



IRISH EYES

Week of SEPTMEBER 6, 2010

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School Information

Absentee Voicemail

The new absentee voice mail # is:
630-338-8181

School Directory

Before the school directory goes to print – you have one more chance to make any changes. If your last name is A – K click on the A – K attachment. If your last name is L – Z click on the L – Z attachment. If you have any changes please email them by Wednesday – September 8 to mrsscorte@stpatsirish.info

Band Department News

The schedules for beginning and returning band students have been mailed to all families! Please contact Mrsgreen@stpatsirish.info if you don't receive yours by the weekend. Classes start on **Tuesday, September 7, 2010.**

Paddy Press

THE PADDY PRESS IS YOUR
NEWSPAPER!
WE WELCOME YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

The Paddy Press Student Staff is open to grades 7 and 8, but submissions from students in all grades, as well as parents are welcome. You do not have to be on staff to get your news out. We are interested in your class news. For example, you can write

about **class field trips, service projects, religious ceremonies, and/or special homework assignments.** You may also write about **scouts, band, your sport team, or church youth group.** We also could always use some **alumni news** and don't forget to get your pet on the **Pet of the Month list.**

Prior to submission, please have your parents proofread your piece. To submit your piece, please email (as an attached document) to paddyspress@stpatsirish.info.

If you are not able to email, then you may send a hard paper copy to the school office to the attention of Paddy's Press.

Michelle Sheen and Julie Moss

Children & Young At Heart

Please Join the Children of St. Patrick Parish on Sunday, **September 26th** at 9:45am, Crane Road Church for **Children & Young At Heart Mass. Everyone is Welcome!**

We Still Need More Singers for the C.Y.A.H. Mass on **Sunday, September 26th.** Music rehearsal for 5th graders thru High School Age who want to sing will be **Thursday, September 23rd from 5 to 6 pm** at the Downtown Church, Fr. Carse Center. Please Contact Mike Zak. Or you may go to the Parish Website for more information.

Classroom Enhancement

On September 15 St. Pat's Home and Schools Classroom Enhancements program will be presenting a cutting edge anti-bullying assembly by motivational speaker Chris McBrien. Mr. McBrien is a member of The Magic Storyteller Educational Group. 2 Assemblies are scheduled. The first is for K-4th grade in the gym from 8:45-9:45 and the second is for 5th-8th grade from 10:00-11:00. Bullying is a tough topic for many schools and it can be difficult for children to "fit in" in our world today. We at St. Pat's Home and School are committed alongside our faculty in promoting our Christian values of respect and love for one another. We strongly encourage parents to attend...please come it will be a great

opportunity to engage in the conversation at home!

Classroom Enhancement Chairs Justine Yeargin and Bernee Gredzielseski

School Safety

If you come to school before, during or after school, please go to the office first. If you need to see a teacher, the office will check with the teacher. If the teacher is available you can go to the room. If the teacher is not available, she will contact you as soon as possible.

Lunchroom

Use of Microwave in Cafeteria Kitchen: For safety reasons, the lunch staff will no longer be able to warm up food items for students in the microwave.

Internet/Cyberbullying Meeting

Sister Louise, Salesian Sister was scheduled to give an internet/cyberbullying presentation to parents on Wednesday – September 8th. Sister Louise has injured her back. The meeting is postponed. You will be informed of new date/time.

POPS

On days' you are helping as a POPS volunteer.

- Please stop in the office to sign in and get a POPS pass.
- When you go outside for lunch recess, please see Mr. Levandowski regarding areas he wants you to supervise.

Lunchtime Recess

If there is a day when you need to see your child at lunchtime recess, please first go to the school office, sign in and receive a visitor's pass. Please show your badge to Mr. Levandowski outside before seeing your child.

Incident Report

On Wednesday, September 1st, during the primary grades' (1, 2 and 3) lunch recess, a car going east on Route 64 by the Citgo gas station was directed to pull over by the St. Charles Police. The gas station is located on 64/4th Street across from Lincoln Park.

Instead of stopping, the driver drove up the curb and knocked down the stop sign by the Citgo station. Then the driver got out of his car and tried to run away. The police caught him quickly. At no time did the police or driver come into Lincoln Park. After lunch recess, Mr. Battisto went to each classroom in Grades 1, 2 and 3 and explained to the students what happened.

Flynn & O'Hara School Uniforms

Have any questions regarding ordering, sizing, returns, exchanges or further customer service issues? Need a sample uniform to try on for size?

Please contact Joy Rosland at 630.443.1353 or joierosland@yahoo.com.

