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## **Saint Patrick School Newsletter**

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**To: Parents**

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**From: Mrs. Long**

**September, 2009 Newsletter**

### **NEWSLETTER GREETINGS!**

This is the first of our monthly newsletters. This is our way of keeping you updated on school events and giving you necessary information. This, along with other items, comes to you in the message envelope. We ask that you sign, date, and return the envelope as soon as possible.

### **CALENDAR NOTES**

**9/23:** Playground Committee meeting – see enclosure

**9/24: Mercy Day** – We recognize the Sisters of Mercy who founded St. Patrick School (originally known as Sacred Heart Academy) in 1894.

**9/30:** *Applications for Children's Scholarship Fund are due. Any questions? – call the office. Please note: CSF sent us a letter indicating the applications that had been received as of Sept. 1. Only four families were on the list. Contact the school office to verify your name.*

**OCTOBER 1-9:** **Students in Gr. 2-8 will be taking standardized tests of achievement and cognitive ability. Please try to schedule doctor/dentist appointments away from this time. We will provide make-up days, but these will cause the students to miss class time.**

**10/1: St. Patrick School IS in session.**

**10/2: NO SCHOOL**

**10/2-4: Applefest Weekend**

### **Looking ahead:**

**\*Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the parish from Oct. 11-13.**

**\*School pictures will be taken on Oct. 19 (individual) and on Oct. 21 (entire class).**

### **OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

Student Mass is celebrated once a week during the school year. This year the student Mass is celebrated on Wednesdays at 10:30. Mass will begin with Novena prayers. You are welcome to join us.

### **GOSPEL VALUES**

Along with our regular curriculum, our school emphasizes Christian values which we wish to instill

in our students. During **September** we emphasize the virtue of **community**. We are pairing older grades with younger ones and this pairing will last for the entire year. We refer to this as our "Buddy Program."

### **ATHLETICS**

Our girls' basketball teams began action on Sept. 12 & 13 at the St. Stephen Tip-Off Tourney. Our varsity girls lost on Friday and won on Saturday. The JV team came away with the first-place trophy. Coaches are Victoria Beals (varsity) assisted by Kayla Cook and Macy Smith along with Jim Fryman (JV) assisted by Carol Fiorentino and Julie Hovis. Chris Shull is our athletic director. Other games this month:

\*9/20: home game with Immaculate Conception

\*9/23: away game with St. Joseph

\*9/26: home game with St. Michael

\*9/27: away game at St. Stephen

Note: Any religious ed. student who would like to help at home games for service hours should contact the office or Chris Shull.

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD NEWS**

The School Advisory Board assists the pastor and principal in an advisory capacity with the governance of the school. Ten members of the board are elected by the PTO. Please refer to the sheet in this message envelope for details about this year's nominations.

### **FUNDRAISING REMINDERS**

\*You may sell your Megaraffle tickets at our Applefest booth or after any of the weekend masses. Please call the school office to reserve your times. This message envelope contains updated prize lists.

*\*If you are interested in parking cars in our lot on Applefest Weekend, contact the school office. Money collected from this will be divided among the "parkers" and applied to their family fundraising goal. You must contact the school office by Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> if you wish to be part of this effort.*

**WE COLLECT. . .**

. . . Campbell's soup labels and redeem them for school supplies. You may bring the labels to school or place them in the wooden receptacle in the back of the church. Thank you to Amanda Corrigan for coordinating this effort.

. . . pennies, nickels, cash of all kinds in our "Penny Fund" to help us with special projects, particularly our technology needs. Send in your loose change to be counted and deposited by chairperson Shelly Hartle.

. . . Box Tops for Education to redeem for cash. You may use Box Tops to assist in meeting your fundraising goal. Pat Broniszewski again chairs this project.

. . . Shop 'n Save receipts to turn in for a free assembly.

FYI: Target donates up to 1% of your purchase when you use your REDcard. You can enroll at [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or by calling 1-800-316-6142.

FYI 2: Use the search engine "Good Search" when using the internet. Each time the site is used one penny will be donated to SPS. Simply go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com), scroll down to "St. Patrick School, Franklin, PA" as your charity, and proceed as you would with any search engine.

## ***VENANGO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS***

Each month VCHS students plan to visit some classrooms throughout the year. On Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, students from the Spanish 2 class will visit Gr. 5-8 to present a skit.

### ***MISCELLANEOUS***

1. Did you get our 9-18 note about lunches?
2. Are you using Scrip? We have enclosed information about this program.
3. Are you aware of the physical education program for Gr. 4-8, which will begin in October? There was a presentation at the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting.
4. The school nurse is scheduled in our building for Monday afternoons. She goes to other FASD buildings on other weekdays
5. Thank you for limiting the number of items to be microwaved at lunch.