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Cross Country Finishes Strong

The 2011 Cross Country Runners finished the season strong at the Toledo Diocesan meet. After the last runner crossed the finish line, the results were:

Pee Wee Boys 1st place

Pee Wee Girls 3rd place

Junior Girls 2nd place

Junior Boys 5th place

Minors & Cadets both finished strong in their divisions!

Thank you to all the coaches and parents who helped and supported the team this year! Every runner worked hard this season. Great job and we are so proud of you!!!



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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 if you have another email address to add to our contact list.

Trunk-or-Treat Thank You

We want to extend a HUGE thank you to all who participated in the Trunk-or-Treat event last weekend. We had 48 vehicles and 220 children at the event. What a huge success! Those giving out candy included some of our grandparents, retired parishioners, our principal and of course parents, aunts and uncles. Children came as everything from princesses to ghouls. The vehicle decorations were quite creative with webs and large spiders and even a custom fit ghost costume for a vehicle. A special thanks to Peggy Kelly and Elissa Cox who chaired the event. Without their efforts the event would not have come together so seamlessly. Anyone who did not get their RSVP in before the deadline, we thank you for your understanding this year and hope you will participate next year. Obviously with so many vehicles and treaters signed up before the deadline it was impossible to accept late registrations and still feel comfortable that there would be enough candy for those who registered. Again, thank you for your understanding.

Veteran's Day

Next Friday, November 11th is going to be a special morning at St. Pat's. We are honoring any veterans from our parish and community who are able to attend our All School Mass beginning at 8:45 a.m. Fr. Tony Vera will give a special blessing to all veterans during the Mass. **Please pass the word around and invite your family and relatives to this special Mass. The special dress code for this day is any form of red, white, and/or blue tops with dress code bottoms.**





Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars for our Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th after school from 3:45-8 pm. We will offer babysitting for infants up through sixth grade this year and we are in need of parents and middle school students who need service hours to assist. Please call the school office if you can help.

Also in this Mailing

- ✚ 22nd Annual SPH Winter Bazaar
- ✚ Nov. 14th Parent Meeting on Cyber-bullying
- ✚ Fall Newsletter from Ann Riddle
- ✚ Tanzania Great Adventure Letter
- ✚ Tanzania Catalog
- ✚ 6-8 Grade Cyber-bullying Opt Out Form

Thank You for Pumpkins!

We'd like to say thank you to Eric and Amy Carroll for donating over 120 pumpkins to our families who were here at our Halloween celebration last Friday. What an awesome donation it was!

Cyber-bullying

On Nov. 14th St. Pat's will have a sixth through eighth grade parent meeting to explain what will be presented to our middle school students on Friday, Nov. 18th (in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30). This meeting will be from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the HFC. I urge at least one adult member of your family to come to this meeting to learn more about what our kids can be subjected to with cyber-bullying and sexting. Many parents are wondering what will be introduced to the students on the 18th and aren't sure whether they want their students to hear this talk. I encourage parents of any age child to come and learn more about cyber-bullying and sexting. There will be a permission slip for parents to sign only if they do **not** want their child to listen to the talk.

The Music Man Jr.

"Well, either you're closing your eyes to a situation you do not wish to acknowledge, or you are not aware of the caliber of disaster indicated by the presence of a pool table in your community. Ya got trouble, my friend, right here, I say, trouble, right here in River City!"

A pool table...trouble? Really? If times were still so simple. They can be!!!

Please come and join St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School as our students perform *The Music Man Jr.*, Friday, March 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Student auditions, grades 4 - 8, are being held November 14th - November 17th beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Center. If your child is in 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade and want to join in the memories, please have them come on any one of the auditions days and sign up for the chorus line. Practices will begin Monday, December 4th.

Get your children involved! Go online to the MTI Broadway Junior Collection, click on *The Music Man Jr.* at the bottom of the page and relive the magic of your memories with your children. Plus it will give you ideas as to what part your child may want to audition for.

However, before the Wells Fargo Wagon drops off the 76 trombones, we need your help to make this the best musical EVER put on by our students. We need:

- Choreographers
- Ticket and program creators
- Costume designers
- Hair and make-up designers
- Musical director to help the children learn their songs
- Technical director to provide a tech crew to help with light and sound
- Stage Manager to help move the scenes through the show

Don't be a Shi-Poo-Pi! Please contact Debora O'Shea at 419.381.1775 or Deanna Olsen at 419.973.1407 and sign up today!

