

October 21, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gurnee AM/PM Specials Monday
Picture Retakes Monday
Preschool Pictures Monday and Tuesday
8th Grade Confirmation Practice Tuesday
Fall Fest - Kroll's Farm Friday the 28th
8th Grade Confirmation Saturday the 29th
Halloween Parties Monday, 10/31

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

We have scheduled picture retakes for Monday, October 24 at 8:30 AM. This day was scheduled for students who entered school after the initial picture date and students who were absent on picture day. If your child's eyes were closed or if there was a defect in the processing, you received a note in the picture packet envelope regarding a retake. Please return your pictures with the form inside filled out and give to the photographer on the day of picture retakes. Any students in Grades K-8 having their picture taken must wear their school uniform, no scout uniforms please. This school picture day will include our preschool program.

18th ANNUAL AUCTION - SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL

Please join us for the 18th annual auction....SHAKE RATTLE & ROLL
Saturday, November 5th, 5:30PM, Boehm Center
Enjoy a wonderful evening of great food, great conversation, and exciting bidding while raising money to support our school.

Some items to look forward to: incredible classroom projects
2 Night Stay at the Wilderness resort in the Dells
2 Night Stay at Avery House B & B in Galena
5 Nights at a 4 Bedroom/3 Bath town home with private pool in Kissimmee, FL. minutes from Disney
Sport autographs: Derrick Rose, Walter Payton, Matt Forte
Birthday parties
Dinner with Father Fred and Father Marty
Non-Uniform day for all of your children's classes
Dessert Once a month for Year
12 Dozen Homemade Christmas Cookies
New Year's catered dinner for 16 people
& much, much more!!

Purchase tickets at the school office, at the rectory, after masses this weekend or through backpack mail.

DON'T DELAY....GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Our Halloween parties (Grades K-5) will be held on Monday, October 31, from 1:00-2:00 PM (party volunteers should come no earlier than 12:45 PM). Snacks will be served. Here are some guidelines for that day:

1. Students in grades K-8 may wear a black or orange shirt (appropriate for school wear) with their uniform bottoms.
2. Make-up, wigs, or masks should not be worn or brought to school.
3. Only moms/dads assigned to the party should attend.
4. Questions concerning parties or room parent duties may be directed to Mrs. Furrer, room parent chairperson.

FALL FEST - KROLL'S FARM

We are in need of additional help for the 5:30-7:00 PM shift at Kroll's Farm for the Fall Fest on Friday, October 28th. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Tammy Bertucci directly at tammy@mhbortucci.com. Thank you.

CELL PHONES

We must again ask that you not use your cell phones while near or on school property - it is against the law. If someone else is dropping off or picking up your students, please be sure to make them aware of this law. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL DIRECTORIES

The school directories are in and we have sent them home today with those families who ordered one at Fee Day. Please be sure to ask your child for the directory if you ordered one.

VISION & HEARING

The Lake County Vision & Hearing will be with us on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 & 8 to screen our preschool, kindergarten, first, second, third, and eighth graders for vision and/or hearing. The vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo a vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months.

UNITED WAY - ABBOTT LABORATORIES

One of our Abbott Lab parents wanted us to get the word out to the other Abbott Lab parents - If you are interested in donations through the United Way program, you are able to assign St. Patrick School as the receiver of your donations. When donating through the Abbott Campaign the School Reference Identification number is 24565. What a great way to benefit your school.

YEARBOOK NEWS

If you have not ordered your 2011-2012 yearbook yet, now is the time to do so! Yearbooks are a great way to remember your special year at St. Patrick School. Each book is \$25 and provides oodles of good memories for our students. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick School. Send your request through the school office. If you wait to purchase your yearbook at the end of the school year, there is no guarantee that we will have enough in stock. We only order a few extra yearbooks and they are sold on a first-come/first-serve basis. The cost of the yearbook at the end of the school year will be \$30.

