

St. Patrick's Shamrock

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Dear St. Patrick Families,

It is that time again! The start of November and the brisk air is a reminder of the change of seasons to come. This month, I would like to recap some of the wonderful things that are happening here and also share a bit more about our upper classes.



October brought us the opportunity to welcome grandparents and families into our school. This day is so special and something that I truly feel blessed to be a part of! Grandparents Day was on October 13th this year. The students look forward to this day just as much as the families do. We had a beautiful mass, program and the activities & lunch that followed were so intriguing to witness. We had families stick around and close down Bingo, as well as the decorating of piggy banks and making fall ornaments. Many also stayed to share stories with the staff and their grandchildren. It was such a wonderful time to build connections and for our children to experience the blessings of family. Even those that were not able to have grandparents at the school, were able to experience time with the grandparents of their classmates. Time is precious and being able to see all of the joy that comes from the brief time they spend together on Grandparents Day is one special thing that we get to be a part of here. The weekend of Grandparents Day ended Sunday with a Children's Mass. The 10 am service was packed with families and students were active parts of the service that day as well.

October has brought about generosity for our school. Throughout the month, teachers have received donations to their classrooms for extra margin items. Each year, the teachers make a "wish list" for their classroom. As they receive funds, they make purchases for their rooms. Some of these items include games, book sets, seating items, etc... They are extras to help support student learning or enhance their classroom experience. We appreciate all of those who donate to the extra margin funds! We were also awarded a grant through the city of Mauston. This was part of the "Dream Up Grant" that was a micro grant provided by the city. We will receive \$7,000.00 towards playground updates! We are so thankful for the generosity of all of those who make these things possible for our students.

Our next group of students are a fun bunch! They have stuck together as a class through thick and thin. This year, their teacher is Mrs. Jones and their year is off to a wonderful start: our fifth graders! This group of students enjoys sports, learning, and supporting one another. They are going to be working on many fun things throughout the year. In November, they will be going on a class trip to the capital. They will have many opportunities to complete group work, STEM activities and give presentations in class. They will be a group prepared for anything. 5th grade is a great group of kids ready to be great examples for others.

Our 6th grade class is a big part of our school and leaders for all. They work closely with their buddies in the kindergarten class throughout the year. If you ever want to see the littles excited, tell them they get to work with their buddies. This group of kids helps their buddies with breakfast, at mass, and with fun learning activities. They are quick to help anyone when asked and they do not complain. We are very proud of our sixth grade class and appreciate their influence.

This year is off to a great start and we have many wonderful things to come! We have a Veterans Day program coming up, started practicing for our Christmas musical and looking ahead to Catholic Schools Week. We appreciate all of the support throughout the year from our families and are grateful for the opportunity to work with your children.

Blessings,

Toni Ross



School Happenings



We're proud to feature our outstanding 4th Graders in this November Shamrock! Ms. Stark's students are learning to become more independent and role models to the younger elementary students. They have been busy learning their math facts and just completed a class reading activity of the book "Sarah Plain and Tall" by Patricia MacLachlan. They enjoy earning "Book Bucks" as a reward to spend in her class store. Students enjoy all the time they are able to do hands-on projects or use chrome-books. The 4th graders are a very talkative group and add so much creativity to their classroom discussions!





Congratulations to our newly elected student council!
This year's representatives are...

President: Caroline Marien
Vice President: Evan Seagren
Secretary: Stella Finucan
Treasure: Parker Smith
Reporter: Holden Eckerman

We look forward to all the wonderful work our officials will put in for their student body.



Our Home and School Association once again hosted a fantastic Halloween dance for all of our students! Congratulations to the following costume winners!

1st grade and younger

Scariest:

Jonah
Malina
Jay

Most Original:

Julia
Meredith
Maya

Cutest:

Ivanna
Ariana
Maylee

2nd thru 4th grade

Scariest:

Declan
Jaxon
Jameson

Most Original:

Isaiah
Charlotte
Elizabeth

Cutest:

Diana
Janna
Eleanor

5th thru 8th grade

Scariest:

Gavin
Spencer
Corbyn

Most Original:

Olivia
Elyse
Jael
Lyla
Kellen

Cutest:

Olive

Wake Up & Warm Up Fundraiser

St. Pat's Home and School is happy to announce the Butter Braid and Berres Brothers Coffee Fundraiser is back this year! There's no better way to start out a morning then with a slice of these delicious pastries and a nice hot cup of coffee. If you'd like to place an order for a butter braid please contact a student from St. Patrick or Molly Demaske at 608-847-5704.



Butter Braid Flavors: Apple, Blueberry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry, Caramel Rolls, & Cinnamon Rolls



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The Holiday season is here! Are you hosting Thanksgiving this year? Do you need to have a dish to pass at the family gathering? Grab your Scrip cards now before you head to the grocery store! We offer Scrip for Festival, Target, Walmart, Sam's Club, and so many more! Wherever you do your meal shopping, we've got you covered! Our Scrip program is a great way to help contribute to the school without losing any money on your end! You pay the same price you would for your normal everyday items, gas, groceries, building supplies, and at the same time help out our school who earns a percentage back of that card purchase! Grab your cards at the school office or call today 608-847-5844, to order ahead for pick up!



Did you hear?! Scrip is once again being sold after weekend mass! Stop and grab what you need on your way out the door or call and order during the week for easy pick-up after mass!



Knight's of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

NOVEMBER 12

Join our Knight's Of Columbus and 8th Grade class for a delicious pancake breakfast with fruit, sausage, juice, and milk

9 a.m.-noon
St. Patrick's Church Basement

A large stack of pancakes topped with bananas, raspberries, and walnuts.

