

ST. PATRICK PRIDE

January 6, 2012
Issue 10



St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614
www.toledostpats.org debora.oshea@toledostpats.org 419-381-1775, ext. 131

Parent Meeting in the HFC **Mon., Jan. 9, 2012 @ 7 p.m.**

- + Sponsored by the PSO and SAC
- + Main Topics include - Tuition Info for 2012-2013 school year
- + Ann Riddle, a diocesan advocate for private school scholarships, will speak on the current bills before the Ohio House and Senate
- + We highly recommend one family member attend to learn details about Senate Bill 136 and other legislation that will potentially impact the families at St. Pat's.
- + Parents who attend will receive a Jeans Day Pass for their children to be used on Wednesday, Jan. 11th.
- + Parents who attend will also be entered in a tuition raffle, which is a "staple" of our PSO.
- + SAC and PSO officers will be given special recognition for their service to our school.
- + Word is: there will be a Chocolate Fountain for enjoying some delectable treats!
- + Babysitting will be provided in the Crites Room. Since 8th graders will be helping with the babysitting, donations will be graciously accepted for the 8th grade graduation fund.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Parent Meeting	1
Upcoming Events	
Science Fair Judges Needed	2
Mass Times	
Cold Weather Reminder	
Lost and Found	
Human Trafficking Presentation	
Also In This Mailing	

This newsletter is usually sent to you in an email on Thursday afternoon around 4, and it is also posted on our school website. Please send me an email at debora.oshea@toledostpats.org if you have another email address to add to our contact list.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Friday, Jan. 6 - All School Mass, 8:45 a.m. with grade 3 leading
- ❖ Monday, Jan. 9 - Combined PSO/SAC Parent Meeting at 7 p.m. in HFC
Ohio Skate Night
- ❖ Tuesday, Jan. 10 - Thursday, Jan. 12 - Middle School Exams
- ❖ Thursday, Jan. 12 - WinterSports Meet the Team Night
- ❖ Friday, Jan. 13 - Human Trafficking Presentation in HFC at 7 p.m.
- ❖ Monday, Jan. 16 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ❖ Thursday, Jan. 19 - 8th Grade Science Fair in the evening
- ❖ Friday, Jan. 20 - Report Cards Come Home from 2nd Quarter
- ❖ Wednesday, Jan. 25 - First Eucharist Parent Meeting at 7 p.m. in the HFC
- ❖ Tuesday, Feb. 7 - "Step It Up" Open House Night for Current Families



Science Fair Judges Needed

Judges are needed for this year's annual 8th grade Science Fair. The fair will be held the evening of Thursday, January 19, 2012. If you are interested in helping out, contact chris.brown@toledostpats.org or contact the school office at 419-381-1775.

Also in this Mailing

- Flyer about the Jan. 9th Parent Meeting
- Diocesan Newsletter
- Winter Sports Team Night
- Bible Bingo Comedy

Mass Times

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.

Sundays: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: 7 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.

Join us for Children's Liturgy on Fridays @ 8:45 a.m.

Cold Weather Reminder

Hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves are very necessary for all our students in this cold weather. Please remember to pack all that is needed daily.

Lost and Found

Please remind yourself to check our Lost and Found containers in the basement entry area. They are overflowing with all of our students' clothing and lunch box items that need found!

Human Trafficking Presentation

On Jan. 13th at 7 p.m. in the Holy Family Center, Dr. Celia Williamson, PhD., Professor in the U.T. Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work will speak on *Human Trafficking and Slavery*.

Contact Jeanne Karpanty for any other info at jkarpanty@yahoo.com.

Bible Bingo Comedy

Sunday, Feb. 4th at 8 p.m.

An interactive comedy brought to us at St. Pat's.

