

# St. Alphonsus St. Patrick School

## Principal's Corner

This Sunday we launch our week-long celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Catholic schools have an important mission given to them by the Lord, and that mission is being communities of faith, knowledge and service. St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School has been fulfilling its mission since 1967 when we became a combined school.

The first message in this year's theme is faith. It is very important to form the hearts and souls of children, to introduce them early and often to the love of God and to God's eternal truths. Our religion curriculum communicates not just information about our faith, but helps students encounter the living God who loves them with an everlasting love.

Faith is the first part of the mission of our school, and knowledge is the second part. Knowledge is one of the keys to a happy and successful life. Our teachers are dedicated to excellence in the classroom, in helping students to learn the subjects of English, math, history, social studies, technology and the arts.

Service is the third and final part of the mission of our school. Our students learn to serve through a variety of efforts. Students learn to serve by collecting food items for our local pantries, tutoring younger students, assisting at Feed My Starving Children, recycling paper goods, and altar serving, to name a few. Students also complete service hours as part of their requirements for Confirmation and as members of the National Junior Honor Society.

Our school has a clear mission to be a community of faith, knowledge and service, and it fulfills this mission by educating the whole child to be a faith-filled, knowledgeable disciple of Jesus Christ who puts his or her faith into action by helping others. As we reflect on the call of Jesus to four of his disciples to become fishers of men and women. I invite you to consider your own call and your own mission. How will you answer this call as you form your Celtic to be a force for change in our world?

### REMINDERS

**Friday, January 29:** Grade 5 Chapel Mass.

**Sunday, January 31:** CSW Open House 9:30-11:30 a.m.



We invite you to come see the work the students have done this Sunday at our Open House.

You will see the students' work on display in many formats. Student Council and National Junior Honor Society members will be on hand to lead tours, as well as answer questions and share their experiences of St. Al/St. Pat's. We have much to be grateful for and proud of at our school.

We hope you bring friends and neighbors to our school so they too can see that Celtic pride is alive and well. We look forward to seeing you!

On Monday the week continues with a variety of fun and exciting activities that our Catholic Schools Week committee planned.

Be sure to hang on your refrigerator the CSW flyer detailing events of the week so you know what's happening and how to dress each day!





## SHOP Corner



Beginning January 30, the Manna Group is offering several Valentine's Day bonus offers. Bath & Body Works (18% total discount), Lettuce Entertain You (18% total discount) and California Pizza Kitchen (13% total discount) will all be offered with a 5% bonus! Also, iTunes (5% total discount) and Hallmark (6% total discount) will be offered with a 2% bonus. Finally, the Bloom-in' Brands multi merchant card including Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's, Bonefish Grill and Fleming's will be offered at a 1% bonus giving a total discount of 9%. Please take advantage of these special promotions! Orders can be placed online at [www.mannaorders.net](http://www.mannaorders.net) and gift cards can be obtained using the Manna eScript option.

Thank you,  
Your SHOP Team



## CONGRATULATIONS MR. JOE

Mr. Joe was awarded the Celtic award this month for leading our students in our annual Christmas concert!

The Celtic Award is presented to classes, faculty and staff who have exhibited our Celtic Mission. The recipient of the award is chosen by Student Council.



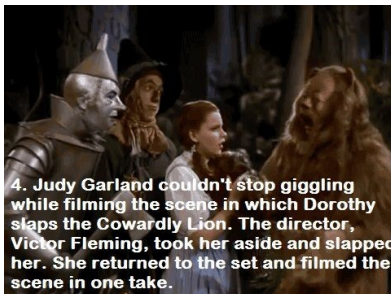
## "A NIGHT IN OZ"

We are fast approaching the Emerald City! Let's make sure we don't fall under the spell of the Wicked Witch of the West!



Please reserve your Gala tickets. Individual tickets are \$70.00 each and a table of 10 is \$700.00.

Complete the form on the eThursday and return it with payment to the attention of St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School office c/o Mrs. Lori Atherton (All checks should be made out to the school. Deadline is Friday, February 12, 2016)



4. Judy Garland couldn't stop giggling while filming the scene in which Dorothy slaps the Cowardly Lion. The director, Victor Fleming, took her aside and slapped her. She returned to the set and filmed the scene in one take.



Toto was a female Cairn Terrier named Terry. She was injured during

filming (one of the witch's guards accidentally stepped on her). She was paid a \$125 a week, which was more than many of the Munchkin actors received.



15. Margaret Hamilton's makeup was toxic and could not be ingested, so she lived almost entirely on a liquid diet during filming.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### Enrollment

- Total Catholic school student enrollment for the current academic year is 1,939,574.
- 1,359,969 in elementary/middle schools; 579,605 in secondary schools
- Non-Catholic enrollment is 328,690 which is 16.9% of the total enrollment.

### Schools

- There are 6,568 Catholic schools: 5,368 elementary; 1,200 secondary.
- The student/teacher ratio is 13:1.

### Professional Staff

- Full-time equivalent professional staff numbered 150,709:
- 97.2%: Laity (Lay women: 75.2% Lay men: 22.0%)
- 2.8%: Religious/Clergy (Sisters: 1.9%; Brothers: 0.4%; Clergy: 0.5%)



Welcome to the **CELTICS CORNER**- Here you will find information regarding our athletics program.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade boys basketball team in winning the St. Dennis Tournament  
6<sup>TH</sup> Grade boys basketball team in winning the St. Mary Titan Tournament  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade boys basketball team for winning against St. Cyril's

**To all our basketball teams for Winning on Pack the Place Night- Way to Go!!! Thank you to those that came out to support our teams and watch great basketball being played.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 6th grade class for their attendance at Pack the Place. They will the pizza lunch.  
**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr. Bozue on his retirement from the LHS girls basketball team! What a career!!

**Save the Dates: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Emil Tournament- Jan. 30 7pm vs SMI at Lemont High School. See flyer for details (January 21 eThursday)**  
**February 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Night**

**Spring Volleyball Registration – Early registration due by January 31. All registrations are due by February 5.**

**Jan. 2016** Car decals available for sale- Cost \$3 each. They are available at all home games or through the Thursday envelope. Send your payment and order form to Laura Kerfin c/o Sarah (8<sup>th</sup>).

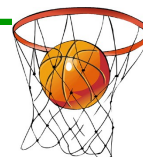
### **NEWS TO KNOW:**

**BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2016/2017:** It's never too early to start thinking about joining the Athletics Board. Be a part of promoting our wonderful program. Positions open for next year as of now are:

**Treasurer, Equipment Coordinator, and Concessions Coordinators** (2 person team). Positions need to be filled by April 2016 for transitional purposes. If you have any questions, please contact any board member or email your question at [athletics@stals-stpats.org](mailto:athletics@stals-stpats.org).



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Sixth Grade Basketball Champions**  
**Titan Tournament**  
**Coached by: Mr. Brendan McGuire**  
**and Mr. Dwayne Meeks**



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**7th Grade Basketball Champions**  
**St. Dennis Tournament**  
**Coached by: Mr. Larry Kirk**  
**and Mr. Scott Kogut**

