

St. Patrick School Principal's Newsletter



August 2, 2017

The mission of St. Patrick School is to provide a quality education in a Catholic environment that promotes love of God, positive self-esteem, personal responsibility, and respect for others and the world around us following the example of Jesus Christ.

Dear Parents of St. Patrick School,

Welcome back to another great year at St. Patrick School! I eagerly look forward to starting our journey of faith together, and I am beyond blessed to call myself Principal of St. Patrick School! As we begin a new school year, we all are called to plunge into the St. Patrick School community, ever being **#StPatProud** of St. Patrick School. I envision St. Patrick School students **#StPatProud**, the parish community shouting with joy and **#StPatProud**, and especially **#StPatProud** parents! You are the vibrant life force that seeks to promote all Good Things happening at St. Patrick School! To grow in discipleship throughout life, all believers need and are called to build vibrant parish and diocesan communities of faith and service, just like at St. Patrick School. Supporting all school and parish events to the best of your ability, please join our school community in becoming fully, consciously, and actively participating members of St. Patrick School.



I am calling each of you now to become active in sharing in and promoting the hashtag, **#StPatProud**, through your virtuous social media posts (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) that promote the essential mission of St. Patrick School: promoting love of God, positive self-esteem, personal responsibility, and respect for others and the world around us following the example of Jesus Christ (see above). Because we have experienced the love of Christ, we should want to share it! The gifts God has given to us are not gifts for ourselves! Let's promote our already highly awesome school as being **#StPatProud**!

So blessed by God to be **#StPatProud**,

Mrs. Denise Brickler
Principal, St. Patrick School

MEET THE NEW FACULTY AND STAFF!

I would like to welcome the NEW faculty and staff members to St. Patrick School!



- **Ms. Savannah Arnold, Music Teacher**—Ms. Arnold comes to our faculty after teaching K-4 Music at ICD. Ms. Arnold is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Josephville, where she sings and cantors at weekend Masses. Ms. Arnold is very excited to join our faculty and is eager to have a Smart Board installed in her classroom soon.

- **Mrs. Denise Brickler, Principal**—Mrs. Brickler comes to our faculty after teaching at St. Ann School in Normandy. Mrs. Brickler recently graduated from SLU, earning her Masters in Catholic School Leadership, which she hopes will have prepared her for her first year of being Principal at St. Patrick School! She is very excited!

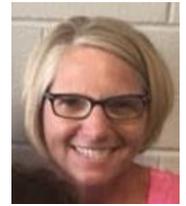


- **Mrs. Bridget Harr, 2nd Grade Aide**—Mrs. Harr joins our faculty and staff after spending 20 years at home with her 7 children! Mrs. Harr's background is in Special Education, and she belongs to St. Joseph Parish in Josephville.



- **Mr. Mitch Kalist, Technology Integrator**—Mr. Kalist comes to us from ICD after taking a two-year hiatus in the corporate world. Mr. Kalist is very excited to return to Catholic education and assist our teaching with integrating technology into their classroom lessons!

- **Mrs. Sharon Kerns, Preschool Aide**—Mrs. Kerns joins our faculty full-time after being the consistently called upon Preschool Substitute Aide. Mrs. Kerns is excited to join our staff and get to attend the faculty book studies and daily morning prayer!



- **Mrs. Lisa Kothe, 1st Grade Aide**—Mrs. Kothe is returning to our faculty after working at St. Dominic High School for a few years. Mrs. Kothe is very excited to return to the 1st grade classrooms in her dream job with dream teachers!
- **Mr. Andrew Neiner, PE Teacher**—Mr. Neiner (pronounced NINE-er) comes to our faculty from North County. After splitting his time at two Catholic schools last year (St. Angela Merici and Sacred Heart in Florissant), Mr. Neiner is eager to have one full-time teaching position. A former football player, bearded Mr. Neiner is looking forward to taking reservations for the gym and planning Field Day!



- **Mrs. Cindy Newman, 7th Grade Teacher (7N)**—Mrs. Newman comes to our faculty after serving as Principal of Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City, MO. Mrs. Newman will teach all 7th and 8th graders science and some 7th and 8th graders math. Mrs. Newman was formally awarded 2nd place for the State of Missouri Teacher of Year Award in 2005!

- **Mrs. Lisa Stoker, 6th Grade Teacher (6L)**—Mrs.

Stoker joins our faculty and staff after teaching at the Academy of the Sacred Heart for more than 20 years. Mrs. Stoker will teach math and science to all of the 6th graders and math to some of the 7th and 8th graders. Mrs. Stoker will have the 6L homeroom because she shares the same initials as Mrs. Steiner!



- **Mrs. Stacy Terbrock, Enrichment and G.R.A.S.P. Teacher**—Mrs. Terbrock joins our faculty full-time after substitute teaching at St. Patrick for many different teachers over the years. Mrs. Terbrock will teach Enrichment and Gifted Resource at St. Patrick (G.R.A.S.P.) on Mondays and Wednesdays starting in September.

