



ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL NEWS

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST. PAT'S



OUR MISSION

St. Patrick's School of Oneida is a Catholic Christian school which serves as an educational ministry of Catholic Parishes of Madison and Western Oneida County Communities, as well as being opened to families of other faiths who accept the philosophies and mission of our school.

St. Patrick's is dedicated to carrying out the mission of Christ proclaiming the gospel and forming students in a faith that is "living, conscious, and active in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church."

We strive for academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment. We encourage each student to gain self-discipline and to assume a sense of responsibility for themselves and society. We instill a sense of personal self-worth so that each student may reach his/her potential as a special and unique child of God.

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"Students at St. Patrick's School Oneida, NY had a great time as they celebrated Pajamarama Day! Together they raised \$250.00 in support of kids fighting pediatric cancer at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital!" -Mary Kate Intaglietta

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Written by: Mrs. K. Healt



Dear Families,
We have been very busy in our classrooms and are all working hard on our academics and faith formation. Please be sure that students are in their classroom by 8:55 when we start prayers. When they are late it makes for a rushed and stressful morning. Students will need to be signed in if they arrive after 8:55 am.

Remember that we go outside for recess most days, weather permitting. Students need to have a coat, hat, and mittens in their book bag. Please send in a change of clothes for all students as well. Please check the dress code for the winter months as it is fast approaching!

I hope God continues to bless you and your families with abundant grace and love.

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Healt

FROM THE PTC

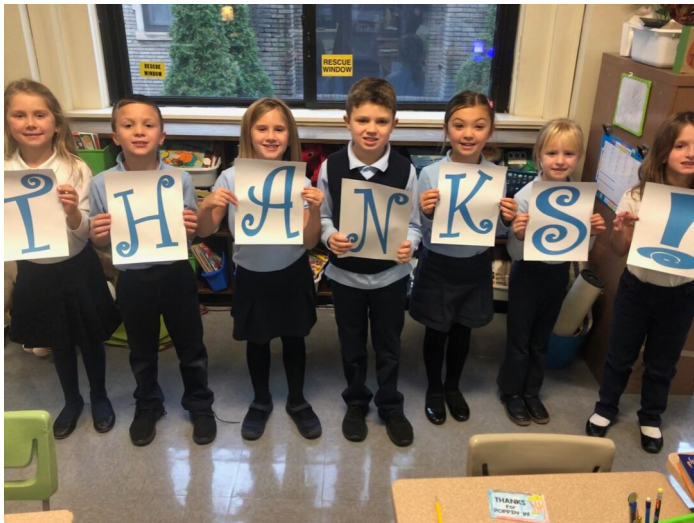
Parent Teacher Club (PTC) Meetings are held once a month throughout the school year. We encourage all parents and teachers of St. Patrick's to become involved for the support of the school. We work in cooperation with the principal and teachers to provide funding and volunteer support that enhances the school experience.

Upcoming Events:

Pasta with Santa: Dec. 7th

Purse Bingo: March 29th

Basket Bonanza: May 18th



We would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all that donated to our tuition assistance program, especially The Knights of Columbus Oneida #473 for their generous donation! We really appreciate your support of Catholic School Education! We are truly blessed!

Blessing of the Stuffed Animals





FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

HIGH HONORS (94.5-100)

6th: Rainbow Butler, Ruby Butler

5th: Kade Meyers

4th: Connor Bowe, Luna Marris, Leah Mazor

3rd: Kaitlyn Finster, Charlie Mazor, Hailey Walrath, Margaret Lohr, Ryan Kosuda



HONORS (89.5-94.4)

6th: Catherine Lohr, Nicholas Martin, Katherine Pabis

5th: Olivia Healt

4th: Gabriel Blehar, Jude Jbarah

3rd: Patrick Dahlem, Callan Walrath



MERIT (84.5-89.4)

5th: Nina Damore, Grace Roydhouse, Landon Smith

4th: Avrey Baker, Joshua Holmes

3rd: Kaydence Murphy, Jacob Rudd, Mia Cotter, Layn Kraeger, Dario Damore

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

September



"Student of the Month is based on qualities such as character, leadership, and citizenship; not solely on academics."

-K. Healt

October



Preschool 3

School is flying by here in PreSchool!! So far this year we have learned about the letters A-H. We have enjoyed learning about apples, fall leaves, community helpers, the farm, fire safety, Halloween, and turkeys!! As a class we have mastered our colors, shapes, and counting from 1-10. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a feast to thank God for all of life's blessings.



Keeping up with Kindergarten!

It has been a whirlwind start to our year! We have learned so much already. We are rock stars with our sight words. In math, we have been learning how to represent numbers in a ten frame and greater than or less than. Identifying nouns and verbs have become an important job during our morning routine. We can count syllables and are beginning to read by stretching out hard words. Jonah and the Whale and Noah's Ark have become our favorite Bible stories so far. In kindergarten, students are becoming more independent. Please continue to practice putting on shoes and coats, buttoning/zipping our pants and jackets, and tucking in our shirts at home. I encourage parents to let their child cut with scissors at home. This helps with our fine motor skills! It has been fun couple months in kindergarten!