On Monday, December 6, 2010 there will be a Uniform Fitting/Bulk Order Day in the Father Carse Center. Please watch Irish Eyes for further details.

Please note Sr. Liz will only address issues pertaining strictly to uniform policy.

All customer service issues will be passed on to Mrs. Rosland.

Sr. Liz's Corner

The following are the main points shared by Mrs. Cheryl Denz (Riverside Counseling) and Mr. Battisto at the Junior High Back to School Night. The information is timely and applies to parents of every age level. I hope you take time to reflect on these important points. It will be time well spent!

Cheryl Denz:

Middle school – not the best years of our life

- struggle between wanting to be an adult but are still a child
- trying to figure out who you are and where you belong
- many of these battles play out at school because that's where they spend most time without parents
- what guides that behavior is the time they spend with their parents

Four “snippets” of professional advice

- be involved
- be a guide
- be a model
- be loving

Be involved

- more than going to games and signing up for committees (which is still important)
- although middle schoolers want their independence, they don't necessarily have the judgment to do so.
- know their friends
- know who they sit by at lunch and who they play with at recess
- who do they like? who do they not like?
- what do they want to this year in school? next year?
- how do they spend their free time?
- what do they do with their friends? what do they text? who are their friends on Facebook? How are they using these pastimes?
- The struggle is finding the balance between involvement and hovering

Be a guide

- your kids listen to you more than you think, even if they would rather have their teeth pulled than ever admit that
- research- peer group loses out to parental input
- even though your kids will probably never ask for your opinion on things, give it anyway.
- teach them how to respect themselves and others even those they don't like
- tell them what you think about important topics, including hear taboo subjects like drinking, drugs and sex. Let them hear about it from you in addition to friends, media, and the internet.
- it's all in the delivery and timing
- Be a model
- your kids are watching you
- how do you talk about others
- how do you talk about others you don't particularly like?
- how do you speak to and about members of the opposite sex?
- what kind of language do you use?
- how do you talk about and address people in authority – teachers and administrators?
- are you kind? are you helpful?

- how do you follow the rules? Do you take accountability when you don't?
- Show them that their school behavior does matter to you and you will be holding them accountable. If your child does happen to have concerns at school regarding their conduct or behavior, it doesn't mean that something is "wrong with your child". It does mean that for whatever reason, a social learning piece is being missed or misunderstood

Be loving

- as much as they may not admit it, your kids still love you.
- you need to fake being calm and collected when they are pushing your buttons and driving you nuts
- you cannot teach someone else to be calm if you are not calm
- They will remember the love (many years from now) and will become the loving adults you want them to be.

"Unspoil" Your Child

According to a recent parent survey, 94% of parents are worried that their kids are spoiled. At the Junior High Back To School Night, Mr. Battisto shared 5 fast ways to "Unspoil" your child according to psychologist/author Dr. Richard Bromfield.

- **Stand strong.**

Commit to making less indulgent parenting a priority. This means you must "be tough and unyielding" when it comes to saying no, Bromfield says. "Wishy-washy unspoiling" won't work.

- **Avoid idle threats.**

"Yelling, counting to three and threatening consequences that you do not implement can weaken your authority," Bromfield advises. "State your expectations clearly, and keep to them."

- **Be a parent, not a pal.**

"Parents want to be friends, not dictators," Bromfield maintains. "But sometimes, children need to hear a simple 'no' or, dare I say, old-fashioned 'because I am the parent and I say so.' "

- **Don't bargain.**

"Parents train their children to be mini-lawyers," Bromfield believes. "Don't barter

for every bit of cooperation. We know who has the energy to win endless battles, and it is not the parents."

- **Buy, do less.**

Giving into fewer whims, Bromfield says, teaches "critical life skills" of appreciation and patience.

Home/School Information

EMERALD EVENING

We are out of the gate running! We are in need of an airline donation of 4 airline tickets to add to Father Federspiel's donation of 4 Orange Bowl tickets in Miami. This fabulous live auction item would be perfect with flights included! 4 families could donate 50,000 pts each!

We just received a wonderful donation from Isacco Kitchen on Cedar Street for a privately served dinner for 8, donated by the exquisite chef/owner Isacco. Isacco Vitali is previously of Charlie Trotters and was Executive Chef of the Silver Seas Cruise Lines. He will come to your home and prepare and serve the meal. Included will be wine and bartender.

We have a Florida vacation property and a cottage in Galena. Plan your next vacation for this trip and others? News to follow. Thanks to all volunteers who are working so hard to making everything come together, remembering always it's for the children that we are doing all that we do!

