

St. Patrick's Shamrock

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Message from the Principal



Dear St. Patrick Family,

I cannot believe it is this time of the month already. September has flown past, and we are looking forward to October. We have a few new things this month to share and some more staff celebrations.

This year, we have been blessed to have a couple extra field trips. In the next month stay tuned for photos from the Capitol in Madison, the Pumpkin Patch, and the Beyond Van Gogh exhibit. We have been blessed with these opportunities thanks to the support of St. Patrick's committees and their desire to provide meaningful experiences for our students.

In this edition of the Shamrock, I would like to recognize our middle school staff. Teaching 8th grade, we have Amy Zenthoefer; teaching 7th grade we have David Bellows; teaching 6th grade we have Cathryn Catterson. This team works well together and their teaching styles complement one another. 7th and 8th graders have been able to work with both Mrs. Zenthoefer and Mr. Bellows throughout the last year or two at St. Patrick's. David and Amy have worked out schedules to allow them to specialize in subject matter and better present their materials thus being high quality.

Cathryn Catterson is also a wonderful teacher that we are happy to have at St. Patricks. Cathryn has been able to share a lot of insight with her many years of teaching at St. Patricks. She has been able to be a great help for our students as they transition into the middle school environment. She has teamed up with David and Amy to help provide continuity. Cathryn has provided many opportunities for our students as well. Her drive to provide quality, Catholic instruction is evident in her teaching.

With our focus on middle school, I would also like to recognize our students and their recent activities as well. This year they were able to go back to Upham Woods. This tradition continues with our 6-8 students. Though this year they were not able to spend the night, they were able to experience a day trip and many of the fun activities that were planned for the fall. They are looking to go back to complete their 2 day excursion later this year. The teachers reported that fun was had by all, and the students enjoyed their day at Upham Woods.

We have many great things happening this year and it is a pleasure to share all of the wonderful things happening here at St. Patricks.

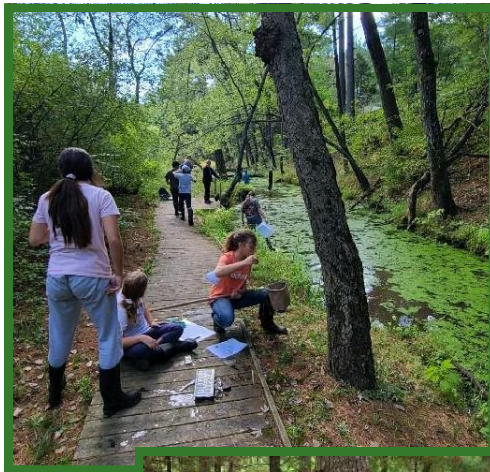
We will continue to recognize our staff throughout the year! They have been great to work with, and I look forward to letting you know more about the wonderful people and opportunities here at St. Patricks.

Blessings,

Toni Ross

School Happenings

How lucky are we to have such great role models in our 6th grade students!? Every week Mrs. Catterson's 6th graders meet up with our Kindergarten students and partner up to be reading buddies! Not only do they share their love of reading with the younger students, but they also partner up with them every Wednesday to go to Mass. Such a wonderful mentorship program our teachers have established to help build strong leaders and role models!



Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students were able to get back to the great outdoors again this year at Upham Woods! Check out these fantastic pictures of our students exploring nature during their fun day away!



Helping Hands

In our September Shamrock we shared our new Pull Tab Program established by our 8th grade student, Sophie Randall. We hope you've all taken the time to set up a little jar or station in your homes to collect your pop can tabs for this fantastic program!

Pictured here 8th grader Sophie Randall with her Pull Tabs Program design



Ronald McDonald House Charities

Pull Tab Program

Children, whose families stay at Ronald McDonald Houses, tend to be the sickest, have traveled the furthest distances for care and spend the longest time in the hospital.

Little things mean a lot.....

Saving pull tabs is easy! They're compact with a high concentration of recyclable aluminum. Did you know there is more aluminum in the tab than there is in the entire can? Revenue from recycling these little bits of aluminum helps keep families close to their children who are undergoing medical treatment.

