

ST. PATRICK PRIDE



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Arrival and Dismissal

Have you noticed how hard we are trying to keep our parking area safe for arrival and dismissal? I am so appreciative that the faculty is outside at dismissal, helping keep us safe.

However, the following areas need your assistance as you partner with us in the education of these wonderful children.

- At arrival, if you are dropping your child off at the Neumann Hall entrance, you must pull up all the way to the curve so that cars can get around the corner in the safest manner.
- At dismissal, no cars are allowed to be in the “No Parking” zone by The Learning Center and around the corner by the iron fencing. We realize many of you have done it for years, but it is not safe for the vehicles leaving the parking lot.
- At dismissal, no cars are allowed to be in the bus lane or stop the flow of traffic to allow a student to get in the car. Every vehicle must park in a parking spot.
- As always, at arrival and dismissal everyone must enter the Heatherdowns driveway between the HFC and Neumann Hall and exit onto Eastgate. Please inform anyone who picks up your children of these guidelines.

Cyberbullying

On November 18th from 1:30-2:30 in the HFC Kathy Nichols from the Ohio Attorney General’s office will be presenting “The Truth about Cyberbullying and Sexting” to our Middle School students. National Anti-bullying Week begins on November 15th this year and St. Pat’s would like to teach our middle school students the dangers of Cyberbullying and Sexting. Kathy visits schools in Ohio, giving this presentation. Did any of you read the article that was in the Blade Parade section this last week about Cyberspace Safety? It is very informative for parents. More info will be coming because we will be offering a parent information night also.

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This newsletter will be only sent home to those who need a hard copy and have designated that on the return page of the Parent Handbook. Otherwise, you will receive an email copy, usually on Thursday afternoon around 4, and it will also be posted on our school website.

Pokeman Cards

The teachers and administration have determined that Pokeman Cards are not allowed at school or during Latchkey. (Please explain to your children the reason the cards are not allowed is they do not reflect what we teach as a Catholic school.)

Rosary

Next Tuesday, October 11th at 2:15 our school will have a Rosary Service and everyone is invited. October is a “Mary” month, so it is a perfect time to teach our students how to pray the Rosary. Any family members who are interested are encouraged to come. Our eighth graders will assist in the Rosary Service.

Please have your child bring his/her rosary to school next Tuesday to use for this service. If you have none at home we will try to provide for all who don’t, thanks to Mrs. Sharon Christy!

Fr. Tom Allendar Returns

Mark your calendars for October 24-26 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (same talk at each time) when Fr. Tom Allendar returns to St. Patrick of Heatherdowns one more time to deliver his final Parish Mission on Family Spirituality. Family spirituality is for everyone! Whether we are married or single, if we have babies at home or are finally empty nesting, we all have the experience of family. We also have the broader experience of family as friends, in our workplace, our place of worship, or the broader community in which we live. Fr. Tom will be presenting spiritual tools that hold a family together. Each day is a character of love: learning to love, communication and trust.

Fr. Tom will be presenting a special day of reflection on Sunday, October 23 at 1:00 p.m. for single parents as he addresses the struggles they face carrying on the faith and parenting struggles on their own.

Babysitting will be provided all 4 days. Registration for babysitting is helpful! Please call the parish office at 419-381-1540 to register.

Also in this Mailing

- ❖ Red Ribbon Week Activities
- ❖ November Lunch Menu
- ❖ November Lunch Order Form
- ❖ Reverse Raffle Flyer

Picture Retakes

Picture re-takes will be November 2nd. Parents wanting their students' picture retaken MUST send in their picture packet. Anyone who was not in school will have their picture taken and/or if parents did not order but have changed their mind and would like to, they will need to fill out and bring in their order/payment envelope with them that day.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars for our Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th from 3:30 – 8 after school both days. We will offer babysitting 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.

Scantron Testing

Beginning last week and through the month of October, all the third, fifth and seventh graders will be taking our diocesan Scantron test. This test is taken online in the computer lab on the days these students normally have computer class. Please make sure your children are getting plenty of sleep and have a nutritious breakfast every day so they can be at their optimal performance while taking the test.

Entertainment Books



Help send a 5th or 6th grade student to camp, purchase a 2012 Entertainment Book! The sale began September 28th and runs through October 14th. Books are also available in the school office.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Friday, October 7th – Movie Night in the HFC, 7–9 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, October 11th – Rosary in church at 2:15, all invited!
 - No band on this day
- ❖ Saturday October 14th & Sunday, October 15th – Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner (more info to come) – in HFC
- ❖ Tuesday, October 18th – National Mix it up at Lunch Day (grades4–8)
 - Presentation of the “Ned Show” at 2:00 for K–6
- ❖ Wednesday, October 19th – Change Day for Seventh Graders
- ❖ Sunday, October 23rd – Trunk or Treat, in our parking lot from 2–4:30
- ❖ Monday, October 24th – Friday, October 28th – Red Ribbon Week
- ❖ Friday, October 28th – Last Day of First Quarter
 - Halloween Party Day with Parade and Pep Rally
(There will be no celebrations on the 31st.)
- ❖ Sunday, October 30th – 8th Grade Confirmation, 2:00
- ❖ Wednesday, Nov. 2nd – Picture Retakes
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th – Parent Teacher Conferences in the evening from 3:30–8. School will be in session both days.