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Friday, Nov. 4th – Report Cards Come Home
- ❖ Saturday, Nov. 5 – Athletic Board Reverse Raffle
- ❖ Monday, November 7th – Ohio Skate Night, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
– Second Grade Jesus Night – HFC, 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th – Parent Teacher Conferences in the evening from 3:45–8. School will be in session both days. Conferences are held in our gym.
- ❖ Wednesday, November 9th – Walleye Game for grades 5–8 – Make sure your permission slips and money are turned in.
- ❖ Friday, Nov. 18th – Perfect Attendance Awards after All School Mass – families are encouraged to attend
- ❖ Tuesday, Dec. 13 – First Quarter Honor’s Assembly at 10:30 – families are encouraged to attend
- ❖ Thursday, Dec. 15th – Band Concert re-scheduled

Reminders

- ❖ In case of inclement weather media outlets will have the following statement that St. Patrick of Heatherdowns families need to follow. It will either be “The Toledo Catholic elementary schools are closed” or “The Toledo Catholic elementary schools will be delayed for two hours. There will be no AM Pre-School or Kindergarten in Toledo Catholic elementary schools today”. If schools are delayed, the starting time will always be two hours later than normal. Delays will never be shorter or longer than two hours. If a delay turns into a closing, that announcement will be made by approximately 7:30 AM. **If school is delayed or closed there will be no morning Latchkey.**

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.

To view tapping demos visit her website at www.TappToledo.com.

Physical Education News

Eighth Grade Students were introduced to the fast and exciting game of Handball. They had the opportunity to play at the Lucas County Recreation Center. The Seventh Grade students also went to the Rec. Center and put their tennis skills to good use playing on the full size courts. They now are learning a little about the challenging game of Golf. Traveling to the Maumee Sports Mall, they are learning putting and chipping as well as hitting the long ball at the driving range. The students appreciate the chance to participate in these lifetime activities and we are all so grateful to the parents who volunteer to assist with these programs.

Excitement filled the gym on Tuesday Oct 25th as Students in Grade 2 - 5 had the privilege of attending an assembly put on by the USTA (United States Tennis Association). Rackets were swinging and balls were flying as many students had a chance to get up and play several tennis warm-up games. Everyone had a great time and several teachers also participated in the fun. The students are excited about playing tennis and are looking forward to Coach Cameron, from Laurel Hill Tennis Club returning to St. Pat's for Tennis during Physical Education Classes.

Stackers:

There has been some extra excitement in Physical Education classes lately as the 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students have been working on sport stacking. It is a cup stacking activity that works on bilateral proficiency as well as eye hand coordination.

Many students have asked where they could purchase these special cups designed for sport stacking, so they could have fun with this activity at home. The Speed Stacks come with a training DVD which includes instructions, World Champion highlights and techniques.

This opportunity to order equipment is available to you at your child's request. If interested in purchasing speed stacks, please know there are three ways you can place your order.

1. Return this form by **Friday Nov. 18th** with **cash or checks made out to Speed Stacks Inc.**
2. Go on line www.speedstacks.com and pay with a credit card by **Thursday Nov. 17th**.
3. Go on line www.speedstacks.com and place your order by **Thursday Nov. 17th** and send to school a check made out to Speed Stacks Inc. by **Friday Nov. 18th**

When ordering online you must click on Group Order and then our State and our School. This price list is for a school group order only.

Speed Stacks would make a great Christmas or Birthday gift. Contact me for surprise orders.

In January and February 4th & 5th grade students will have an opportunity to participate in a Sport Stacking Club held once a week during recess time. Students do not need their own cups for this club as the school has several sets to share. However if they have their own cups they may bring them.

-Mrs. Pat Galvin

The Great Adventure with 2nd Grade

Did you know that all second graders take part in Religion class every day? They are great wonderers and share in some interesting class discussions. We thought you might enjoy reading about a couple of their most recent discussions.

After discussing that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are called the Holy Family, the second graders were asked, "What makes your family holy?"

- ...We have a cross upstairs.
- ...We are Jesus' followers.
- ...Everyone is holy.
- ...We are a good family.
- ...We believe in God.
- ...We go to church.
- ...We pray.
- ...We have a Bible
- ...God made us.
- ...My house has lots of Marys and crosses.

Why not take some time this week and discuss what makes yours a "Holy Family"? Another topic discussed was "What is your favorite Bible story?"

- ...Daniel and the Lion's Den because the lions and Daniel never stop praying.
- ...The walls of Jericho because it took them seven days to knock the wall down.
- ...Pentecost because the fire is over their heads.
- ...Noah's Ark because Noah saves the animals and God's people.
- ...Moses because he makes a path through the water.
- ...Daniel because it is amazing how God made the lions not eat Daniel.

