



# St. Patrick School Scoop

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## MEET THE FACULTY

**Mrs. Carol Long**, Principal, graduated from Venango Christian High School. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mercyhurst College and received her K-12 Principal Certificate from Westminster College. Mrs. Long is also a 2008-2009 participant in the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Principal Inspired Leadership Program.

**Mrs. Rose Estok**, Pre-School Teacher, graduated from Penn State University with a BS in Elementary Education. Mrs. Estok taught second grade for two years, fifth and sixth grade math and fourth grade science for four years, and has taught pre-school here at St. Patrick for many years.

**Mrs. Lisa Yashinski**, Kindergarten Teacher, graduated from Oil City Senior High School in 1975 and, received her bachelor's degree in Elementary/Early Childhood Education from Clarion College in 1979. Mrs. Yashinski has over 30 years of teaching experience.

**Mrs. Andree Sporer**, First Grade Teacher, graduated from St. Patrick School in 1978, from Venango Christian High School in 1982, and from Mercyhurst College in 1986 with a BA in

Elementary Education with a minor in Human Growth and Development. Mrs. Sporer has earned a Master's Equivalency. Mrs. Sporer has taught at St. Patrick for 25 years.

**Mrs. Paula Klinger**, Second and Third Grade Multiage Teacher, graduated from St. Patrick in 1969 and from Franklin High School in 1973. In 1977, Mrs. Klinger graduated with a BA in Elementary Education from Mercyhurst College. She has earned an additional 27 graduate credits in science. Mrs. Klinger has attended both a Regional and a National Conference on Differentiated Instruction. In 2004, she was the recipient of the Giant Eagle/Edinboro University Golden Apple Award. Mrs. Klinger is beginning her 35th year at St. Patrick. She is also diligently working on the Advancement of Catholic Education in the Franklin/Oil City area, having recently been named the Director of Advancement for St. Patrick School.

**Mr. Stephen Furdak**, Fourth Grade Teacher, graduated with a BS in Elementary Education from Clarion University. He has also completed 24 credits of graduate work. Mr. Furdak has 16 years of teaching experience.

**Mrs. Kathy Reed**, Fifth and Sixth Grade Multiage Teacher, was born and reared in Connecticut. She began her 37th year of teaching with the start of this school year. She graduated from Mercyhurst College with a BA in Elementary Education with a minor in Sociology and, has also completed 24 credits of graduate work. Mrs. Reed has attended both a Regional and a National Conference on Differentiated Instruction.

**Ms. Julie Parquette**, Middle School Teacher, graduated from Franklin High and from Grove City College with a BA in Elementary Education with a concentration in mathematics and computer. She has also completed 30 credits of graduate work at Clarion University, Slippery Rock University, and Franciscan University. Prior to coming to St. Patrick, Ms. Parquette taught first grade in Northampton County, Virginia, and had a number of long-term substitute positions with the Franklin School District. She substituted for the Valley Grove School District as well. Ms. Parquette has been twice nominated for inclusion in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

**Mrs. Pam Kahle**, Music Teacher, graduated from Cranberry High School and from Clarion University with a BA in Music Education. The start of this school year marks Mrs. Kahle's 18th year as the Music Teacher and the 29th year of teaching piano lessons. Mrs. Kahle is also the organist for St. Patrick Church.

**Mrs. Christine Garmong**, Art Teacher, was born and reared in Johnstown, PA. She graduated with a BS in Art Education from Edinboro University in 1986. Mrs. Garmong began teaching at St. Patrick, St. Stephen, and Venango Catholic in 1993. Since 1995, Mrs. Garmong has taught at just St. Patrick and St. Stephen. Mrs. Garmong also

serves as the yearbook advisor for both schools.

### **ADDRESSES REQUESTED**

If you know the address of any of our alumni who are currently attending college, please share that information with the school. We would like their college address so that we may keep in contact with them throughout the school year.

## **IN THE CLASSROOM**

### **Pre-School**

Mrs. Estok and the pre-schoolers have been practicing shapes and colors. They will soon begin the letters A through F, recognizing the letter and the sound. They will also be practicing the numbers 1 through 5 by matching the numbers to objects. Mrs. Estok is being assisted this year by Mrs. Patti Kuhn.

### **Kindergarten**

Mrs. Yashinski has the kindergarteners busy learning about beginning math and reading. They are also learning the importance of rules and the act of kindness. It looks to be a great year in kindergarten!

### **First Grade**

The First Grade class started the new school year with smiles and enthusiasm for learning. The children enjoyed making hands on alphabet pocket pals. On the first day of class, each student made "Al the Alligator", sang a song about the letter "a" using instruments, and also learned how to sign the letter "a". In religion class, the children are listening to stories from the Bible and using his/her religion journal to illustrate the story. The children also like to print in her/her daily journal. In math class, the children are learning to print numerals correctly and to recognize shapes.

### **Primary Multiage (Second and Third Grades)**

There is much excitement in the classroom because they have a student teacher, Miss Andra Mingle, from Clarion University.

In the first weeks of school they have already read the novel *Freckle Juice*. Many activities, such as making pudding, ants on a log, and PB&J sandwiches, accompanied the reading this novel. They finished off the *Freckle Juice* activities by writing "How to" paragraphs describing their recipes.

### **Fourth Grade**

The fourth graders are learning about the world of living things. They will be doing a leaf collection to identify and categorize the different types of leaves (trees) found around Franklin. They are also learning map skills and identifying different land formations.

### **Multiage (Fifth and Sixth Grades)**

The multi-agers welcomed student teacher Ms. Jessica Nixon from Clarion University. She will be teaching a unit on Egypt. They are looking forward to physical education classes this year as they will be participating in a program sponsored by Clarion University which has St. Patrick students competing against Rimersburg Elementary to see which school has the most physically fit and health conscious students.

### **Middle School**

The eighth graders are getting used to their new schedule which has them attending Venango Catholic the first two periods each day for math and English. In science, the middle schoolers are learning how to use a dichotomous key and how it helps to identify and classify organisms.

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