You can support

P.C.C.W Christmas Cookie Sale

Stop to grab your plate of goodies after 5 p.m., 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. mass Dec 2 & 3

Plates are \$5 each

Two snowmen holding large gingerbread cookies. One snowman is holding a star-shaped cookie, and the other is holding a heart-shaped cookie.

Our school families!



VETERAN'S DAY

★ PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM ★
HONORING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE
SERVED AND ARE CURRENTLY
SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10
1:30 P.M. ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL GYM

"In everything give thanks"

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at
St. Patrick's Church at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday November 23, 2023



Don't forget to join us for these upcoming events!

*Please join us in remembering
those we have lost this year at our
annual Memorial Mass on
November 14 at
St. Patrick's at 5:30 p.m.*



St. Cecilia Concert and Potluck Dinner

Please join us in
celebrating St. Cecilia,
the patron saint of music,
with a concert and
potluck dinner to follow

St. Patrick's Church
November 19th
5:30 p.m.





Our 6-10th grade Religious Education classes had quite the Youth Night! They were able to enjoy a bonfire out on the lawn while carving their pumpkins!



The cross country team completed their season with a meet on October 12th in Wautoma. They celebrated at Culver's after the meet. They rounded out the season with a 'celebration of success' pumpkin painting and pasta feed. We are so grateful for a successful year of cross country. -Mrs. Boppart (head cross country coach)





Congratulations to our 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Julie Whitney, on this fantastic honor!

**St. Patrick's Teacher Recognition
Julie Whitney Diocesan Representative at the State level**

Julie Whitney, St. Patrick Catholic School, Mauston, Wisconsin, has recently been named to the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) Professional Development Committee as the representative of the Wisconsin Council for Religious and Independent Schools (WCRIS). Whitey was nominated to the committee by the Diocese of La Crosse and will be representing the diocese's 64 Catholic Schools as well as all other religious and independent schools throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Julie Whitney has been a part of St. Patrick's School in Mauston for 7 years. She has taught 4th grade and recently accepted the position of middle school teacher at St. Patrick's. She is able to reach kids and push them to be their best. Julie takes the time to get to know families and has been recognized by parents, staff, and the diocese as having a great depth of knowledge of curriculum and standards. This recognition at the diocesan level, to serve on the team of teachers, speaks to her ability and love of teaching. We are blessed to have Julie and all of our teachers on our St. Patrick's teaching staff.

Julie has been pivotal in bringing back many of the St. Patrick's traditions that make their middle school years memorable. This year she is spearheading the science lab updates and bringing in items such as grow boxes. Our middle school students are visiting the lab several times a week with experiments, observations, and now tending to the crops they will be growing. Julie is great at using hands-on STEM lessons to help students make connections with the standards. Julie also teaches our middle school students math and has a deep passion for helping students understand math concepts.

This recognition of Mrs. Whitney speaks to the level of teachers that we are able to have at St. Patrick's. This year has been so rewarding for our students and something that the families can be proud of! Families that send their children to St. Patrick's can witness the difference a Catholic education can make. Saint Patrick's school has been serving the Mauston Community for over 127 years! We are blessed to continue the tradition of top notch teachers as well.

All Saints Day

Check out these fantastic saints costumes are students put together to celebrate!




P.C.C.W. Meeting
Thursday November 9
8:45 a.m.
Reardon Hall



All women are invited and welcome to the monthly Parish Council of Catholic Women meeting! We hope to see you there!

Be sure to take a look at this month's Knight's' Compass newsletter on our parish website

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



Home & School

Next meeting **Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30** in Reardon Hall. Join us and bring a friend!

Knights of Columbus
Meeting
Tuesday November 21
7:00 p.m. Reardon Hall



For more updates and information follow our school and parish Facebook pages



This month's "Social Sunday" will be on **November 26**! Join us for donuts, coffee, juice, and laughs after 8 a.m. **AND** 10 a.m. Mass.

A Word from Father



My dear students, teachers and parents, happy November. Sport events in our school have begun. Sports are very important in everyone's life as they give pleasure, health, discipline, happiness, self-control and sporting spirit. Sports can teach students' physical co-ordination and social lessons about winning and losing. There is a well-known proverb "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". It is full of wisdom. After the day's work in class, students need some healthy recreation to refresh their minds. Education without sports is really incomplete. So, sports are important in every school for clever and healthy students. In our school, St. Pat, Mauston, our students successfully passed through the volleyball season. Now they prepare themselves to enter into the basketball season. Healthy competition is a great way to teach a number of great life lessons to your children provided the parents get involved. Organized sports help kids with learning how to show control and interact positively with their peers. The hope is that this will help overflow into their everyday lives. Encouraging children to be involved in sports and staying away from the video games is a great start. Making exercise and sports fun for kids promotes healthy habits that will last a life time. All the very best to St. Pat's basketball teams (A-Team -boys and girls, and B-Team -boys and girls).

-Fr. Jey.

News and Upcoming Events



November

1: Hall of Saints presentation

2: All Souls Day

3: NO SCHOOL

4: Hunter's Night Out

10: Veteran's Day Program @ 1:30 School Gym

12: KC Pancake Breakfast (proceeds benefit 8th grade)

14: Memorial Mass @ 5:30

19: St. Cecilia's Concert & Potluck Dinner @ 5:30

22/24: NO SCHOOL– Thanksgiving Break

23: Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 9:00

26: Social Sunday



December

2/3: Cookie Sale after each Mass

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

17: Christmas Program @ 2:00

21: Communal Penance @ 7:00

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

23-31: NO SCHOOL– Christmas Break

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