

# *Saint Patrick School Newsletter*

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**To: Parents**  
**From: Mrs. Long**

**October, 2007**

## **CALENDAR NOTES**

**10/8:** Preschool eye screening and Gr. 3 & 4 eye safety presentation (all given by Venango County Blind Ass'n)

**10/9:** Fire Prevention Week assembly by Fkln. FD

**10/10: PTO-SPONSORED ASSEMBLY** – more info in newsletter

**10/12:** Retreat for multiage class; Gr. K-2 to Fire Safety House; Middle School interims distributed

**10/14:** Girls' b'ball home –V at 1:00 and JV follows

**10/15: The Living Rosary will be presented by the students at 1:30 p.m. in Dion. You are welcome to join us as we honor Our Lady during this month of the rosary.**

**10/16-19: CAPP presentations – info in newsletter**

**10/16:** Officer Phil Safety Program for Gr. K-4; Happy birthday to Monsignor Snyder, Pastor Emeritus of St. Patrick Parish

**10/19:** Happy birthday to Mary Danzer, our parish bookkeeper!

**10/20:** Girls' b'ball away

**10/24: SCHOOL PICTURE DAY** – Students may wear their school uniform or dress in clothes appropriate for pictures. All students will be photographed and these pictures will be used for the school yearbook. Families have the option to buy these pictures; It's the Great PA Apple Crunch Day, as well. PANA (PA Advocates for Nutrition and Activity) asks us to join in some nutritious apple-crunching. Sounds like a good lunch idea!

**10/27:** Girls' b'ball away

**10/31:** Halloween celebrations – more info in newsletter

**11/1:** Students (including kindergarten) will attend the 9:00 Mass for the All Saints' Day holyday

**11/2:** Students will attend 1:00 Mass for first Friday (also celebrated is All Souls' Day)

**11/3:** Girls' b'ball away

**11/4:** VCHS Roast Beef Dinner

**MIDDLE STATES VISIT**

From **Sun., Nov. 4 through Wed., Nov. 7**, a team of three educators will be present in the school. These people are the Middle States team who will be on site to conduct the peer review of our school. Included in this envelope are more details about the team and the review process.

**NOTE: On WED., NOV. 7, the team will present its oral report to administration and faculty. In order to facilitate this, we will DISMISS AT 12:00 FOR THE DAY. Student lunch will not be served. School bus service will not be provided for this dismissal; therefore, we ask that you make other arrangements for your children and send a note to that effect. Child Development has been notified and will be here at 12:00 for any children. We thank you for your understanding in this matter and hope we have not caused a serious inconvenience.**

## **OCTOBER 10 ASSEMBLY**

Author Alice Shardlow (grandmother of Katherine, William and Cyrus Thompson) will visit to discuss her book *Crossing Completed*, a work which chronicles the dramatic events precipitated by continued erosion that threatened Cape Cod's Nauset Lighthouse. The dedication and determination of community members to save the lighthouse from falling into the ocean comes to life through the words in this book. Actual photos of the events surrounding the move to safety help the reader share in the drama and excitement of this historic event.

Mrs. Shardlow will give her presentation to different class groups throughout the morning. Her book will be available for sale at a special author's visit price of \$11.00. She will be happy to sign those books while she is here.

**AN OMISSION**

On the original megaraaffle prize list, the donor (the Crivelli family) for Prize #2 was omitted. Mrs. Long discovered the error and insisted that it be rectified. You have 10 amended prize lists in your message envelope. Please feel free to amend your original prize lists by writing in the donor's name.

### **CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAM (CAPP)**

By diocesan directive, each year students in preschool through Gr. 8 must be inserviced on the topic of Child Assault Prevention. In your envelope is information about the content of the program and a permission slip. Please sign and return this form by Fri., Oct. 12.

### **HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS**

On Oct. 31 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 parties.

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

**Everyone: For previous Halloween parties, we have found that there has been an overabundance of goodies. This year 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.**

Our School Handbook states the following: *All electronic devices, games...etc. should remain at home unless specifically requested by the teacher or required for school.* This includes such things as iPods and MP3 players. Thank you for assisting us in enforcing this regulation.

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD INFORMATION**

We congratulate the following three people on being elected to the School Advisory Board for a three-year term: Dawn Francic, Mary B. Ritchey, and Nancy Smith. They join Pat Broniszewski, Susan Byers, Tricia Crivelli, Sara Gresco, Margaret Janidlo, Wendy Thompson, and Terri Weaver as elected members.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. PTO** – Cathy Gabrys has agreed to serve as president and Dawn Caiarelli will again serve as treasurer. We need a vice-president and a secretary. Please consider this service.
- 2.** The Titusville Knights of Columbus announces its 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament to be held Oct. 20. For an entry form and more information, call 814-827-2462 or email [kofc492@gmail.com](mailto:kofc492@gmail.com).
- 3.** Giant Eagle's Apples for the Students program allows us to obtain free educational equipment. (Last year we received an overhead projection cart.) This year's program begins on Oct. 28 and ends on Mar. 15. If you are new to the program, just register at [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com) or call 1-800-474-4777.
- 4.** The Red Door (Uniform Company) in Erie asks us to list its fall store hours: Mon. thru Fri. 11:30-5:30, Sat. 10:00-1:00.
- 5.** Continue to turn in your Box Tops. If you would like them to be used toward your fundraising goal of \$700, let us know.

**Congratulations to all of the preschool families who are using the Scrip program!**

***YOUR HELP, PLEASE***