PRE K PLAY

We sure have been busy in Pre-K so far this year! There has been a lot to learn from how to be a good friend, walking in line, how to work in centers, and shapes, to writing our name and learning letters and numbers. So far we have learned about the letters A, F, O, P, H, and C. We have also learned our numbers 0-4. We have also learned about many different topics in Science such as the Life Cycle of an Apple, How pumpkins grow, Owls, and the different types of Clouds. The Pre-K students have really grown so much already and have learned so many different things. Keep an eye out for these fantastic students, there's so much more to come!



First Grade Fun

First Grade is definitely a hoot! We have made it through our first two math chapters reviewing and learning new addition and subtraction concepts. Now, we will embark on using different strategies to add and subtract. Students are enjoying daily math groups and learning cooperatively with their class mates. Friends in First Grade have been reading new stories daily and weekly to add to their reading repertoire. We just wrapped up a story all about the ways animals communicate and different ways they connect. Students really enjoyed this non-fiction story filled with facts and information about communicating. First Graders have spent some time focusing on finding the main idea and details in a story. This story definitely made it easy for students to find the main concept and details to support it. Working together and using small group learning centers are a main focus of First Grade.

Second Grade Stars

Second Grade has been working hard and learning right from day one. Students joined with the fifth grade on a field trip to the Oneida Public Library. There we enjoyed reading and found out how much fun reading can be. Second Grade Scientists have designed and built sun hats, tested how different candies melt, and came up with many practical uses for bouncy glass. In religion, students have learned how to pray the Rosary and they researched the lives of several Saints, creating posters to share the information with the class. Our Mathematicians have been busy practicing their addition facts and learning all about numbers.



3rd Grade Thinkers

We have been very busy in third grade so far this year! We have been learning about maps and how to read them. We have also been learning about forces and motion, and have conducted a few experiments to see those forces working in action! We have been learning about the lives of Abraham and Moses, as well as many different saints. We have been rounding, regrouping, graphing, and multiplying in math, and we are trying out different strategies to help us be successful with these concepts. In ELA, we have been practicing many skills and strategies that help us understand what we are reading, and we are also expanding our writing to make our stories more detailed and interesting. If you're interested in seeing some of our work, check out our classroom book blog! We have read some amazing books so far this year, and we think you would enjoy them too!



Look on our website! <http://mrsthompsonstpat.weebly.com/book-review-blog>

Fantastic 4th Grade

Fourth graders have been really busy. We went on a field trip in September to Albany by train with the 5th and 6th grade classes. We went on a tour of the Albany Cathedral and Capitol building and also went to the museum. It was a fun filled day! The October Mass was ours and we used the theme "Respect Life". The picture below shows us as we prepared to sing "Smile" during the Communion meditation. We have been learning so much in fourth grade, but definitely a favorite subject is science. We have been using the Mystery Science curriculum. This week we built our own roller racers and investigated how much energy it takes to go a certain distance.



5th Grade Family

We have been very busy this year in fifth grade. In reading we have finished reading Frindle and really enjoyed the relationship between Mrs. Granger and Nick Allen. In math we continue to work on our multiplication and division facts while we master our decimals. We have begun to travel the world with explorers like Christopher Columbus, Henry Hudson and Vasco de Gama and become alchemists along with Mystery Doug. Our favorite part of 5th grade so far has been making Ojo de Dios and seeing how long we can make our kindness chain. What a great way to start a fun filled year of learning and growing.



Sixth Grade Scholars

"Class of 2019" The seniors of our building have started off with a Big Bang. They have taken on the job of being good role models. Everyday one these students reads a reading for the day over the loudspeaker. They take leadership in many religious ceremonies. They did the opening Mass and will do weekly Advent Prayer Services. For Easter time they will do Living Stations for the school community. We went to Karing Kitchen for our first community service project and will do more of these projects throughout the year. Academically we are off to a wonderful start in all subject areas. We are currently reading the book "Hatchet" together and will choose a new novel soon.



MUSIC

In the music room, students are getting ready for our annual Christmas Concert on Wed, Dec 12th at 6:30! The students are extremely talented and you should all be very proud!

I look forward to seeing another packed house at the Christmas concert at Saint Patrick's Church!

Physical Education

Students in PK through grade 2 have been working on their balance, coordination, and gross motor skills through games such as "pizza delivery," "popcorn parachute," and different obstacle courses. They are learning to work together and what it means to be a team player. Students in grades 3-6 are working on learning basketball skills, techniques, and good sportsmanship. They are also setting personal goals in regards to speed, strength, and agility at the start of each class.

