

APRIL 2018 HSA NEWSLETTER

St. Patrick Catholic Home and School
Association

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SPRING 2018 ALL SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

All-school Masses are on Thursdays at 8:15 AM. Join your children in worship when you can. It is a great way to support their spiritual growth (and yours, too)!

April 5th - PreK

April 12th – 8rd grade

April 19th – 7th grade

April 26th – 6th grade

May 3rd – 5th grade

May 10th – 8th & 2nd grade **May Crowning**

May 17th- 4th grade

May 23rd - Teachers

Note: K-5th grade Masses are on Wednesdays at 8:15 AM. 6th – 8th grade Masses are celebrated on Fridays at 8:15 AM.

UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS

Saint Patrick Catholic School is first and foremost a Catholic institution charged with the mission to instill the values of Jesus Christ in the ministry that is Catholic education. If it can't do this, then all it provides is a secular education in a Catholic school. But!!!! That is NOT what our teachers are called to do. Our teachers are RADICAL! Every one of our teachers is a minister of the Gospel whose mission it is to infuse their students with Catholic faith/moral teaching to form the whole person, the entire person, the complete person, created in His image. See what I mean by RADICAL?! -April 2017 HSA newsletter

The March 2018 HSA newsletter mentioned MANY students who earned academic and achievement awards in January and February. The K-5th grade teachers -- or “upstairs” teachers -- have A LOT to do with 6th – 8th grade -- “downstairs” -- student and teacher successes!

Cotton, the fabric of our lives. – Cotton Incorporated

Cheesy, yes, but let's continue! When spun, cotton becomes fiber. When woven, it becomes fabric, something potential. The “upstairs” teachers create the fiber in the student for attaining knowledge, teaching academic rules and exceptions to rules. This fabric of fact and knowledge IS potentiality.

We have fact. We have knowledge. Good to go, right? Nope.

Continuing with the cotton metaphor, weak fiber cannot be crafted into a strong fabric that has structure and integrity. The K-5th grade teachers work hard to spin and weave a strong knowledge fiber. This fiber becomes the fabric that is further crafted downstairs in the 6th – 8th. Now add structure and refinement (some would call this drape). The fabric of potentiality can



now be crafted into an “A” on a test, an award at a science fair, or a ribbon at contest. The “downstairs” teachers craft fact and knowledge taught and inspired by the “upstairs.”

So now our students have fact, knowledge, and structure. Good to go, right? Nope!

Preparation determines your destination. – Dave Ramsey

“It” doesn’t just happen, by accident, all-of-a-sudden, without warning, in secret, without preparation, by luck, as if by winning the lottery. Knowledge recognized is “won”, by the grace of God and through the direction of the teacher, the counselor, and the family. Let me add to that: through the direction of the Teacher, the Counselor, and the Family. It is by Him, through Him, and for Him that Knowledge is attained. Our students have commenced their journey to Truth by Knowledge.

‘Of course if he would have only admitted that he’d mistaken the means for the end and had a good laugh at himself he could have begun all over again like a little child and entered into joy. But he would not do that. He cared nothing about joy. In the end he went away.’

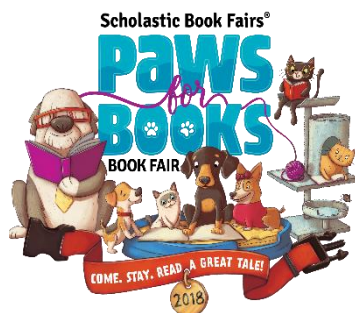
‘How fantastic!’ said I.

*‘Do ye think so’ said the Teacher with a piercing glance. ‘It is nearer to such as you than ye think. . . It is the subtlest of all the snares.’ (Lewis 01:28:56)**

As parents, we need to be reminded that our children’s accolades -- and our own, are the means, not the ends. Indeed, the journey is preparation, itself. The destination is the **Truth**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPEECH TEAM

Blue ribbons were awarded to Allesandra Obrist and Savannah Mallery Duet Acting "Lost". In dramatic interpretation, a blue ribbon was awarded to Margaret Lee for "My Name is Amy." In the Humorous Category, Ti Rivera earned a blue ribbon performing “Gimme the Ball.” Gianna Starns received a red ribbon performing “Class Pictures”.



Paws for Books!

Monday, April 9th (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) Prop making for Paws for Books Scholastic Book Fair, Parish Center Room A, all are welcome!

Monday, April 30th – Friday, May 4th 3:00pm – 5:30 pm Shop the Book Fair, Parish Hall

**Lewis, C.S. The Great Divorce. Narrated by Simon Vance, Audible, Blackstone Edition, 2005. Audiobook.*

APRIL & MAY 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 2nd Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)

Tuesday, April 3rd RSVP deadline for 2018 Dinner Auction

Thursday, April 5th (8:30 am – 7:00 pm) & Friday, April 6th (8:30 am – 4:00 pm) Drop-Off for Rummage Sale, Parish Hall

Friday, April 6th (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) & Saturday April 7th (8:00 am to 12:00 pm) Shop the Rummage Sale, Parish Hall

Saturday, April 7th (12:00 pm - 3:00 pm) Rummage Sale Clean-up, Parish Hall

Saturday, April 14th 5:30 pm doors open, Best School on Route 66 Dinner Auction, Missouri S&T Havener Center

Thursday, April 26th Mid-Quarter

Tuesday, May 8th 6:30 pm HSA General Assembly Meeting (Parish Hall)

Friday, May 18th 8th Grade Graduation

The last day of school will be listed in the next newsletter.