We hope you noticed the opportunity to buy the "new and improved" Out of Uniform Shirt. At only \$20.00 per child and a brand new saying and shirt design, we hope you will really enjoy a break from your uniform, there is a new deadline of Sept 15 due to great tshirt response. Tshirt sizes are: Youth sm 6-8 med 10-12 lg 14-16 Adult based roughly on chest sizes...sm 34-36, med 38-40, lg 42-44, xl46-48, xxl 50-52.

Our event will take place at St Charles Country Club this year on Saturday November 6th 5:30 – 11:30 the tickets are \$85.00. The first general meeting will be held in the father Carse Center September 17th, 9:30 – 11:00. Come and buy tickets, ask questions, join the team!!!! Call either Lynn Strickland 630-885-1643 Chairman or Kelly Francaviglia Co-Chairman 630-991-6877 if you would like to become involved before then.

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Home and School welcomes our new Problem of the Week coordinator, Mrs. Gerette Carravetta!

Grade 2/3

How many numbers from 25 to 75 contain the digit 6 exactly once?

Grade 4/5

How many whole numbers from 99 to 131 contain the digit 1 exactly once?

Grade 6-8

Find the average of all numbers from 1 to 100 that end in 2.

Mail your correct responses, along with your name and your teacher's name, to Mrs. Carravetta at rojocar@aol.com by 11:00 P.M. Friday, September 10th. This week one winner will be drawn from the correct responders in grade 2/3, one winner in grade 4/5, and one winner from grade 6-8. The prizes are \$1 Dairy Queen gift certificates.

S.P.A.M. is BACK!

S.P.A.M. (St. Pat's After school Math) invites all interested junior high students to join us in exploring math. We learn a lot of contest math and get great practice solving word problems!

S.P.A.M. meets each Monday until 4:15 in Mrs. Harris' room. We will be using **MATHCOUNTS** coaching materials to prepare for the DuKane Regional competition in February. **Our first meeting is September 13th**, and a snack schedule for members will be forming.

New this year-

A home packet of materials with questions and solutions will be available for those students who would like to prepare for the February competition but cannot come to Monday practices.

For more information, contact coaches Carol Vonderhaar, Linda Seraphin, or Tina Loos.

COOKIES DOUGH SALE

A NEW fundraiser is coming to St. Pat's...watch your backpacks on September 10th!!!

St. Patrick Home and School is very excited to debut "Smart: Cookie" which features frozen pre-portioned gourmet cookie dough, tasty brownies and soft pretzels! *Perfect for last-minute guests, after-school snacks, bake-sales, and family parties.* All selections are pre-portioned for easy baking which takes all the work out of baking and leaves more time for fun! Bake one or bake a dozen! No trans-fat and don't forget to check out the sugar-free chocolate chip variety! These keep in the freezer for up to 12 months.

Home and School is especially excited that the proceeds from this fundraiser will specifically be earmarked for beautification of the new school. We have many ideas in the works and are thrilled to be able to contribute to a cause that will nurture not only our children but children for generations to come. Please consider supporting this fundraiser!!For questions, contact Jessica Spizzirri at jessica@foxvalley.net.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

It's time to turn in all the BOX TOPS you collected over the summer. Clean out your drawers, cabinets and pantry and turn in all your BOX TOPS. Check with grandparents, friends and neighbors and add those BOX TOPS to your student's totals!

Please submit BOX TOPS in a plastic bag labeled

with student and teacher name. Please do not send in expired BOX TOPS. They will deducted from St. Pat's earnings.

Students will receive 1 chance to win for every 10 BOX TOPS turned in. Prizes will be announced following collection and counting. Watch Irish Eyes and listen to daily announcements for winners.

CONTEST ENDS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2010.

Please contact Lynn Blonsky (630) 377-2887 or Ingrid D'Agostino (847) 695-0269 if you have any questions. Thanks for helping to make the BOX TOPS program a success for St. Pat's.

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PADDY CERTIFICATES

Everyday shopping can earn you money towards your child's tuition! Gift cards are purchased at a discount and sold to you at face value. Half the discount is donated to the school, and half is awarded toward your child's final tuition payment. Cards may be purchased through your child's backpack c/o Paddy Certificates, or stop by the school lobby on Wednesdays from 2:30 - 3:15. Watch for a new order form coming soon! If you have any question please contact Lisa Shaw at 630-667-3443 or Mary Anderson 630-443-7215.

MARKET DAY

September is a great month to place a Market Day® order and stock up on favorites you missed all summer!

