

St. Patrick's Shamrock

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October 2020

Words from Father

The whole month of September under our belt. That's good news. Speaking with local principals and the Juneau County Health Department, keeping up our protocols allows us to keep our doors open and welcome students and staff back each and every day, that too is good news.

That choice to send your child to a Catholic school is a big one for many families. Tuition is a concern. Here too we have some good news. Others have set up some

trusts to help families. Each year the Gala helps build the Fr. Reardon Scholarship Fund. Other generous members have left us the Kelly Fund and the McGarty Fund. The year to year St. Benedict fund also helps families. The national Two Eagles Foundation also offers scholarships for parish schools. All together this year St. Patrick's school has \$57,800 for scholarships and tuition assistance.

When families register there is a form to fill out that begins that dialogue of how the school and families can work together so that finance is not THE reason a family would go elsewhere to shape and form their child. So there is good news there. The majority of our scholarships have been awarded for the 2020-21 school year. But do not let that stop you from reaching out and beginning that dialogue. Asking for help is a challenge, we like to help others; nonetheless we have some wonderful resources that can allow those who want a Catholic education for their child/children here at St. Patrick's school to do so. We have good news not just in September but all year long.



How many times, in prayer, do we limit ourselves to asking for gifts and listing requests, forgetting that the first thing we should do is praise God's name, adore Him, and then go on to acknowledge his living image in our brothers and sisters.

-Pope Francis

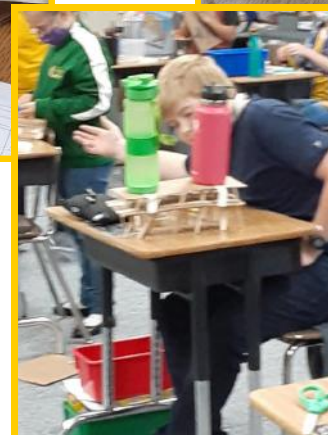
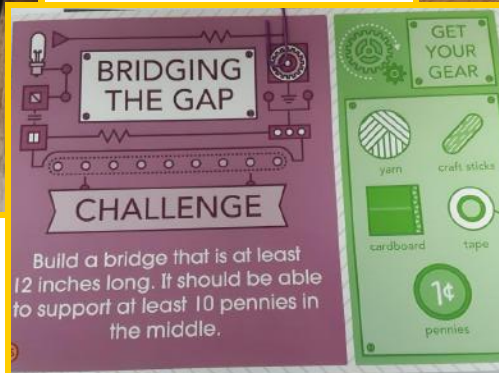
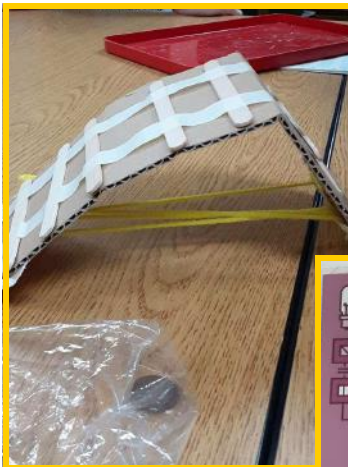
Classroom Highlight of the Month

This month we would like to showcase Ms. Larkin and the 6th grade students! The 6th graders have been turning out some fantastic STEM projects. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The students have worked on weekly projects that deal with creating projects in those specific areas. The projects this month included...