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 5-6 Back-to-School Packets in Church
11 Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00 am
12-13 Back-to-School Packets in Church
13 Supply drop off, Grades 1-8, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Mass in the Gym, 5:00 pm
Food Trucks, 6:00-7:30 pm
14 School Office CLOSED
15 Feast of the Assumption
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
16 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL
"Boo Hoo" Breakfast for Kindergarten
Parents in cafeteria, 8:00 a.m.
All School Mass, 9:30 a.m.
NOON DISMISSAL, NO Morning Care or After Care
17 Organizational Signups in cafeteria, 6 p.m.
Open House 6:30 pm (Parents only)
21 St. Patrick Solar Eclipse Day!
(Solar Eclipse, 1:13 p.m.)
24 6th Grade REAP Retreat, Social Hall, 9:00-2:30 p.m.
Board of Education Orientation
29 Preschool "Meet the Teacher"
Home & School Mtg., 7:00 pm
30 Pre-K "Meet the Teacher"



CULTIVATING FAITH THROUGH VIRTUE



2017-2018 SCHOOL THEME

This year's school theme is *Cultivating Faith Through Virtue*. The students, faculty, and staff will study a different virtue each month. A VIRTUE is a holy habit, which leads us to be like God. These virtues are:

- August & September—FAITH
- October—REVERENCE
- November—STEWARDSHIP
- December—GENEROSITY
- January—GRATITUDE
- February—HONESTY
- March—MERCY
- April—JUSTICE
- May—ZEAL

RECESS VOLUNTEERS

Until the volunteer forms contained in this Back-to-School packet are returned to school, we are in need of playground and cafeteria supervisors the first two weeks of school. Anyone able to volunteer for these first two weeks, please call the school office, 636-332-9913, ext. 240. Thank you!

WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES

A giant WELCOME to all of our new families joining us at St. Patrick School! We have **10** new students in Grades 1-8 joining St. Patrick School this year! We hope that we have succeeded in making your transition into our school an easy one. Each of you have been assigned a “buddy family,” and we hope you have met with them and found their mentoring very helpful.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th at 9:00 a.m.

A short orientation for all Kindergarteners and their parents will take place on Friday, August 11th at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will assemble in the gym first before going down to the Kindergarten rooms. The Parish Center doors will be unlocked. Parents may drop off their child’s supplies at this time instead of at the All School Supply Drop-Off on Sunday, August 13th.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

SUPPLY DROP-OFF 2:30-4:30 p.m.	MASS IN THE GYM 5:00 p.m.	FOOD TRUCKS 6:00-7:30 p.m.
All classrooms (Grades 1-8) will be open from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 13 th to enable your child to meet their new teacher and drop off their school supplies before the first day of school. Please label all supplies with your child’s name using a permanent marker!	Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Fischer in the Gym at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 13 th . This will be a Life Teen Mass with a BAND led by St. Patrick’s new music director, Mrs. Carrie Piotrowski, who will also lead music at all of our school liturgies.	After Mass, Home & School has arranged for multiple FOOD TRUCKS to be in the St. Patrick Parking Lot! Join other St. Patrick School families in celebrating the beginning of a fantastic new school year together!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 16th! The Kindergarten parents are invited to the Boo Hoo Breakfast immediately after morning drop off in the cafeteria. There will be an All School Mass at 9:30 a.m., an Assembly at 11:00, Snow Cones at 11:30, and a NOON DISMISSAL. There is no Morning Care or After Care on the first day of school.

KINDERGARTEN BBQ

All of our Kindergarten Families are invited for some chillin’ and grillin’ at the St. Patrick Kindergarten Welcome BBQ Sunday, August 20th from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Quail Ridge Park Group Shelter. KW please bring a side dish to share, and KC please bring a dessert to share. Please do not bring anything with peanuts due to allergies. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and supplies will be provided. Please bring your own drinks! RSVP to Amy McGovern, and see the flyer in the Back-to-School Packets for more information

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

To celebrate Eclipse Day on Monday, August 21st, St. Patrick School has an exciting day planned! During the school day, students will rotate through stations focusing on STEM activities and projects about the solar system, gravity, moon phases, the sun, eclipses, and eclipse eye safety. St. Patrick School has 500 solar eclipse glasses for all students and staff to watch the eclipse! After watching the eclipse, students will enjoy Moon Pies, Star Crunch, Starburst, and Sunny D. It will be a fun day of learning on this momentous day!



NEW SCHOOL INFORMATION SYSTEM

St. Patrick has started transitioning to a new School Information System called RenWeb. RenWeb will replace Fast Direct, which will become obsolete on August 8. School parents should have received an email from Mrs. Brickler about how to sign up for a parent account on ParentsWeb. The link can be found at: www.stpatrickwentzville.org/school. The required District Code for St. Patrick School is SPAT-MO. In order to sign up for a parent account, you need to use the email address that St. Patrick School has on file. If you have not provided your email address previously, please email our Technology Integrator, Mr. Mitch Kalist at: mitchkal@stpatsch.org, and he can help. There will be more training on how to use ParentsWeb at our Open House evening. Thank you for your patience as we transition to our new system!

EAGLE SCOUT LANDSCAPING

Thank you to Future Eagle Scout, Hunter Coutts, who completed his Eagle Scout Project at St. Patrick School last weekend. Hunter improved the landscaping directly in front of the main school entrance, using the colors white, green, and orange like an Irish flag. His handiwork is very needed and much appreciated!



6th GRADE REAP TEAM RETREAT

The REAP Team from the Archdiocese of St. Louis' Office of Youth Ministry is coming to St. Patrick School on Thursday, August 24 to lead a youth retreat for our 6th grade students! More details will be coming home during the first week of school.

PRESCHOOL & PRE-K "MEET THE TEACHER"

Our Preschool students and PreK students begin their school year on September 5th (Preschool) and September 6 (PreK). We want your child to be excited and comfortable on that first day of school. Please join us in making that possible for your child by participating in our "Meet the Teacher" opportunity on August 29th for Preschool families and on August 30th for PreK families. If you have not scheduled your visit, please call the school office at 636-332-9913, ext. 240.
