

A Boost for Saint Patrick School

September 14, 2019

Society is trending away from Catholic values, including participation and support for our churches.

One of the best things we can do to preserve these Catholic values is to make sure our youth get an exceptional Catholic education. That is why those before us kept this commitment to educational excellence going for 125 years.

A group of interested parishioners has formed a “Strategic Planning Committee” to work with the Viterbo University Education Department leadership to help our school pursue excellence going forward.

Our core faculty is a rock solid foundation that will continue with new tools and training.

Our school is evolving to meet the current times. We are dedicated to providing high quality instruction focusing on all areas of English, language arts, communications, math, science and all other subjects. We are excited to announce that significant improvements in technology education at St. Patrick School are being implemented this fall. These additions will be great tools to aid us in providing that top quality Catholic education. Our math curriculum was upgraded in 2017. Processes are in place to further improve the science curriculum as well. Overseeing this effort is our energetic and kind principal, Karla Reinhardt.

All of this comes at a cost. The cost of the complete technology overhaul installed this summer is \$133,300. This cost includes the replacement and upgrade of our entire communications infrastructure, all new computers in our computer lab, one-to-one ratio of Chromebooks for students 3rd through 8th grade, and new laptops for all teachers.

There will be other expenses associated with changes in curriculum and evaluation that bring the total up to \$190,000 for this school year. We have already received some generous financial support for this effort which totals about one third of the cost, but we are asking parishioners, alumni and friends of the school to help with this effort.

We will be presenting additional information on these changes as we move forward. If you have any questions, please contact the school office (847-5844) or the church office (847-6054). To offer suggestions for the continuing development of the plan, you can call any member of the planning committee. They are Bill Curran, Paul Schaller, Jane Kattenbraker, Howard Boppart, and Laura Vinopal.

We will share in next weekend’s bulletin how you will be able to help support this project. We thank you for your interest and ask for your support in our effort to ensure the excellence of Saint Patrick School continues into the future.

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St. Patrick's School has worked hard to maintain their standard of academic excellence, ensuring students advance beyond proficiency in all subjects. Over the past few years, St. Patrick's has made it their goal to update and modernize classroom technology. The idea being that by advancing our technology department, we will open up a variety of resources and tools for our teachers to utilize. Through many, many generous donations and contributions we have made huge strides toward reaching this goal. This year we have added another piece to the puzzle and we need your help.

The Sponsor-A-Student campaign breaks down this year's technology costs per student. Those costs include updates to the computer lab, additions to the classroom iPads, new teacher laptops to increase efficiency between work and home, and two interactive panels to grades 3 and 4. This all comes out to approximately \$450 per student. By offering to sponsor a child you are helping to alleviate at least a portion of the cost from the school and the parish. If you are able to help sponsor a student or would just like to make a donation toward the campaign please contact Jennifer at the Parish rectory at 847-6054.

The poster in the back of church and the school lobby provides a visual display of how many students are left to be sponsored. Take a moment to look it over and see how far we have come! We thank you all in advance for your support in our mission to continue to foster academic excellence at St. Patrick's School.

Sponsor A Student

Yes, I would like to Sponsor A Student! My tax-deductible donation is enclosed.

Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Address: _____

Please mail to: St. Patrick Parish, 401 Mansion Street, Mauston WI 53948