Super Market Day Giveaway: Register your e-mail address at www.marketday.com for ordering and pick up reminders and other specials and you are entered into a contest to win any of the following: an **Apple iPad**, a **\$250 Best Buy Gift Card**, **\$50 in Market Day Gift Certificates**, and **\$25 in Market Day Gift**

Certificates. If you win, our school wins the same prize!

Freequent Buyers Bonus: Get rid of those pesky plastic grocery bags! Go Green! **Buy 3 times and earn a Free Market Basket!** Make two purchases of \$40 between September and November. Then, place a third order of \$40 in December to receive a **Free Market Basket at our December sale.** It's great for quick shopping trips, has a comfortable handle, and it folds easily for storage. And it is so CUTE!

Deals of the Week: Watch your e-mails and check the Market Day website for Deals of the Week each week!

Ordering Tip for Deals of the Week: Begin placing your order online when you want a Deal of the Week (using the instructions/coupon codes), but check out as a COD order. Continue adding to your order online as the weekly deals change, and then check out by the ordering deadline as either COD or with your credit/debit card.

September Bonus from Market Day:

1 - Free Apple Pie with your \$80 purchase (pre-tax) when you enter promo code: **APPLE** at checkout on marketday.com.

2 - Purchase 3 qualifying items and receive two FREE Chalkboard Storage Bins. They have a Chalkboard writing surface for labeling, it's a set of 2, each 15.5"x 11"x9" and they fold flat for storage. Check the order guide or online for details.

Clearance: Always be sure to check the clearance area online for low prices on specials that are out of this world!

Facebookers: "Become A Fan" and receive Deal of the Week and Facebook-Only Special Offers notices and recipes on your homepage.

Online orders are due **Monday, September 13 by 11pm for pick up on Thursday, September 16, 2-30-3:30 pm in the Fr. Carse Center.** If you have any questions, call Kate Dzierzanowski, Anna Bolger or Norma Kuehl, our Market Day chairs.

USED UNIFORMS:

We are happy to announce that the Used Uniform program is off to a great start! We have been able to re-stock with gently used Flynn and O'hara items. This is a program which is available throughout the year to provide access to uniforms at great prices. At this time, due to a lack of interest in seller consignment, we are no longer offering consignment as an option. Donations can be made at any time by bringing clean uniforms to the main office. Only Flynn and Ohara items will be accepted. If you would like to make a donation or purchase items, please call Angela Stuhlmacher at #847-542-0530.

ROOM MOM'S

We appreciate all the parents who were willing to be room moms. The room moms were randomly drawn by the school office. A list of all those who volunteered will be given to the room mom's.

Mrs. Graffagna: L. Kalaf, A. Smith
Miss White: L. Abele, E. Soderquist
Mrs. Kuzniar: J. Dumpit, M. Bartt

Mrs. Duhig: M. Hurh, M. Torzewski
Mrs. McLaughlin: M. Fazio, N. O'Connor
Mrs. Lorenz: K. DePaul, S. Carbonara
Mrs. Brewster: D. Greco, T. Heinrich
Mrs. Stone: M. Vale, J. Rosland
Mrs. Marshall: M. Cicinelli, J. Christin
Mrs. Rensa: M. Berg, S. Schimbke
Mrs. Zirlin: T. Loos, K. Calabria
Mrs. Harris: A. Williams, J. Moss
Mrs. Kelly: K. Russell, K. Tarpey
Mrs. Stewart: J. Vainisi, L. Bledsoe
Mrs. Mignin: J. Calcagno, M. Liesen
Mrs. Phelan: J. Bayne, C. Fullen
Mrs. O'Neill: Halloween-D. Kenny, J. Shields
Mrs. O'Neill: Christmas – S. Glab, K. French
Mrs. O'Neill: Valentine's- T. Howicz, M. Junge
Mrs. O'Neill: Graduation – J. Christin
Miss Hurley: Halloween – P. Rapp, J. Fergus
Miss Hurley: Christmas – T. Christe, J. Matthews
Miss Hurley: Valentine's – H. Mistele, D. Johnston
Miss Hurley: Graduation – B. Bischof

Calendar

Monday – September 6

No School – Labor Day

Tuesday – September 7

No 9:45 AM Mass

Hot Lunch – Pasta

Wednesday – September 8

POPS – Papez

Thursday – September 9

Hot Lunch – Sesame Chicken

Market Day paper orders are due

POPS - Hurh

Friday – September 10

Cookie Fundraiser begins

POPS – Heuser, A. Williams