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES! Please be sure to donate any fun or interesting pictures of school activities to our yearbook. We use many candid pictures to make our book special. Digital photos are preferred. Digital photos can be placed on a disk or emailed to monicagabler@comcast.net. If you do not have digital photos, please write the name of the students pictured and their class on the back. All photos (digital and printed) should be sent to Monica Gabler, c/o Megan - 8J. We would like photos of Camp Duncan, GVB all grades, and Jog-A-Thon.

8TH GRADE FAMILIES. Please look for a baby picture for submission to the yearbook!!! Please send photos to Anna Monica Gabler, c/o Megan - 8J. We would like to have these photos by the end of November. Photos will be scanned and returned.

ZION-BENTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' FEEDER BASKETBALL

Looking for a challenging practice and game environment to help advance basketball skills and game play? Try out for the Zee-Bees Girls' Travel Program beginning October 29th at Zion-Benton High School. This program is for girls in 6-8 grades. The try-out are from 1:00-4:00 PM

at the Zion Benton High School, 3901 21st Street, Zion, IL. This is only for residents of Zion, Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor. Flyers are available at our school office.

GURNEE YOUTH BASEBALL

Gurnee Youth Baseball Spring 2012 registration starts this weekend for all age groups. Please visit web site for all forms and more details, www.gurneeyouthbaseball.org . On line registration starts October 8, 2011. On site Registration will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2010 9:00-12:00 @ American Legion Building 749 Milwaukee Ave. Gurnee Illinois, and next Saturday October 22, 2010 9:00-12:00 @ Gurnee American Legion Building. Gurnee Youth Baseball.....It's for the Kids!!!

VOLLEY FOR THE CURE

Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls' volleyball teams participated in the Volley for the Cure event at St. Joe's in Round Lake on October 12th. The girls raised \$1,138.42 for cancer research. In addition to our players, we had several non-athlete students & families attend the event. One of our volleyball moms (Maureen Kotek) donated a pink 13x9 Longaberger pan & serving basket filled with cake mix, frosting & kitchen towels for a raffle. We had many donated items to the Bake Sale and several parents made extra donations as they paid for their player's t-shirt & participated in the 50/50 raffle. It was a wonderful evening of students and parents working together for a great cause.

CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR CORSAIRS

Try outs for Carmel High School's Girls Junior Corsairs basketball program are being held the first week of November for girls in grades 5-8. If you are interested in this program, please contact Tom Miles, Junior Corsair Program Director, 847-344-7937 or e-mail him at milest@infraland.com

MRS. B'S BLACKBOARD

Today's seniors show no signs of "going quietly into that good night." They have found something to say and they have found their voices. Two of them, one 95, the other 80, have published books with similar objectives, but written from a wildly different point of view. Both were reviewed last week. On PBS Ray Sanchez asked Steven Hessel about his book, Time for Outrage. Hessel is a 95 year old European activist who believes that outrage is the only emotion that can energize an effective response to the ferocious injustice that plagues our planet. His little book may have played a significant part in the Arab world that sent thousands into the streets of the Middle East.

Our other author is 80 year old Jesuit, William J. O'Malley, a well known religious educator and writer. Last week America Magazine reviewed, The Wow Factor: Bringing the Catholic faith to Life, O'Malley's new book. The exclamation hints at his strategy for re-energizing the Catholic community. Most Catholics, he writes are educated, but few of us are educated Catholics. We attend Mass and dutifully recite the Creed, apparently innocent of its explosive implications for our lives. In terms of our emotional investment in the Creed, we could be reading the ingredients on a box of cornflakes. O'Malley thinks that the problem is largely cultural. We live in a society that thinks instant gratification takes too long! The sight of a Mars landing evokes a passing glance. Like Steven Hessel, Father O'Malley wants to kick start our emotional engines and send us pouring into streets like the apostles on Pentecost. O'Malley wants us to recapture our childhood sense of wonder. Recall the first time you went to the zoo and saw an elephant, zebra, or gorilla! "Wow"!!

That is precisely the reaction he wants to ignite in us. We Catholics are batty enough to believe that the God of the galaxies calls each of us by name and invites us to share his own divine life forever. "Wow"!

-- Mrs. B.