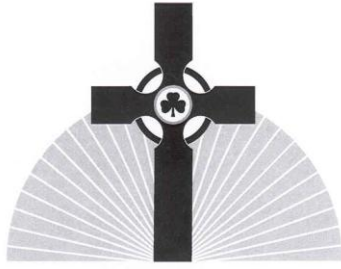
Tickets are \$12.00

Babysitting is available.

Includes appetizers before the show.

Join us for an evening of fun and laughter.

For more details contact Michelle Kravetsky at michelle.kravetsky@toledostpats.org.



St. Patrick of Heatherdowns

A Vibrant Catholic Community

*Parent School Organization
And
School Advisory Council
JOINT PARENT MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012
7:00-8:00 PM*

Large Room, Holy Family Center

*Come to hear TUITION INFO for the 2012-
2013 school year. One parent from each
current school family is expected to attend.*

*Presentations - including one from Ann Riddle, a diocesan
advocate for private school scholarships who will speak on the
current bills before the Ohio House and Senate*

Refreshments

Babysitting available

Onward

News of the Catholic Schools of the Toledo Diocese

ISSUE 1

DECEMBER 2011



From the Superintendent

New day dawning for Catholic Schools

Welcome to our first edition of *Onward*,

the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) newsletter. The mission of the CSO is “supporting, challenging, and assisting Catholic schools throughout the diocese in the ministry of Catholic education.” The task is a big one and though the challenges are many, we see a new day dawning for Catholic schools.

Since July of 2010 it has been my privilege to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for the diocese and, with a staff of 11 full and part-time co-workers, we support the good work being done in our 78 schools.

The past 10 years have seen significant changes in Catholic education in our diocese. Sandusky, Norwalk, Tiffin, and Fremont moved to a unified, community school model with a local governing board. Other communities—Delphos, Mansfield, and Fostoria continue to operate parish-based preK-12 schools.

Economic pressures continue to make the investment in Catholic schools challenging one for many.

The expansion of educational options creates a highly

competitive environment while, most significantly, people’s practice of their faith has shifted dramatically impacting Catholic schools as a consequence.

Look around. Perhaps like me, you can see the mission of good Catholic schools is more needed than ever. Yes, there are challenges, but there are also tremendous opportunities.

No other system addresses the whole person as well as a Catholic school. No other system brings the light of faith to shine as well a Catholic school. We hope through this newsletter we can explore some of these opportunities in the months ahead. Feel free to call, email cs@toledodiocese.org or follow me on twitter (@diotolschools).

Your feedback is vital. This work is not for one office, or one school—but is a mission for each Catholic in the Diocese. Let us go onward in faith and embrace a new vision for the future.

CHRIS KNIGHT

SUPERINTENDENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

“
We
can do
more
together
than we
could
accomplish
separately
”

Parish school structure moves to community-based groups

The traditional parish-based system of running Catholic schools is on its way out and a new community-based system is coming in.

To accomplish this dramatic shift is taking months of planning and will mean years of coordination. The effort has begun in the metro Toledo parish schools.

“Our underlying belief is that we can work together in each community for everyone’s mutual benefit,” explains Superintendent Chris Knight.

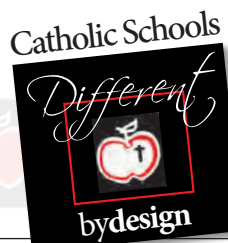
A Metro Toledo Catholic Schools Task Force has worked on recommendations with various members from the schools.

“These have been positive meetings. We see we can do more together than we could accomplish separately.

Diocesan schools throughout the nation are finding similar circumstances and are finding strength in a new vision for moving Catholic education forward,” says Mr. Knight.

Initial gatherings focused on governance issues and the formation of Community Boards. Now groups are sharing “best practices” and brainstorming practical ways to work together. “Although change is never easy, it seems once people understand the vision for building something new and strong there is a new energy,” says Mr. Knight.

“There is no grand scheme. We truly want each group to envision how they can work to best meet the needs of their students. In some places this could mean sharing resources and programs. In others it may be offering distinctly different programs in each building. We await the plans with great anticipation.”



