening that you might just like to see with your own eyes: our students' smiling faces, staff ready and willing to work with children, day to day activities within the classrooms, the use of technology within the classrooms, and the academic expectations at each level.

St. Patrick's offers many opportunities to our students that are unique and provided by the generosity of our staff, families, parish, and donors that wish to see students flourish in a Catholic School.

Blessings,

Toni Ross



School Happenings



Advent season is off to a beautiful start at St. Patrick's. All of the students and staff gathered around the Blessed Virgin's statue to begin our advent with the lighting of the first candle.



The Student Council hosted a dodgeball tournament for the school on November 22. Classes 1-8 played in the dodgeball tournament while Pre-K and Kindergarten made handprint turkeys!



St. Patrick's

2022

High Honors

4.0 GPA

Eight Grade:

Carson Demaske
Weston Pouillie
Hudson Randall
Carmen Onsager
Landynn Miller

Seventh Grade:

Jillian Cook
Holden Eckerman
Kaden Gottshalk
Parker Smith

Sixth Grade:

Kaden Cook

Fifth Grade:

Leia Kocyan

Honors

3.5-3.9 GPA

Eight Grade:

Hannah Hersil
Eden Finucan
Gracey Kobylski
Owen Lubinski
Nick Trute

Seventh Grade:

Caroline Marien, Evan Seagren,
Garett Pouillie

Sixth Grade:

Stella Finucan
Reed Sommerfeldt

Fifth Grade:

Kellen Housworth
Emma Kiesling, Nolan Klapp,
Logan Randall, Molly Randall,
Ryleigh Vinopal

Scholastic

Recognition

3.0-3.4 GPA

Eighth Grade:

Avery Thayer
Johnny Tambornino

Seventh Grade:

Myah McNally
Sofia Olson
Kord Kobylski

Sixth Grade:

Madison Luxton
Jonny Riley

Fifth Grade:

Theron Miller
Eddy Riley
Cooper Thayer

Newborn Baby Bundles

As we celebrate the Holy Family and birth of Jesus in this new year, we think about all of the new babies coming into the world in our area. A newborn welcoming program was begun last year where small bundles of baby items were brought to the hospital for new or expecting families during the month of March in honor of St. Patrick's Day. One of the gifts we would like to include in the bundles are small blankets, quilts, and burp cloths. If you are willing or able to make any of these items or would like to donate materials, please contact Keilah Powers at 414-539-2428 or keilahpowers@stpatrickismauston.com



Please join our 7th grade class and Knights of Columbus men in Reardon Hall following our 8a.m. and 10 a.m. mass on December 18, for a delicious **pancake breakfast** the whole family is sure to enjoy!



Visit our parish website to see the latest Knight's Compass from our Knights of Columbus.

<https://stpatrickismauston.com/parish/knights-of-columbus/>



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Christmas Cookie Sale

Stop to grab your plate of
goodies after 5 p.m., 8 a.m.
or 10 a.m. mass
December 3th & 4th!

Plates are \$5 each

Don't forget your

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Did you know our Scrip program has cards for over **550 different stores** and companies?! We have cards for clothes, groceries, gas, makeup, gaming, home improvements, vacations...Anything and everything you could possibly imagine! Whether your shopping for the kid who had their Christmas list written 3 months ago, or the teenager who only wants cash, Scrip has you covered! Please consider using a Scrip card to do your holiday shopping this year or even giving the cards themselves as gifts! It's such an easy way to get your Christmas shopping done and still helping to support the school! Grab your cards at the school office or call today 608-847-5844, to order ahead for pick up! Visit <https://www.raiseright.com/brands> to see a list of all the available brands

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Join us for...

Donuts with Santa

Come see Santa after
10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday
December 4th and enjoy
donuts and juice with your
visit!



Be sure to check our school
and parish calendar on our
website,
www.stpatrickismauston.com
for more upcoming events!

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

All Women of St. Patricks Parish
are invited to gather for **BREAKFAST**

at **The Mauston Park Oasis**

Thursday, December 8th at 9:00 am

Come join us to celebrate

CHRISTMAS

and each other!

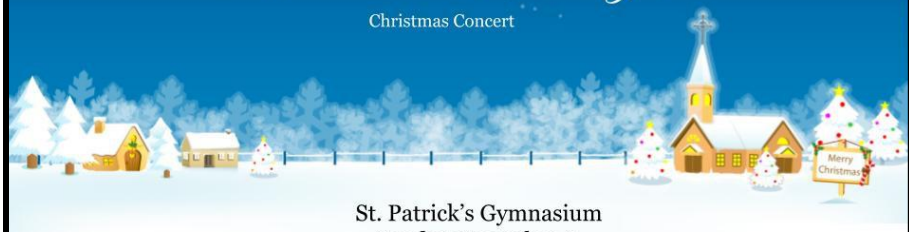
(We'll order off the menu.)

Please RSVP to Jennifer at the rectory office —
608-847-6054 or stpatrickparishmauston@gmail.com

St. Patrick's School presents...

Miracle at Midnight

Christmas Concert



St. Patrick's Gymnasium
Sunday December 11
1:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!



A Word from Father



Welcome to Advent. One of the great activities and sacramentals that we use this season is the Advent wreath. The younger students and older students are broken into two groups to light the wreath and offer prayers in the Advent season. They start out each week adding another candle as the weeks go by. The second grade, as they prepare for their reception of the sacraments of

Reconciliation and later their First Communion, are lighting candles on the Advent wreath at the Sunday Masses. This is something that the school children and Religious Education students are both able to do. We look forward to a large class receiving both sacraments this year. For the parish there is the Cookie Sale, so enjoy supporting that event on December 3rd. December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation and our feast day; we celebrate with a school Mass at 8 am. On December 11th at 1 pm is the School Christmas program. What a wonderful way to get into the spirit and enjoy all the talents that these kids share with us. Planning ahead, mark your calendars for December 22nd for the communal penance service. For the Christmas Eve Mass our students will be front and center as we bring in baby Jesus and bless the manger scene.

-Fr. John



News and Upcoming Events



December

3/4: Cookie Sale after all masses

4: Donuts with Santa after 10 a.m. Mass

11: Christmas Program 1:00

18: KC Pancake Breakfast (proceeds benefit 7th grade)

22: NO Extended Care

24: Children's Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m.

23-31: NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break



January

2: Classes Resume

13: NO SCHOOL

-Teacher work day

15: KC Pancake Breakfast (proceeds benefit 6th grade)

29: School Mass

29: Start of Catholic Schools Week

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