

# ST. PATRICK PRIDE



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## Volunteer Hours

I'm sure most of you have noticed that the email link to turn in volunteer hours is not working. The person who tallied all the volunteer hours in the past few years has "retired" from our School Advisory Council (SAC) and we are in the process of putting a new person in charge of tallying our active parishioner volunteer hours. As stated in our school handbook, each family is responsible for contributing 15 volunteer hours every school year, June through May.

If you would please keep a tally on paper of the dates you have completed volunteer hours and wait for the next newsletter to come out, our SAC will provide the details about turning in service hours this year.

In the meantime, how are you volunteering and providing service to our school? Do you volunteer in the classroom, help with babysitting, or head up a committee of a particular activity? I also understand that attending Bible studies count as service hours. There's really no end to the opportunities here at St. Pat's!

## Teacher of the Month

Do you have a teacher that you wish could get some extra "kudos" for being such a great teacher? Go to [www.1015theriver.com](http://www.1015theriver.com) and click on contests and then submit the information. I noticed the September teacher of the month was Ms. Sharon Velliquette from Kateri Catholic Academy on the east side. I used to teach at St. Jerome with Sharon and I bet she feels like "a million dollars" because someone nominated her and she won! If you think one of our St. Pat's teachers deserve some extra "kudos", visit this website.

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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](mailto:debora.oshea@toledostpats.org) if you have another email address to add to our contact list.

## Toys for Tots

Last week at our Mass honoring veterans, our school became a drop-off point for the Toys for Tots program. Joni Coci, a veteran who works in the Catholic Schools Office downtown, asked our school to be designated as a drop-off for those who want to donate to the Toys for Tots. If you would like to donate a toy to this program, please stop by the school office anytime in this Advent season and put your donation into the box.

We don't want to confuse the Toys for Tots program with our St. Pat's Outreach Ministries' "It Was A Silent Night" program. Rita Hoff, our Outreach Ministries director, facilitates a one-of-a-kind program to be of service to those in need in our community at Christmas.



## Recess Notes

Mrs. Witherell and Mrs. Adkins (our recess supervisors) are reminding all families that students will go out for recess whenever possible this winter as long as the wind chill is above 20 degrees. Students will not go out if the blacktop is being hindered by ice or snow. Parents please remember the students need to be dressed for the weather with coats, hats, boots and gloves.

## Also in this Mailing

- Box-Top Turkey Flyer
- Spirit Wear Order Form

## Quiz Bowl

I experience our St. Pat's first Quiz Bowl meet this week and am thrilled to report that our team won both matches! The facilitator is Mrs. Sager and the students are seventh and eighth graders. Their next match is in January 2012 so look for more news in the future. In the next issue the students on the team will be acknowledged. The other schools in our league are St. Joan of Arc, OLPH, and Lial. Way to go St. Pat's!

## Mass Times

Saturdays: 4:30 a.m.

Sundays: 8, 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

## Lunchroom Help From Home

Parents, we really need your help with the following items in order for your child to eat his/her lunch in a timely manner.

- 1) Make sure you have ordered by the due date for the month, even if you are on the free lunch program. The biggest problem happens at the beginning of the month because orders are not turned in and paid for.
- 2) Have money on account for milk; what you do not use will be refunded at the end of the year if over \$20 and requested or kept on account for the next year.
- 3) **Help your child learn their 4 digit lunch code. This will help the line so much!**
- 4) Tell your child daily if they are buying lunch/milk or packing. Some do not know if they are buying lunch until they get out their snack. The little ones honestly do not know.
- 5) Pack a healthy snack. Tell them to just eat their snack at snack time and not their entire lunch. Some are drinking their lunch drink at snack time and then get a milk. Don't be surprised if you get a bill for lunch and milk.
- 6) Please put names on all lunch boxes and paraphernalia that go with it, including freezer packs.
- 7) Put names on paper lunch bags as well.
- 8) Ramen noodle meals and many other noodle meals take a long time to heat in the microwave. Please help by pre-heating any meals at home in the morning so the heating time can be shorter during lunch.



## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – Perfect Attendance Awards after All School Mass – families are encouraged to attend  
–Family Taco Night from 4:30 – 7:30 in HFC
- ❖ Monday, November 21 – School Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Mass – 8:45 a.m., Grade 7 leading  
– Last Day of School before Thanksgiving
- ❖ Monday, November 28 – School Resumes
- ❖ Spirit Wear Orders Due – **Orders will be delivered the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> in time for Christmas. Payment must accompany order. Order forms can also be found on our website.**  
– Santa’s Workshop Begins
- ❖ Wednesday, November 30 – Parent Meeting about New Roman Missal at 6:15 p.m. in the church.
- ❖ Friday, December 2 – All School Mass – 8:45 a.m., Grade 1 leading  
–Mid Terms Go Home  
–Penance Grades 3–5 beginning at 1 p.m.
- ❖ Sunday, December 4 – Barnes and Noble Day benefiting St. Pat’s
- ❖ Monday, December 5 – Ohio Skate Night 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
–Penance Grades 6–8 beginning at 1 p.m.
- ❖ Friday, December 8 – All School Mass – 8:45 a.m., Grade 6 leading, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- ❖ Monday, December 12 – K–4 Christmas Program – 7 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, Dec. 13 – **First Quarter Honor’s Assembly at 10:15 a.m.** – families are encouraged to attend