How you can help:

Spread the word to your family, friends, classmates and co-workers to start collecting their pop tabs! There is a drop off container located in the school lobby to place your Ziploc bag of tabs, which will then be delivered to a local participating McDonald's Restaurant.

Get Creative!

Have fun designing a collection cup or box or jug to keep the tabs in at home and work! Then when you have a full collection, put in a Ziploc bag and deliver to St. Patrick's School. We'll handle the rest! Thank you for participating and what a great way to "Pull Together" and support families in need.

In 2016 Ms. Randall's cousin and pen pal lost his fight with cancer. He was only 9 years old. "Braden was a fighter, an inspiration and friend." said Sophie's mother, Kerry, when asked why Sophie and her family decided to begin collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. "During his long fight Braden's family was able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House while he was receiving treatments. His family now coordinates a pull tab program at their school in Minnesota, so we thought this would be a great way to show our support, with such an easy way to make a positive impact."

For those of you who don't know the Ronald McDonald House Programs are a home away from home that provide comfort, support and resources to families who travel far from home for the medical care their child needs.

Collecting soda can tabs is an easy way to help support this foundation and the thousands of families who are going through unimaginable times. Please help Sophie and the school make a difference for those families.

Hunter's Night Out

St. Patrick's 37th Annual Hunter's Night Out is back! This year's banquet will be held Saturday, **November 6th**, in Reardon Hall.

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00.

Tickets are \$65 per person which includes a steak dinner, refreshments, and eligibility for a door prize.

If interested please contact Clinton Pouillie at 608-853-0555 or Pouilliec@gmail.com to be purchase a ticket*

**All proceeds from our benefit go to help
the St. Patrick's Athletic Department**

*Limited tickets available-Any leftover tickets will be available to general public after Oct. 23

**As always attendance is limited to persons of legal drinking age



P.C.C.W. Meeting
Thursday October 14
8:30 a.m.
Reardon Hall



Knights of Columbus
Meeting
Tuesday October 19
7:00 p.m. Reardon Hall



Home & School

Next meeting **Wednesday, October 6 at 5:15** in Reardon Hall. All are encouraged to attend!



We will be having "Social Sunday" on **October 31**. Join us for donuts, coffee, juice, and laughs after 10 a.m. Mass.

St. Patrick's Fall Festival Wrap Up

We would like to thank everyone who helped out in any way to make our Fall Festival a success. Whether you sold tickets, worked at the sidewalk cafe, helped set up or clean up, or helped with Bingo or the Country Store -- it was all important and very much appreciated. We would like to especially thank that small group of dedicated people who spent months planning and organizing the festival; setting up and tearing down tents, tables and booths; and making sure things ran smoothly the day of the festival. This could not have been so successful without their extraordinary efforts.

The proceeds of our Fall Festival are vital to the operation of our parish and our school. The many ministries of our parish under Fr. John's guidance bring us closer to Christ on our lives' journeys. And through St. Patrick School, superior academics and moral values are provided to our children. Given today's competing secular attitudes, these Catholic values are more important than ever.

May God bless all who participated.

If you haven't already take a moment to check out this month's **Youth Newsletter** at
<https://stpatricksmauston.com/parish/youth-news/>
 and the **Knight's of Columbus's Compass** at
<https://stpatricksmauston.com/parish/knights-of-columbus/>



Scrip is now sold during the week at the SCHOOL office.