Mission: Founded in the Catholic faith, our school ministry develops disciples of Jesus Christ who are intellectually and spiritually prepared to serve God and their community.

The landscape changes as schools work together

In metro-Toledo new educational options are in place. Some high schools now have middle grades. Currently there are both a grade 6-12 and grade 7-12 option for girls and a grade 6-12 option for boys.

The east Toledo/Oregon community came together merging four elementary and one high school into the Kateri Catholic School, which includes Cardinal Stritch High School and consists of one preK-12 school on the Stritch campus.

Two parishes, Our Lady of Lourdes and Little Flower, merged their schools into one, forming a new entity — St. Benedict School. It has a local governing board.

Such changes are not simple, but they do address a host of issues in education and strengthen Catholic education for the years ahead.

The transition to a community-based model is in its early stages and will be an ongoing process. "It holds great promise," said Chris Knight.

"Instead of each entity working on its own, collaboration in smaller communities will maximize resources and provide even higher quality authentic Catholic education. In these clusters new approaches to

education will be examined. In many respects the sky is the limit in ways Catholic education can address the needs of our children."

The sky is the limit in ways Catholic education can address the needs of our children.

Oversight Board helps propel plan

The metro-Toledo parishes have an oversight Board responsible for planning, policy setting, evaluation, marketing, and public relations for the ministry of Catholic schools for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade in the diocesan schools within metro-Toledo.

The members of the board are all Catholics who offer their many skills and experiences to this important task. They are appointed by Bishop Blair. Members are:

Carol Huss, principal, St. Benedict School
Michael Downing, Vice-President of Advancement, Notre Dame Academy
Cathy Sheets, partner of Plante Moran
Lisa Gathard, CEO of Kids Unlimited
Sally Perz, President, The Capitol Link

Tom Hosler, Superintendent, Perrysburg Local Schools
Anthony D'Agostino, ACE Consulting, University of Notre Dame
Msgr. Michael Billian, Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish
Rev. Herb Weber, Pastor, Blessed John XXIII parish
Christopher Knight, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Toledo

Hola? Is Your Student Learning online?

Have a student enrolled at a Catholic high school? A variety of online courses are available to him or her through The Diocese of Toledo Catholic Schools Office?

Anthony Mass, consultant in the schools office, says more than 25 online courses are offered for high school credit through the Diocesan Online Learning Initiative. (DOLI). There is also a Spanish course for children in lower grades. Information is on the Schools site.

Each course is taught by teachers certified by the Ohio Dept. of Education and the Diocese of Toledo and is offered

through the Moodle site at the Diocesan website: <http://online.cyss.org/moodle>

Go to the link for schedule information and the list of courses offered for spring and fall. By request, some courses may be offered in the summer as well. You may also contact: Anthony Mass, 419-244-6711 ext. 604 or amass@toledodiocese.org.

By the numbers

19

Number of counties in the Diocese of Toledo

78

Number of Catholic schools

20,000

Student population

26

The Toledo Diocese has the 26th largest Catholic school population in the country!

Did you know?

...more than 4,000 students participated in the fall CYO athletic program?

... all diocesan elementary schools participate yearly in an online standardized testing program known as Scantron?

...the diocese awarded 327 "One Faith, Many Blessing" tuition assistance grants of \$700 each to students throughout the diocese?

...each Catholic school in the state participates in an accreditation program requiring a new continuous improvement plan for each school every five years?

...all teacher/ministers in Catholic school are certified and licensed through the Ohio Department of Education?

Twitter: Follow Chris Knight on Twitter. Just text "follow diotolschools" to 40404 and you should receive a reply indicating that you are "following" him. Twitter is a way to communicate brief news and notes of interest. During the winter he sends an advisory when there are delays or closing of Toledo-area elementary schools. He also sends notes about new and emerging ideas in education and shares where he is traveling in the diocese.

