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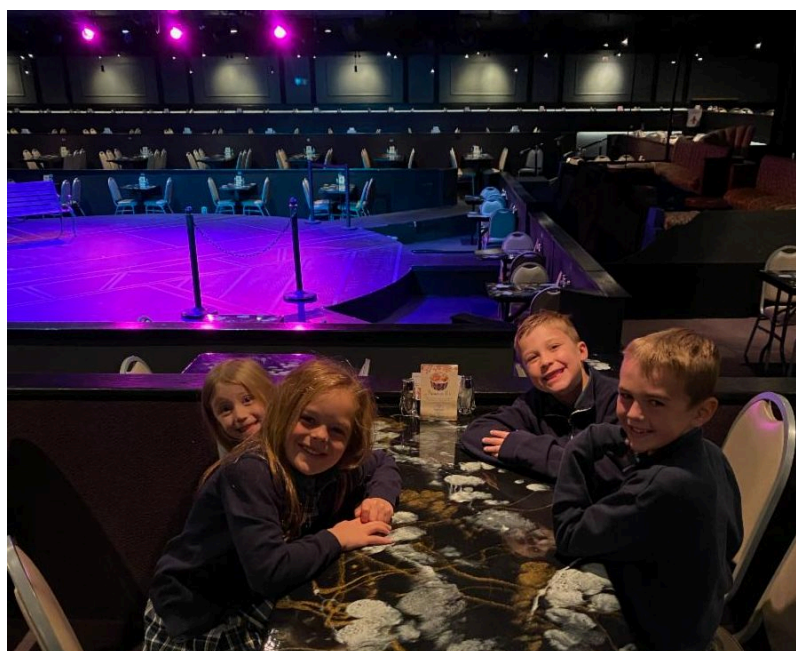
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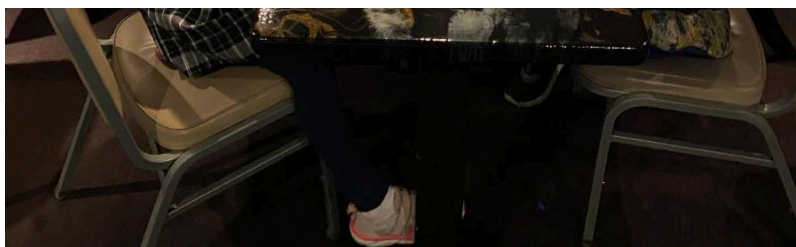


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Welcome Home!





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### ***Welcome Back***

After a restful Fall Break, we have had a strong week back at St. Pats! Thanks to everyone's efforts to make Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences a success. We are proud of the growth and the goal-setting that has taken place already this school year.

There are three weeks remaining in Trimester 1. As always, we encourage each family to carefully read through teacher newsletters, check graded work that has been sent home or posted online, check planners, and engage in conversations about student learning on a regular basis. Prevention, intervention, and engagement strategies will help us reach our high expectations of learning for all students. We are all on the same team for your child's success!

We will also continue to share more resources for standards-based learning and how to check progress on the PowerSchool platform as the grading period winds down. Report cards will be provided the week of November 21st.

### ***Halloween Accessories***

Students may wear Halloween accessories on Monday, October 31 with their school uniform. Costume privileges are afforded to Kindergarten and 8th grade. Accessories allow us to celebrate the holiday, but still move forward with classroom instruction for the day.

Class parties will take at the end of the school day. We hope everyone stays safe this Halloween and can get a good night's rest for school the next day.

Accessories on 10/31 may have a definite Halloween theme, or they may just be orange and black in color. Items that may be worn include:

- jewelry,
- scarves,
- socks, and
- belts.

No hats, wigs or colored hair. Remember, students must be in their school uniform, but can add a little Halloween Spirit to the uniform.

### ***Professional Learning Days - 2022-23***

A new addition to this year's school calendar for St. Patrick and most other Catholic elementary schools is the inclusion of two professional learning days for faculty.

**There is no school for students on these days.** Teachers will be attending workshops and trainings either at their local school site or elsewhere.

Our first professional learning date is Tuesday, November 8th. This has been noted on our 1-page school calendar that was first shared with families last school year and again throughout the summer and start of school. You can access it again [HERE](#).