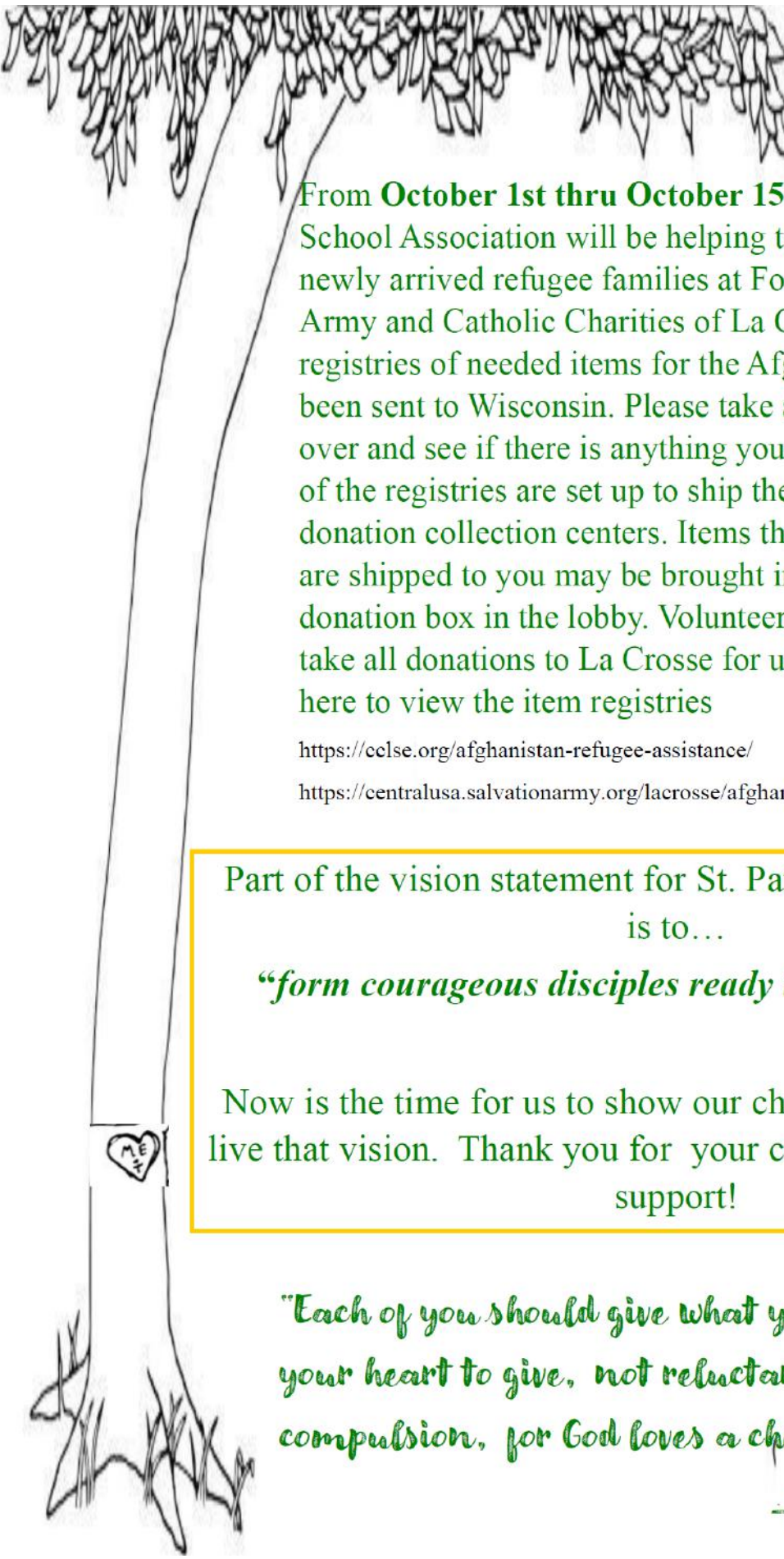
You can stop by to purchase it during our office hours or call or e-mail ahead and we will have your order ready for you to pick up. As a reminder, each family is required to purchase \$1500 in Scrip each year. You pay face value for the cards. *We earn our profit because we are able to purchase them at a discount.* If you have not yet tried Scrip or would like to know more about how it works, stop by the school office and Ms. Czacka will be happy to help you. Scrip is also available on-line at shopwithscrip.com. Thank you for supporting our school!

~National Life-Chain Sunday~

Sunday, October 3rd from 2:30 PM—4:00 PM at the intersection of N. Union Street and Hwy 82. ***Please come and provide witness to the sanctity of life.*** Signs will be provided. For more information, please contact Betty Lobenstein at 608-572-3176.