## Dress Code Clarifications from Handbook

- ❖ On Spirit Days jeans may be worn with St. Pat’s attire, i.e. team jerseys or spirit wear clothing. We are promoting St. Pat’s. If you do not have St. Pat’s attire, solid yellow or green plain shirts or regular white school shirts are to be worn with jeans. No writing, advertisements, or pictures are allowed. Shorts may only be worn during August, September, May, and June. No coats, jackets or hooded sweatshirts of any kind may be worn in classrooms. (If your child dislikes wearing jeans, uniform pants need to be worn with the spirit top.)
- ❖ Hair: Students must keep their hair neat, clean and of natural color. All styles must be above the eyebrows. Exaggerated styles or accessories, (which includes

feathers of any kind), ornamental cuts, partly shaved heads or patterns shaved in the hair are not permitted. Boys' hair must be above the collar in length and may not exceed the bottom of the earlobe. Discretion of acceptable hairstyle, length, and cut is left with administration.

## **Tap Away Anxiety!**

Cindy Baker, school psychologist, has taught "tapping" to hundreds of students to help them eliminate stress-related symptoms such as stomach aches, headaches and test anxiety and to access peak performance in sports, performances and academics. St. Pat is partnering with Cindy and UT to launch a research study to measure the effects that "tapping" on acupressure points have on student stress levels and academic achievement. Research has shown that there is a relationship between stress and academic performance of students. "Tapping" on acupressure points has been shown to produce a relaxation response and reduce test anxiety. In December, look for the consent forms that will be sent home for parents to sign in order for students to participate. Cindy is eager to spread the word about tapping. "Try tapping on everything! I tap to treat my allergies and it works every time!" Cindy may be contacted via email: [baknwak@aol.com](mailto:baknwak@aol.com).

To view tapping demos visit her website at [www.TappToledo.com](http://www.TappToledo.com).

## **Advent Opportunities at Lial Renewal Center**

"Light the Way to Christmas": Reflections for the Wednesdays of Advent

As Christmas approaches, many people long for quiet in the midst of noise, distractions, and the busyness of holiday preparations. Take the opportunity to quiet your spirit by joining Sister Mary Rosellyn Theisen SND at Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse OH on the Wednesdays of Advent. She will lead participants in reflecting on various aspects of the coming of Christ. Each session provides significant time for quiet prayer, a short presentation, sharing, and a hands-on project to use at home. Nov 30, Dec 7, 14 and 21 from 9 am - 12 noon. \$15 per session. To register, call 419-877-0432 or email [mdpahler@toledosnd.org](mailto:mdpahler@toledosnd.org).

"Quilting Your Spiritual Journey" Weekend Retreat

Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse OH will host a weekend that allows non-quilters and quilters alike to open their lives to God and allows discovering the intimate relationship to which they are called. Sister Joyce Marie Bates SND will use presentations and prayer to guide participants in creating a 12" quilt square that captures the individual's spiritual journey. No previous quilting experience is needed. 6 p.m. Friday, Dec 2 - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec 3. Commuter fee: \$50 / Overnight fee: \$90. To register, call 419-877-0432 or email [mdpahler@toledosnd.org](mailto:mdpahler@toledosnd.org).

## **Notes from Mrs. Christy**

Parents and students, do you still need volunteer hours? Join us on the Tuesdays of Advent for Bible Study and Vespers. This is a great way to learn more about the Advent Season and the

scripture and traditions that inspire them! We will meet on November 29, and December 6, 13, and 20 from 6-7 in the Emmaus Room, and Vespers will immediately follow in the Church. Seventh grade students and older are welcome to attend when accompanied by a parent. Babysitting will be provided in December. For more information, or to register, call Sharon Christy at 419-381-1540. God's blessings!

## **Tanzania Great Adventure Update**

We sent home a catalog for your family to browse. The catalog contains items discussed at our first presentation that the students in Tanzania need for their education. Many students have asked what they can do to help. If you are interested, please complete the form, with cash or check enclosed, and return to school by November 28, 2011.

## **Salute to Veterans**

On November 11, 2011, Father Vera helped the students, staff, and invited guests celebrate Veterans Day by having a very special liturgy. Our guests were men and women, young and old, who have served or are serving our country in the branches of our military. Father Vera asked the students and guests many questions about World War II to test their knowledge of the era. Unfortunately most of our students did not know the answers to his questions, but the veterans helped out by providing the correct answers. The students and staff sang patriot songs such as "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "America the Beautiful", joined in a special blessing by Father Vera, watched a tribute video, and sang along with a special tribute song. After participating in the Mass, the veterans were invited to the school cafeteria for refreshments and conversation. The students were also treated to a display of World War II memorabilia brought to St. Pats by Mr. Don Clees. The photos, newspaper articles, medals, etc. impressed all students grades two through eight. Our thanks to Mr. Clees for his contribution to our special day. And, to all those veterans who attended or were unable to attend, our heartfelt thanks for your service.



*Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Everyone*