Art

The students are being introduced to vast variety of different mediums this year. Collage, oil pastel, chalk pastel, clay, and paint are all being explored. Through shaking paint, filling "empty space," and furnishing clay, the students love exploring the non-traditional methods of various art mediums. The Students have been working on group projects and seeing what happens when great ideas come together. All classes are working hard on centerpieces and decorations to make Pasta with Santa a beautiful winter wonderland!

Spanish

We have started our year with reviewing the Spanish Alphabet, numbers, and colors! We even celebrated Mexican Independence Day (which was September 16th)! We most recently recognized and celebrated Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead 10/31-11/2) by constructing our own ofrenda (an altar remembering loved ones) and even tried some pan de muerto!

Coming up we will be learning about the days of week, months, and seasons. In the older grades we will be talking about verb conjugation and masculine and feminine words and of course we are looking forward to Navidad!!!! Thank you for sharing your children with me! It is always a joy to teach them!

Cafeteria News

Do you know about My School Bucks? With MySchoolBucks, you can add money to your child's account, view account balances and recent purchases, and set up notifications for upcoming payments - from the convenience of your home, office, or on-the-go with a mobile app. Find out more at www.myschoolbucks.com We sell ice cream on Fridays for .50 cents!

Health Office

NYS Education Law requires that students receive screenings (vision, hearing, scoliosis) provided by each public school district. The purpose of this requirement is to detect the presence of problems likely to impede a student's learning. We will be conducting these screenings for your student(s) throughout the school year. If the results of the screenings indicate that your child requires further follow-up, you will receive written notification.

Library Lore

Inspiring a love of reading, and an appreciation for where good reading skills can take us, is the library goal, and students continue this year to check out books on Tuesday and sharpen their reading skills using NEWSOLA on Thursdays. NEWSOLA is a free to schools service that takes current event stories, and stories of continuing interest from the news and rewrites them at grade levels 2-12.

Grades 2 through 6 at St. Pat's work with a non-fiction news story on Thursdays. Each story has 4 questions relating to the news article. Pre-K - Grade 1, choose books and listen to stories that are often matched to the season and upcoming holidays or holy days.

We received a wonderful gift in the form of 2 sturdy library tables and 8 child chairs donated by the Oneida Public Library. New books were purchased and donated over the summer months, and students have enjoyed getting to know all of the new books!



The Guardians

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Who are we?

We are the Guardians of St. Patrick's Elementary School Foundation, Inc. (The Guardians)

What do we do?

We were formed to accumulate resources and financial support for St. Patrick's School in Oneida, NY. There is an *increasing need* for financial aid to the ONLY Catholic Elementary School in Madison County! The resources we raise will be used for **tuition subsidies** and **other operating expenses** to continue the wonderful education St. Patrick's School offers. We are a 501(c)3 organization, so all contributions are deductible for Federal and NYS income tax purposes.

How do you find out more about us?

Visit our website at: guardiansfoundation.net

PLEASE contribute to our mission of keeping St. Patrick's exceptional school going strong!

What can you do?

You can reach out to benefactors, businesses, alumni, and all those interested in continuing the tradition of an exceptional catholic education to young people.

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Grades 4-6 Field Trip to Albany



"We went on a tour of the Albany Cathedral and Capitol building and also went to the museum. It was a fun filled day!"

-Mrs. K. Hudson

Dear Friends of St. Patrick's School,

There is a table in the foyer of St. Patrick's elementary that is the first thing students see when they walk into school in the morning. On that table is a prayer list and a pen. Every day, several children write their prayer requests on this list. And every day, the school principal, Mrs. Healt, reads them for the entire school as part of morning prayer.

They start their day with prayer.

102 students PK-6, 20 staff members, 1 principal, and 1 secretary — they all come together to begin the day with prayer. This habitual speaking with God continues throughout the day, every day. This is just one of the many reasons I sent my children to St. Patrick's School. Beyond prayer, St. Patrick's students benefit from other advantages: religious education, in-school worship, regular community service, small class sizes, and a wholesome, traditional environment. Most importantly, they are taught to love one another, to care for our world, and to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

For nearly 100 years, St. Patrick's is and has always been the only accredited alternative to public school education available for elementary students in our area. It is their policy to accept all students who desire a Christian education, regardless of their ability to pay tuition. But the school's continuation is not guaranteed. St. Patrick's elementary needs your help. As the costs of operation rise, the school's future becomes more and more unsure. A gift of \$500 will make a dramatic impact on the well-being of our school. A gift of any size will make a difference in the lives of our students.

Please support our school and help us continue the good work we are doing in the lives of local children. You can make a gift by calling (315) 363-3620, visiting www.stpatricksonyoneida.org or by sending a check to 354 Elizabeth St., Oneida, NY 13421. Thank you in advance for your support! It means the world to the St. Patrick's School Family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sara Furlong

Former St. Pat's
advisory board member
and parent