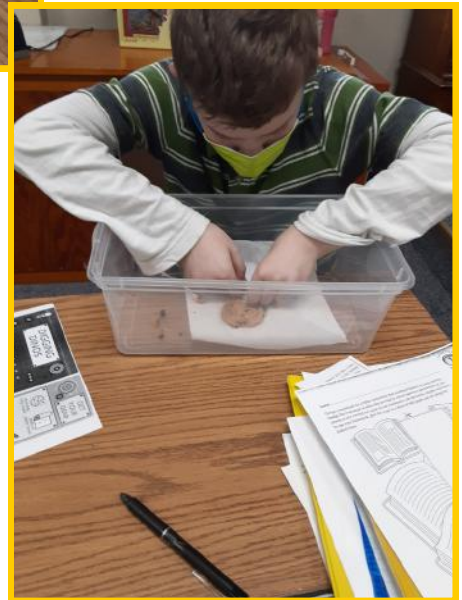
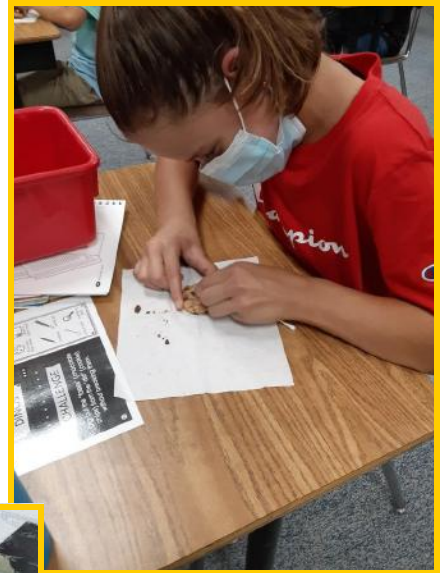
Working with buoyancy...



Building Bridges...



Digging for Fossils ...



Stayed tuned to our Facebook page for more STEM projects and activities with the 6th graders!

The kids will see an exciting new addition to the playground at school this week!! With the help of Home & School and Hunters Night Out fundraisers, we were able to add 2 new pieces of equipment for the kids.



Thank you!

A huge thank you to our volunteers:

Rhonda & Jeff Ready

Brian Randall, Adam, & Makenna Pouillie

Clinton, Weston, Garret, & Naomi Pouillie

Matt, Aedyn, & Owen Lubinski

Ryan Pokorney

Lars Onsager

Jeff & Connor Laridaen

Frank Vinopal

Kevin Marien

and a special shout out to Lampert Lumber for providing materials and concrete needed on a Sunday!!



Join us for...

Wily HAPPY HOUR

Last Tuesday of every
month...
Next gathering
October 27, 2020

Come for the
drinks, the food, and
the friends!

At State Street Tap!

Social hour from 6:30-7:00
Discussion from 7:00-7:30



Lucky 13 Raffle Winners

1st—Jim & Ann VanPee

2nd—Jim & Christine Martin

3rd—Jacob Brunner

4th—Terry Fleming

5th—Ladd Bakalik

6th—Paul Schaller

7th—Carrie Hill

8th—Jim Frisch

9th— Patrick Hickey

10th—Marie Boehm

11th—Pete Simon

12th—Avery Bishop

13th—Jodi Vinopal



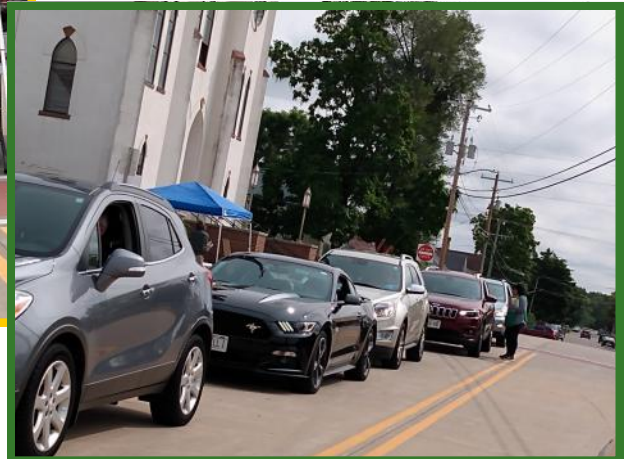
Committee News

The first month of school is already behind us, and if your kids are like mine, the excitement of being back in school still has not yet worn off. We are so thankful for our teachers and staff who have been working extra hard to keep our children healthy. We, the members of the Education Committee, would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are here for you. Our committee's responsibility is to act as a consultative body in regard to planning, finance and school policies. We would love to hear from you! We meet the **first Thursday of every month at 5:15 in Readon Hall**. We encourage you to reach out to our board members to bring any questions or concerns to our meetings. This is our school, and it takes all of our voices to make our school a success.