What was the last Bible story you read? What great adventure did God have in store for that person?
What great adventure does God have in store for you?

The second graders are in the midst of a great adventure as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Nov. 14. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
-Mrs. Ann Borgia and Mrs. Dawn Young

NDA Parent/Teen Presentation

America's Next Top Reality Star Leah Darrow has gone from Top Model to Role Model for young women. She will discuss chastity and modesty to parents and their daughters on November 9 at 7 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy in the Performing Arts Center at 3535 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo. Her presentation will encourage everyone to realize their call to greatness, discusses the importance of chastity and modesty, and reflects on God's mercy, forgiveness, and the ability to change your life.

Tanzania Update

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St. Patrick of Heatherdowns presents their



22nd Annual Winter Bazaar

Saturday, November 12
10 AM - 4 PM

- ◆ FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING
- ◆ LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- ◆ FACE PAINTING FOR THE KIDS
- ◆ 50/50 DRAWING & RAFFLE!

CRAFTS INCLUDE: ornaments, handcrafted jewelry, handmade rosaries, pop-can airplanes, clay critters, Amish wood furniture, handmade doll clothes, goards, scrapbooking items, Christmas crafts, purses and handbags, papercrafts, recycled holiday crafts, sewn & knitted items...and so much more!

**We are still accepting
applications!**

For more information
contact Jennifer at 419/385-7802





Making an Impact in NW Ohio

Fall 2011



Income Based Vouchers Could Become a Reality

House Bill 136 also known as the **Parental Choice and Taxpayer Savings Scholarship (PACT)** made it out of the Ohio House Education Committee on September 22

with a vote of 12-10. It will now be heard by the entire House and eventually voted on for possible passage. The bill would provide scholarships up to \$4,626 for students from families of four with incomes below or equal to \$61,189. These scholarships could be used at a private school. Families of four with incomes up to \$95,000 would be eligible to receive vouchers worth \$2,313 for private school tuition. If a family does not use the entire voucher amount they would be able to deposit the difference in a child's education savings account. The money could be used to pay future eligible education-related expenses.

In order for the bill to pass, families and schools will need to contact their representatives to show their support of the bill. Thomas Suddes, a writer from Ohio University, said in an editorial in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "vouchers can empower non-rich parents, giving them the wherewithal to actually have a range of choices for their children."

Take a moment to call or email your State House Representative to let them know you support income-based vouchers or H.B. 136

Rep. Matt Huffman (614) 466-9624
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Rep. Randy Gardner (614) 466-8104
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Rep. Barbara Sears (614) 466-1731
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Rep. Teresa Fedor (614) 644-6017
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Rep. Michael Ashford (614)466-1401
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Visit http://scoho.org/SCO_forAdvocates.html#WL to see who your representatives are

The List Is Out for EdChoice Scholarship Designated Public Schools

The List of EdChoice Program Designated Public Schools was released on September 15 for the 2012-2013 school year. In Toledo, there are 19 schools that have been in academic watch or academic emergency or are ranked in the lowest 10 % of public school buildings by performance index score for two of the past three school years. These schools are: for 9-12 grades *Allied Health Academy, Business Technology and Industry Academy, and Woodward High*; for K-8 grades *Chase STEM Academy, East Broadway, Glenwood, Keyser, Leverette, Marshall, Martin Luther King Academy for Boys, McTigue, Pickett, Reynolds, Riverside, Robinson, Rosa Parks, Samuel M. Jones at Gunckel Park, Sherman, and Spring.*

Applications will be accepted at participating private schools starting Wednesday, February 1, 2012 until Friday, April 13, 2012. For more information visit <http://edchoice.ohio.gov>

Invite Your Representative to Visit Your School

Parents have you ever considered hosting your state representative at your child's school? Now is the best time as the House of Representatives consider important school choice bills. Contact Ann Riddle at School Choice Ohio to set-up a visit at (419) 351-4852 or email her at ariddle@scoho.org

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Parent Meeting about Cyber-bullying

On Nov. 14th St. Patrick of Heatherdowns will present a parent meeting to explain about Cyber-bullying and Sexting in today's world. This meeting will be from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in our Holy Family Center. I encourage parents of any age child to come and learn more about cyber-bullying and sexting.

The following presenters will be at this informational meeting.

Arielle Campbell-Assistant Coordinator Victims Forum-The Truth About Cyber-bullying and Sexting. She will present a brief overview of the PowerPoint she uses with the students in the classroom. She identifies the behavior and discusses the legal ramifications of participating. I have attached a flyer that details the program. She will be the individual that will conduct the program for the students as well.

