

January 13, 2012

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IN THE COMING WEEK. . .

Progress Reports going home today
Father/Daughter Dance Saturday (see below)
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Saturday (see below)
Monday, No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February Hot Lunch Collection week of Jan. 17th
3rd Grade Parent Meeting regarding Communion Tuesday or Thursday
Pizza Day Friday the 20th
Market Day, Saturday the 21st

PREREGISTRATION FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Our pre-registration will take place during the second week of February this year. Our pre-registration letter and registration forms will go out on Tuesday, February 14th. The letter will contain information about the new school year including any increases. Parents will have until Tuesday, February 28th to return the form together with the payment (registration fee and book fee for each child.) In order to register for the new school year, your tuition account must be current. We let you know this now because tuition is also due on the first of February. Some parents have asked for advance notice regarding these two payments which are due so very close together. Last year's fees were: Registration \$80 per family, Book \$200 per child, and Tech \$80 per child. These may go up a bit.

Parents of incoming kindergartners must submit the original copy of the certified birth certificate (certificate must be from the county in which the child was born--not a hospital birth certificate) and the baptismal certificate (if baptized at St. Pat's, we just need the date of baptism) at the time of registration. Also, please notify Mrs. Kotlar if your incoming kindergartner has any special needs, i.e.: speech, learning disabilities, etc.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2012

Registration for Preschool 2012 will begin sometime in February. If you are interested in preschool for the fall, please send an email to Mrs. Debbie Lee at dlee@stpatrickwadsworth.org and she will put you on a mailing list.

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

The "Night With Your Star" Father/Daughter dance is tomorrow night at 6:00 pm! Don't forget to bring your ticket! Please come to the VIP entrance--Boehm Center doors. If you have last minute questions, please email Laura Coe at lcocoe@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition is this **Saturday, January 14th**. It will be held at St. Patrick School in the Boehm Center. Registration is at 8:00AM and the competition will start at 9:00. In order to participate, your child must be 10 years old by January 1st. If you have any questions please call Rick Grum @ 847-778-8799.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The February hot lunch order form and menus were emailed out today to all families. These orders are due by next Friday, January 20th. Please be sure to get your orders in on time. Should you have any questions, please contact FSP directly at fspstpats@gmail.com or by phone at 773-447-0907.

PIZZA COLLECTION

As posted in our calendar on our website, we will be collecting pizza orders for the remainder of the year during the last week in January. You may also order on a monthly basis.

RECEIPT FOR QUALIFIED EDUCATION

This is an Illinois Income Tax Credit for the 2011 year. This statement will be emailed to you by January 31st. Please be on the lookout for the email. If you do not receive it by Jan 31st, please email Mrs. Grum at sgrum@stpatrickwadsworth.org Thank you.

ABSENT NOTIFICATION

Please make note: When your child is sick or unable to come to school for the day, please call or email the school and let us know. It is best if you would email their homeroom teacher and the office. You can send one email to all, then we all have the same information. The school email address is sps@stpatrickwadsworth.org. The teacher's address would be the first initial of their first name along with their last name @stpatrickwadsworth.org. If you are not sure of their email address, all are posted on the school's website at www.spswadsworth.org If you have multiple children and they are all out for some reason, again, you can email everyone in one email. Thank you.

YEARBOOK

If you have any confirmation pictures that you would like to submit for the yearbook, please send them in by Jan 16th.

All ads and/or tribute pages must be accompanied by payment made out to St. Patrick School. You can design your own ad or tribute page or we will help you design one! Please attach a business card or enclose a copy of your ad in an envelope with this form C/O Megan 8J. For better quality resolution you can email an ad or tribute page, it must be sent in a jpg not word doc. Any questions should be directed to Monica Gabler - monicagabler@comcast.net

Thank you for your support.

HANDICAP PARKING SPOTS

It is important that everyone observes the rules concerning usage of handicap parking spots. According to the law, these spaces are only for individuals with physical handicaps. Please abide by the law.

BOOK FAIR LUAU IS COMING!!!

The Saint Patrick library will be hosting its annual Scholastic Book Fair during catholic School's Week!! The fundraiser helps raise money for new books and equipment for our library. Stop on in and see the hundreds of books available from preschool to junior high ages as well as a selection of adult reads, posters, novelty items and more. We will be sending home a raffle ticket so that your child may enter our raffle to win a \$10.00 worth of books at our fair!! There will be a total of 8 winners throughout the school!! If you are interested in purchasing a gift certificate for your child or your child's teacher, we will be sending home an order form via school mail. Both the raffle ticket and the optional gift certificate order form will be sent home the week of January 23rd. We look forward to seeing you there!! Book Fair hours are:

Thursday, January 26 8:30am to 5:00pm

Friday, January 27 8:30am to 3:00pm

Sunday, January 29 7:30am to 1:30pm

Monday, January 30 8:30am to 5:00pm

Tuesday, January 31 8:30am to 3:00pm

Wednesday, February 1 8:30am to 3:00pm

DVD OF CONFIRMATION

The 8th graders received their Confirmation DVD's this week. Please be sure to ask your student about them if you have not received the DVD.

ST. PAT'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

January 29th is our second bi-annual Pancake Breakfast to kick off Catholic Schools' Week. Breakfast will be served after each mass (7:30-12:00). This is a great time for school and parish families to share in St. Patrick's fellowship and raise money for the school.

GURNEE PARK DISTRICT

Gurnee Park District's Pool/Camp Guide 2012 has been issued. They have dropped off a few brochures to the school. If anyone would like one, please stop in at the office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

Sunday, January 29, 2012: Scholastic Book Fair for all families, School/SRE and those not in school yet, in the Library of St. Patrick School after morning Masses.

Sunday, January 29, 2012: Pancake breakfast in the Boehm Center of St. Patrick School.

Sunday, January 29, 2012: Open House in the School after the 8:30 Mass until 12:00

Tuesday, January 31, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the New Church. We will present the Distinguished Graduate award to Mr. James Hayner

As of this writing, I have not confirmed activities with the student council. I suspect there will be additional events - rumor has it a pep rally is in the offering. More info after we meet. Stay tuned!

MRS. B'S BLACKBOARD

Every year at the end of January, The National Catholic Educational Association sponsors "Catholic Schools' Week" -- a nationwide celebration of the Catholic school. Recently the Association inaugurated a new feature: the "Distinguished Graduate Award." The award is intended to honor Catholic elementary school graduates who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. Those who are chosen must have graduated from their Catholic elementary school at least ten years prior to the presentation of the award. The individual school makes a selection; and the NCEA confirms the nomination.

This year St. Patrick School will present the award to Mr. James Hayner (class of 1967). This will take place at our school Mass on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 8:30 AM. Mr. Hayner is now retired, but he has served as the village administrator for the Village of Gurnee for the past 24 years. He is also one of our former basketball coaches. Jim has been married to Nancy for the past 32 years and has two grown children. We look forward to celebrating Jimmy Hayner as one of our famous alums!

- - - Mrs. B.