Rachel Tambornino- Education Committee Chairman

Board Members: Katie Marien, Kim Walsh, Jamie Pouillie, Ashley Lynch, Barb Cowan, Keith Riley, Matt Kominsky, Tammy Johnson, John Houseworth

Thank You to all who helped make the Fall Festival drive-thru a success!



Special thank you's to...

Molly and Jeff Scully, Erin and Annah Lund, Brian Fox, Steve Leavitt, Dan May, Bridget Gunther, Kerry and Sophie Randall, Steve and Bill Powers, Jennifer Laursen, Jeri Kolba and the ticket sellers that day.

-Fall Festival Committee



Education Committee Meeting Minutes

ST. PATRICK'S EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2020 – 5:15 PM

1. Meeting called to order by Father John. Opening prayer by Rachel Tambornino.
2. Present: Matt Komiskey, Katie Marien, Rachel Tambornino, Ashley Lynch, Keith Riley, Jon Houseworth, Kim Walsh, Father John, Cassie Thayer, Barb Cowan. Absent Jaime Pouillie, Tammy Johnson.
3. New committee members Ashley Lynch and Jon Houseworth were introduced.
4. Kim Walsh has declined her election, at last month's meeting, as chairman. Matt and Katie both declined to be nominated. Rachel accepted the position.
5. The minutes of the last meeting were updated to state that there are two cots in the isolation room of the school. Minutes accepted with the update.
6. There were no interested parties present to address the committee. 7. *Mrs. Thayer gave the CRE report (copy attached).*
There were 51 views for the rosary livestreamed on the parish Facebook earlier today.
8. Father John gave a principal report.
School is open. There are 112 students. Two families have moved out of state, one family is sending their children to Necedah school, and one family has gone to the public school. Eleven students are being homeschooled. We will be reaching out to the homeschooled children.
The students are happy to be back and are quickly getting used to the new routine.
Father has asked Jon to be the point person for Covid information. Either he or Jon will attend the bi-weekly COVID informational meeting held by the Juneau County Health Department.
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The school will be getting two electrostatic foggers.
9. Katie will be sending out the latest version of the survey for high school Juniors and Seniors. Committee members are to review and get any comments or changes to her this week. October 1st has been set as the date to send out the surveys with a return date of October 9th. Education and Recruitment committees will get the results of the survey.



Education Committee Minutes Cont'd

ST. PATRICK'S EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

September 3, 2020 – 5:15 PM

10. Father would like someone from the education committee to write articles for The Shamrock; not minutes from the meeting, but articles that highlight projects, events, teachers, the good things about our school. The kind of information that would counter some of the negative impressions people express about our school. Rachel offered to do so.

The new IT teacher is working on ways to incorporate technology into the curriculum. Father will be forming a committee to work on a long-range Technology plan. He will be talking to an IT person at the public school to see what they are doing. A member of the education committee will be included on the committee.

11. Father said that parents would be getting an email, with a report on the first week of school. There are also pictures on Facebook.

Because of the current situation the upper grades will not be going to Upham Woods. The teachers are putting something special together for them, to take its place.

There is no Band this year because our students are not allowed to go to the public school. The public-school band director would come to St. Pat's to give lessons, but it would be afterschool.

Other items discussed were the Math program and whether there is any advanced program available for students.

Also discussed was a need for a new reading program and adding Spanish to the curriculum.

12. The next meeting will be October 1st at 5:15 at the Park Oasis.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 6:50 PM.

Jerilynn Kolba, Secretary

 *Upcoming Events*October

1-Upham Woods Retreat
Grades 6-8

2-NO SCHOOL:
Teacher work day

7-Early Release

16-Grandparent's Day

November

3-End of First Quarter

7-Hunter's Night Out

19- Parent Teacher
Conferences/Book Fair

20-NO SCHOOL-
A.M. Parent Teacher
Conferences

25-Early Release

26 & 27-NO SCHOOL:
Thanksgiving Break