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## ***Saint Patrick School Newsletter***

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**To: Parents**

**From: Mrs. Long**

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**October, 2009 Newsletter**

### ***CALENDAR NOTES***

**10/1-10/12:** Students in Gr. 2-8 will be taking standardized tests of achievement and cognitive ability. Please make every effort to see that the students are present during this time.

**10/5:** Fire Prevention assemblies by local fire dept.

**10/6:** End of Interim 1 for Middle School

**10/7: International Walk (Bike) to School Day** (see info in envelope) – *If your child walks/bikes to school today, s/he may wear tennis shoes all day.*

**10/11-13:** St. Patrick Parish honors Our Lord with Eucharistic Adoration devotions. Students will attend the 9:00 parish Mass on Monday and Tuesday and will honor His Eucharistic presence by devotions in church. Gr. 1-8 students should not wear the shorts uniform on Oct. 12 and 13.

**10/12:** Middle School Interims distributed

**10/14:** no student Mass; Wellness meeting-6:00-  
Eat 'n Park

**10/16:** Retreat for multiage class; Happy birthday to Monsignor Snyder, Pastor Emeritus of St. Patrick Parish

**10/19:** NO WALKFIT TODAY; **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY (K-8)-see additional info.**

**10/21:** NO WALKFIT TODAY; no student Mass today; preschoolers will have their pictures taken at 9:00 followed by ALL classes (K-8) having their *class* pictures taken-**see additional info.**

**OPEN HOUSE tonight from 6:30 to 7:30 for all P-8 families (adults and children) and anyone else interested. Come and see how the students and teachers have brought life to the building.**

**10/24:** See enclosure for a fun family time!

**10/26:** The Living Rosary will be presented by the students at 11:00 in Dion. You are welcome to join us as we honor Our Lady during this month of the rosary.

**The School Advisory Board will meet at 6:30 in the school library.**

**10/28:** Apple Crunch–more later; **PTO 7:00**

**10/29:** Officer Phil Safety Program for Gr. K-3 at 10:00; Gr. 4-8 to Barrow at 1:00 for “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”

**10/30:** Halloween celebrations – see newsletter

**11/1:** VCHS Roast Beef Dinner

### ***ADDITIONAL INFO ON SCHOOL PICTURES***

\*On 10/19, K-8 students may wear their school uniform **or** dress in clothes appropriate for individual pictures. All students will be photographed and these pictures will be used for the school yearbook.

\*On 10/21, K-8 will wear their school uniforms for their class pictures.

\*Included in this message envelope is the order form for pictures (both individual and class). Parents may purchase the individual photos taken on 10/19, the class photo taken on 10/21, or both. [Class photo ordering information is a one-line item on the form.]

### ***HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS***

On Oct. 30 all students will have a dress-down day.

**Students in Gr. K-4** will be dismissed at 11:40 a.m. to go home or to a friend's house to eat lunch and dress in costume. **Please send a note to indicate where your child is going.** Students should return at 12:50 p.m. and meet in front of the school for the teacher-led parade up 10<sup>th</sup> St., down Liberty St. to 9<sup>th</sup> St., turn right on 9<sup>th</sup>; go to Buffalo St. and turn right to return to school. Your signature on this message envelope indicates your permission for your child to participate in the parade. In case of poor weather, the parade will be held in the school. SPS preschoolers may join in this parade with adult accompaniment. After the parade, K-4 students will have “classroom” celebrations.

**Students in Gr. 5-8** will eat lunch here as usual and have classroom celebrations with details arranged by the teachers.

**NOTE: We ask that only the room parents provide the food. The teachers will talk with them**

**to coordinate the refreshments. If you are not contacted, you will not need to provide anything.**

### ***PTO NEWS***

\*PTO will meet on Wed., Oct. 28, from 7:00 until 8:00. The main agenda item will be the SPS Light-Up Night float. We encourage your presence.

\*APRIL 9, 2010 DATESAVER: PTO will host the annual Night at the Races at the K of C. Proceeds benefit the PTO treasury which in turn is used for special student activities.

### ***ATHLETIC NEWS***

Girls' games this month:

10/10: JV only home game – 1:00

10/12: Varsity away at Cranberry – 4:00

10/17: JV & V away at IC – 1:00

10/18: JV & V home game – 1:00

10/22: Varsity home – time TBA

10/25: JV & V away – 1:00

### ***PHYS ED NEWS***

Clarion University's Health Science Education Center will begin its nutrition and fitness program with Gr. 4-6 each Tuesday beginning Oct. 6. They will also provide our middle school students with a more traditional physical education class with some in-class health lessons. In addition, each Tuesday from 3:00 until 4:00 Gr. 4-8 are invited to participate in the after-school fitness program. A permission slip is required. Due to the grant which funds this program, only Gr. 4-8 may participate. Phys ed for Gr. K-3 will continue to be provided by Mrs. Lori Crockett.

### ***LUNCH NEWS***

\*Tuesday pasta lunches seem to be a hit. If your child would like only the small salad on that day, it can be purchased for a quarter.

\*Four Star Pizza has re-opened, and we will offer their hot subs for lunch on Wednesdays. (We will continue to offer soup and salad on Wednesdays as well.) Steak, meatball, club and Italian subs may be ordered for \$2.00. Subs need to be ordered and paid for on Tuesdays in order to have them for Wednesday lunch.

### ***SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD INFORMATION***

We congratulate the following four people on being elected to the School Advisory Board for a three-year term: Amanda Corrigan, Shane Judy, Marsha Nightingale, and Jill Shull. They join Mark Byers, Margaret Janidlo, Lisa Rakow, Mary B. Ritchey, and Nancy Smith as elected members. In addition we welcome Julie Hovis to the membership; she will fill a vacancy for a one-year period. The Advisory Board will meet Mon., Oct. 26, at 6:30 in the school library.

### ***MISCELLANEOUS***

**1.** Giant Eagle's Apples for the Students program allows us to obtain free educational equipment. (Last year we received a digital camera.) This year's program began on Sept. 27 and will end on Mar.17. If you have a Giant Eagle Advantage Card, you can be part of the program. To register, go online at [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com) or call 1-800-474-4777. Our School I.D. Number is 1717.

**2.** The top Box Tops summer collectors (with totals) were Julie Peiffer (1,521), Mickaela Nebel (1,105), Indy Judy (836), Dexter Smith (627), Jake Broniszewski (493), Quincy Adams (483), Garrett Conway (465), Eric Crockett (433), Zach Cartwright (336), Kristina Hartle (332) and Courtney Kuhn (250). Continue to turn in your Box Tops; they will be applied to your fundraising goal of \$700. The top five received one dress-down day per month; all received a certificate.

**3.** Please add the following prize to your Megaraffle Prize List:

\*\$75 Value-2000 Remington Bullet Knife (collector's knife)-Broniszewski family

This will be Prize #40; the prizes below it will be re-numbered.

**4. Scrip news:** Two new businesses have joined the program – Pizza Joe's in Franklin and County Market in Grove City.

**5.** Enclosures in this message envelope – too numerous to mention!