Prayer Opportunity

Prayer must come from the heart and must be able to touch the heart of God. See how Jesus taught his disciples to pray: *“Call God your Father; praise and glorify his name; do his will as the saints do it in heaven; ask for daily bread, spiritual and temporal; ask for forgiveness of your sins and for the grace to forgive others; ask for the grace to resist temptations and for the final grace to be delivered from the evil which is in you and around you.”* ***The church will be open on Wednesday evenings at 8 PM for a time of prayer. Please feel free to join as / when you are able.***



From **October 1st thru October 15th** St. Pat's Home and School Association will be helping to collect donations for the newly arrived refugee families at Fort McCoy. The Salvation Army and Catholic Charities of La Crosse have created online registries of needed items for the Afghanistan families who have been sent to Wisconsin. Please take a moment to look the items over and see if there is anything you are able to purchase. Some of the registries are set up to ship the purchases directly to their donation collection centers. Items that you pick up yourself or are shipped to you may be brought into the school and put in the donation box in the lobby. Volunteers have kindly offered to take all donations to La Crosse for us. Visit the websites listed here to view the item registries

<https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance/>

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/lacrosse/afghan-refugee/>

Part of the vision statement for St. Patrick's Catholic School
is to...

“form courageous disciples ready to serve generously.”

Now is the time for us to show our children what it means to live that vision. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

-2 Corinthians 9:10

At this time these are the items we are most in need of...

- Men's-unbranded, modest clothing like shirts, pants, socks, shoes, and undergarments in various sizes
- Women's-unbranded, modest long-sleeve crew neck shirts, long pants, socks, shoes, and undergarments to remain culturally appropriate in various sizes
- Children's-mirror gender appropriate recommendations above in all age ranges and sizes
- Diapers of assorted sizes
- Wipes
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Lotion
- Formula/Bottles
- Blankets/Swaddles
- **Hygiene** (individually packaged)
- Bars of soap (no liquid soap)
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Towels
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Shower Shoes
- **Misc** (all unbranded or minimally branded)
- Reusable, durable water bottles
- Feminine Hygiene Products (maxi pads urgently needed)
- Backpacks
- Prayer Mats

**** Per State Requirements we are only allowed to
except NEW items still in their packaging. ****

Please consider using Scrip cards to purchase any of the items from their Walmart, Amazon, or Target registries, or simply donating the Scrip cards themselves to Catholic Charties. You can help the refugees AND our school all at once!

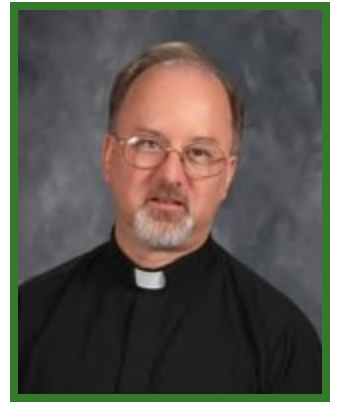
*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was
thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me..."*

-Romans 15: 2-3



A Word from Father

We begin the month of October with the feast of the Guardian Angels. It is that reminder of God's care and concern for each of us. A reminder too of the need to protect our children. We want them to be safe. That is on many levels and areas of their lives. While at school our staff plants the seeds. Nonetheless they are also out in the larger world. That includes the world of social media. Part of our instruction is how to maneuver in the digital realm. But it can be hard for our young people to know what is real and even the digital judgments and comments can be harmful.



I would like to mention the spiritual realm. Parents (and grandparents) please pray for your children and invoke their guardian angels to keep them safe on all levels. October also brings us Grandparents Days at St. Patrick's School. We are happy to welcome you this year and are so grateful for your support and prayers. Looking forward to seeing you.

News and Upcoming Events



October

1: NO SCHOOL-Teacher Work Day
15: Grandparent's Day
26: Holy Happy Hour @ State Street Tap
27: Picture Retake Day
29: Halloween Dance
6p.m.-8 p.m.



November

3: End of First Quarter
6: Hunter's Night Out
12: No Buses
18: Conferences/Book Fair
19: Conferences/Book Fair
21: KC Pancake Breakfast (proceeds benefit 8th grade)
24: Early Dismissal
25/26: NO SCHOOL—
Thanksgiving Break

Shamrock Sponsors

Thank you to all our alumni members and families who are sponsoring the St. Patrick's Shamrock this year! If you know of an alumni who has a business they would like to advertise on our sponsor page please email Keilah at keilahpowers@stpatrickismauston.com

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