## Important Dates

- **Oct. 31**- Class Halloween Parties & Accessories
- **Nov. 1** - All Saints Feast Day (Mass on Tuesday)
- **Nov. 2** - Dress Up Day
- **Nov. 3** - Confirmation, 7:00 p.m.
- **Nov. 6-8** - KYA Conference
- **Nov. 8** - No School for students (Professional Learning Day)
- **Nov. 10** - PTO Meeting, 8:00 a.m.
- **Nov. 11** - End of Trimester 1
- **Nov. 18** - Spirit Wear Day
- **Nov. 18-20** - Frozen, Jr. Performances
- **Nov. 21** - Report Cards Trimester 1
- **Nov. 22** - Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast
- **Nov. 23-25** - Thanksgiving Break

## Handbook Highlights

### **Section #20 - Homework Guidelines (p. 18-19)**

The purpose of homework is threefold: (1) to give students time to practice previously taught material or preview upcoming material; (2) to provide time for assignments or projects requiring longer preparation; and, (3) to keep parents in touch with what their children are learning in school.

Students will be held accountable for participating and completing homework assignments. However, their completion of homework will be measured as other behaviors are measured and will not be included in academic progress calculations.

All students will be held accountable for missing work, homework or otherwise. Students will be required to attend a school intervention to get the help they need to complete the assignment with quality.

Missing work will be noted on school reports and can lead to removing privileges in extracurricular participation. This is tracked weekly and communicated with CAM and other extracurricular leaders.

Having difficult with homework at home? Contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to discuss. Members of the leadership team are also available to assess student needs, curriculum, and policy.

Read more about these policies on pages 18-19 of the Handbook. Click [HERE](#) to access a copy from our website.

## CSA Kickoff!





**Theme: Comfort My People (Isaiah 40:1)**

St. Patrick is a community with a rich history of giving. Through our Step-by-Step Stewardship program at school, we focus on teaching children to understand the needs of those around us and giving back to the community.

As the adults of our community reflect and pray over their commitment to the Catholic Services Appeal, we would like to encourage our youngest stewards, our children, to do the same, along with their families. We need support from our school families to reach our goal as a parish community!

The CSA is an opportunity to be connected and engaged, to contribute, to make a difference, and to build solid and deep relationships. Every donation, no matter the size, is important. Thank you for your support.

St. Patrick Goal: \$146,600

Family Goal to Participate: 333 families

Gifts can be made in the following ways:

- Online at [archlou.org](http://archlou.org)
- Online at [stpatlou.org](http://stpatlou.org)







# Youth Ministry

Grades 6-8! Details and sign-ups for events at the [Youth Ministry Website](#)

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## Upcoming Events

- **October 23-** Grill the Priest
- **October 26-29-** 7th/8th Grade Mission Trip
- **November 3** - Confirmation Mass
- **November 13** - Souper Youth Night
- **November 20** - Guatemala Mission Trip Meeting
- **December 7** - Reindeer Run (Scavenger Hunt)

**Grill the Priest on October 23:** Fr. Jeff, Fr. Quan, and Fr. Tony invite our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to the rectory for a night of questions and answers. Here is a chance for your students to ask questions about their Catholic faith, morality issues, what we believe as Catholics, Catholic church history, or what it's like to be a priest. Join us on Sunday, October 23 following the 5:30 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. Sign up at the [Youth Ministry Website](#) and let us know your students will be there.

## Cafeteria Food Services Update



***New Middle School webpage:***

<https://menu.taherfood4life.org/schools/StPatrickCatholicMiddleSchool/>

***New Elementary School webpage:***

<https://menu.taherfood4life.org/schools/StPatrickCatholicElementarySchool/>

# Parish Happenings

## *Learning Together*

Click [HERE](#) for our "Learning Together" parish page. There are lots of opportunities to learn and get involved!

Important Dates for Children's Formation:

- **October 22** - Grade 2 Parent/Child First Reconciliation Workshop
- **November 12/13** - Baptisms at Mass
- **November 16/17** - Grade 2 First Reconciliation



## CAM



Click [HERE](#) for the CAM website and newsletter, which is updated regularly for all sporting news, announcements, and sign-ups.

CAM is looking for a NEW Chairperson. The term will officially begin in May 2023, but will train with the current Chair, Steve Kaufman, for the next six months. This position is recommended by CAM and then



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**CAM Position BIO Form** can be found [HERE](#). Please return bio form no later than Monday, October 24 to [saintpatrickCAM@gmail.com](mailto:saintpatrickCAM@gmail.com).

## Have a great weekend!



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