

November 10, 2011

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UPCOMING EVENTS

End of First Trimester today
Market Day Saturday
Rite of Acceptance at Masses this weekend, Gr. 3 & 7
Parent's Association Meeting Monday
Mass on Tuesday
School Board Meeting Tuesday
Principal Appreciation Day Thursday, 11/17
Report Cards Go Home on Friday, 11/18
Gurnee PM Special Bus on Friday, 11/18

TUITION & PRESCHOOL STATEMENTS

Statements will be ready to view on Wednesday, November 17th. Please be sure to log onto your RenWeb account to check your statements.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Every year at Thanksgiving time, St. Patrick School has a food drive for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Two of the Sisters usually join us for our Thanksgiving Prayer Service and receive the donations of food from the children. We are asking the children to bring in donations for Thanksgiving Prayer Service which will be held on **Monday, November 21 at 9:00 AM.** If you are able to provide any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated by the Sisters. We are asking the different grade levels to bring in certain items if you are able.

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| Kindergarten: | Kleenex | Fifth Grade: | Canned Soups |
| First Grade: | Shampoo | Sixth Grade: | Canned Fruit |
| Second Grade: | Toothpaste | Seventh Grade: | Cereals |
| Third Grade: | Mouthwash (plastic) | Eighth Grade: | Puddings/Jello |
| Fourth Grade: | Body Lotion (plastic) | | |

LANDS END

Lands End is having a special going on - 25% off everything. Please be sure to check out their website at www.landsend.com

LANYARDS

Many of our students use flash drives as part of computer class with Mr. Hoch. We have lanyards available for purchase through out school office. The cost is \$4.00. Mr. Hoch encourages the students to use the lanyard to keep their flash drive safe and on their person. Students are able to purchase them any day through the office.

YEARBOOK NEWS

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES! Please send in the following pictures, last year communion, Track & Field, this years Camp Duncan, Jog A Thon, Volleyball Pictures, and 8th Graders Baby Pictures, pictures due by the end of November. Send pictures to monicagabler@comcast.net

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

SCRAP PAPER

We are in need of scrap paper for our printers. If you find that your company is throwing away old paper or getting new letterhead and discarding the old, please think of us. We go through much paper in our printers and our computer lab and would appreciate your help.

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

SAVE THE DATE: St. Nicholas is COMING!! St. Nicholas is coming to help us celebrate at our semi-annual Pancake Breakfast. Save Sunday, December 4 for treats and pictures from St. Nicholas. Breakfast will be served 7:30-12. This is a great time for school and parish families to share in St. Patrick's fellowship and raise money for the school. PLEASE bring your camera to take your picture with St. Nicholas!

BERNIE'S BOOK BANK

St. Patrick 3rd Grade Brownie Troop #40989 is sponsoring a Book Drive from Monday, November 7th until Friday, November 18th for Bernie's Book Bank, to help "Connect Children Needing Books with Books Needing Children". Bernie's Book Bank is a registered 501c3 Organization that distributes new and gently used books to children of low income families from Preschool age to 6th grade throughout Lake County. Book receptacles are at St. Patrick School now, so please send in any books (preschool through 6 grade level) that you may have that are no longer used in your home. (Please no workbooks, coloring books, etc.) The girls are hoping to be able to donate over 500 books to the book bank and make a difference in other childrens' lives. (That's about 1 book per St. Patrick student!) Please help them in their stewardship help others! Please feel free to visit Bernie's Book Bank website at www.berniesbookbank.org for more information about this great organization. Thanks for your time and help!

2nd ANNUAL 4th & 5th GRADE CHEER CLINIC

St. Pat's Cheerleading will host a one day clinic on Friday, December 2nd, after school until 4:30pm for all interested 4th and 5th grade girls. The girls will learn cheers and a Holiday poms routine which they will be invited to perform at the last home boy's basketball game of the season, on Monday, December 5th. They will also receive a t-shirt, practice CD, hairbow, and an opportunity to see what it will be like to be a cheerleader in junior high! The clinic is free of charge, and sign-up forms will be distributed upon return from Thanksgiving break on November 28th. Save the date and plan to be a part this special St. Pat's event!

NEW ROMAN MISSAL

We have been working with Fr. Fred and Deacon Dennis regarding the changes in the Mass. We will have Mass on Tuesday, November 15 at 8:30 AM. It will be a teaching Mass for the children. On Monday, November 21 the Kindergarteners will join us for the first time for our Thanksgiving prayer service at 9:00 AM. Prior to our prayer service on Monday we will change our seating plan for school Masses to include our Kindergarten classes. There will space reserved at the back of church for adults. Please remember the changes go into effect on the first Sunday in Advent (November 26/27).

MRS. B'S BLACKBOARD

The evening of November 5 was a very special time. A group of very talented, hard-working school parents pulled together a very special event for the 18th consecutive year. Our annual auction was a huge success. Goods and services were offered through both the live and silent auction sessions. There was good food and a wonderful spirit of fellowship. It was truly a fun evening.

As most of you know, the auction generates a good portion of our operating budget. In addition to tuition and subsidy, fundraising efforts provide a good portion of our income. The auction profit goes directly toward our operating budget -- necessary money to meet our expenses. The final totals have not been tabulated as yet, but we will publish that information in the bulletin as soon as it is available. We hope to equal (or exceed) the profit of last years event. I share this with you because the efforts of these hard-working people keep our tuition amounts affordable, the

subsidy reasonable, foster a community spirit, and test the creative and artistic talents of our students!

Gratitude is always a difficult emotion to express because words seem inadequate instruments. However, I will try, to all of you who were involved with our auction, from chairpersons to attendees, THANK YOU so much for your constant, generous, support of our school. A very special thank you to all of the chairpersons who coordinated the efforts of our dedicated volunteers. We will always be grateful to you for giving so unselfishly of yourselves. God bless you, each one.

--- Mrs. B.