Det. Janet Zale of the Oregon Police Department will discuss the criminal aspect of cyber-bullying and sexting. Det. Zale is an expert in forensics as it relates to technology. She has assisted the FBI and area law enforcement agencies with investigations and recovery work. (Think: "Nothing is really ever deleted from your cell phone or computer.")

Dr. Lisa Pescara-Kovach is an associate professor of educational psychology in the Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership in the Judith Herb College of Education. She will speak to the parents about the emotional and psychological effects of cyber-bullying and sexting.

I also hope to bring Assistant Lucas County Prosecutor Rob Miller to the presentation as well. Rob will speak to the issue from the legal and prosecutorial standpoint. He cannot commit to attending this far in advance as his trial schedule will determine his availability.

The Victims Forum Program has been conducting presentations in area schools since 1996. This program content has evolved to meet the changing needs of the community and society.

This evening presentation invitation is extended to area Catholic elementary school families.

Remember: Monday, Nov. 14th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Holy Family Center of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns.

Deb O'Shea, Principal St. Patrick of Heatherdowns
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**Questions?
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Program Director**

Please make checks payable to:
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Tanzania: The Great Adventure

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Mission Project
with St. Francis de Sales School in Tanzania

Support our Mission School in Tanzania



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES MISSION SCHOOL
Ipuli, Tabora, Tanzania

Serve Others Through:

- Education
- Awareness
- Relationship
- Sustainability
- Compassion

2011-2012

Tanzania: The Great Adventure

St. Francis de Sales Mission School, located in Ipulii, near Tabora, Tanzania, has been educating children since 2006. Our students at St. Pat's have been learning about the history and geography of Tanzania. They have connected with their peers in Tanzania by writing to them.



The students in Tanzania are in need of common items; pencil and paper are not readily available. The families are unable to afford the items needed for their children's education. Their need is so great, even breakfast cannot always be provided at home; the school provides a bowl of porridge for the children in the morning.

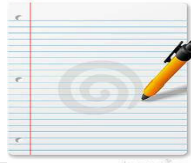






Building a relationship with the people of Tanzania allows us to become more compassionate. Children from both schools are benefiting by learning about the lives of their new friends from across the world. In addition to this, many children have asked what more they can do to lend a hand in the education of the students at St. Francis de Sales.

Please review our catalog of items needed by the students at St. Francis de Sales in Tanzania. All of the suggestions in the catalog are items that have been discussed during the **TANZANIA: The Great Adventure** presentations given by Gisela and Don Stiles. Many of the items listed in this catalog, the students at SPH have asked to donate to our friends in Tanzania.

Why order through our catalog?

By indicating in the catalog the items you would like to purchase and returning this form along with cash or check to your child's classroom, a tremendous amount of money will be saved on shipping expenses. This allows us to share our blessings with the families at St. Francis de Sales. A Catholic Church owned store in Tabora sells school supplies at discounted prices. Your monetary contribution will be used to buy these needed supplies and the Missionary Fathers will distribute them to the students.

Item Catalog

	Notebook Paper Suggested Donation: \$1.00 Qty Ordered: _____ Amt Enclosed: _____
	#2 Pencils, 10 Count, Yellow Suggested Donation: \$1.00 Qty Ordered: _____ Amt Enclosed: _____
	Bowl of Porridge for 8 Children Suggested Donation: \$2.00 Qty Ordered: _____ Amt Enclosed: _____
	Wood Frame Chalk Board, 11 x 17 Suggested Donation: \$10.00 Qty Ordered: _____ Amt Enclosed: _____
	Personalized Soccer Ball with donor signature & age Suggested Donation: \$15.00 Qty Ordered: _____ Amt Enclosed: _____
	Monthly tuition for 1 student Suggested Donation: \$20.00 Qty Ordered: _____ Amt Enclosed: _____
	Miscellaneous School Supplies Suggested Donation: Any Amount Qty Ordered: _____ Amt Enclosed: _____

Print Name: _____ Rm #: _____

**** Please return by November 28th ****

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In continuance of our friendship with the students of St. Francis de Sales, and to enhance their understanding of our nation's history, the students will create a collage depicting a period of American or Ohio history as a classroom project. The collages will be sent to St. Francis de Sales in Ipuli to display in their classrooms to learn more about our American history.

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Thank you,

Pam Mahaney, Program Director
Gisela Stiles
Sharon Christy



People of Tanzania throughout history