

# NEWS YOU COULD USE

February 4, 2016

## Reminders

**Friday, Feb. 5:** 8:15 a.m. CSW liturgy followed by Volunteer Appreciation reception

**Monday, Feb. 8:** "Dine Out" at Gelsossomos

**Tuesday, Feb. 9:** 7:15 p.m. St. Alphonsus First Communion parent meeting

\*\*Special lunch.

\*\*6:30 p.m. BSJ (Board of Specified Jurisdiction) meeting in the library.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10:** 8:15 a.m. Ash Wednesday all school liturgy.

## Hats off....

...to parents, teachers, staff, students, FSA and Athletics for making our Open House a wonderful experience for all those who came to it. Many positive comments were made. Watch next week's Link for pictures from the Open House and Catholic Schools Week activities.

...to Mrs. O'Hara and all her helpers in orchestrating the Invention Convention. I think in a few years we may see some of the inventions on the "As Seen On TV" commercials.

...to Mrs. Parry and her band of artists who did such a wonderful job on the Art Fair. We certainly have some very talented students.

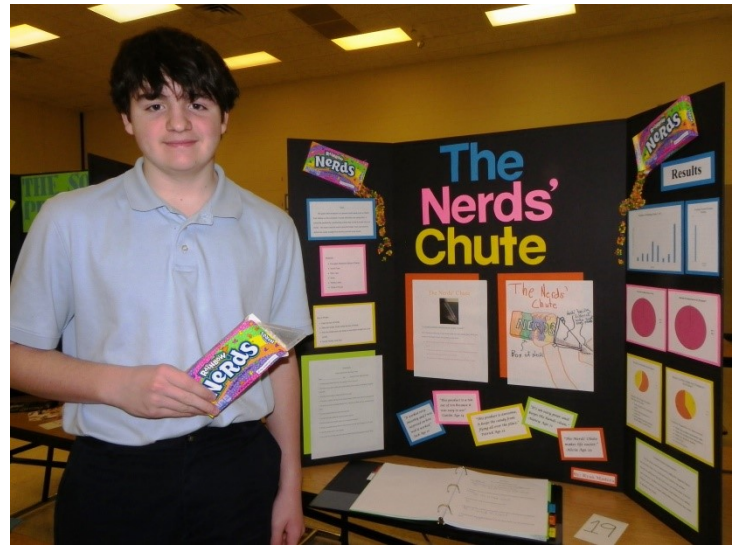
...faculty Catholic Schools Week committee and our student ambassadors.

## 2016-2017 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

**REMINDER...** All re-registration forms for the 2016-2017 school year were due last week. If you have not yet returned your registration, please do so as soon as possible. The \$100 re-registration deposit **per family** is due no later than **Monday, February 25**. The deposit will be applied to book fees billed in August. Unfortunately, we cannot consider the registration final until the fee and forms are received. **All fees received after February 25 will be assessed a \$25 late fee.**



*Be sure to "like" our Facebook page at [facebook.com/stalsstpats](https://www.facebook.com/stalsstpats) and "like" or "share" our posts to help spread the word about all the great things happening at our school.*



## THANK YOU

Thank you to the teachers, parents and other volunteers who gave their time to judge this year's Invention Convention. I am truly grateful and appreciative. I know how hard it is to take time out of your busy schedules; the students and I are blessed to have a community that cares so much about their education! Thank you to Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Gottardo, Mr. Kwiatkowski, Mrs. Lerch, Mr. Lundberg, Mr. Masterson, Mr. Munyon, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schuette, Mr. Skwarek, Ms. Wenzel, Mrs. Yakes.

Gratefully, Mrs. O'Hara.



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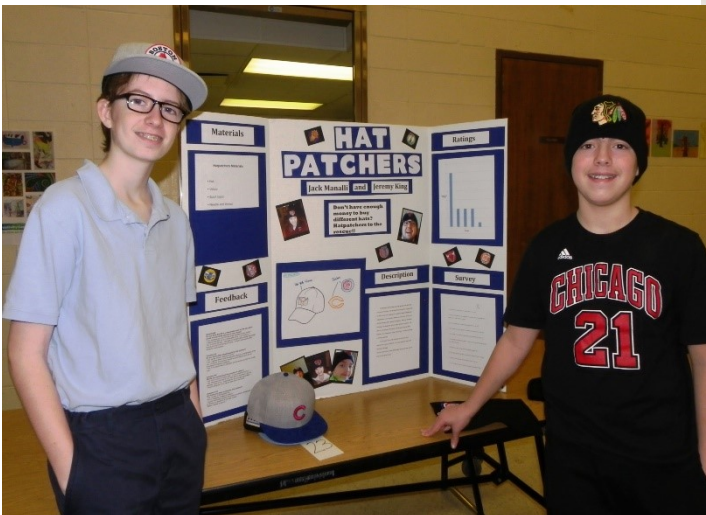
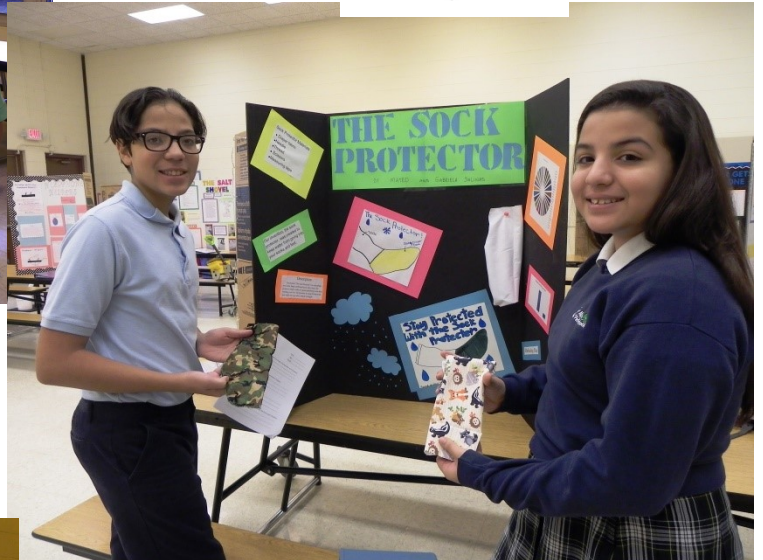
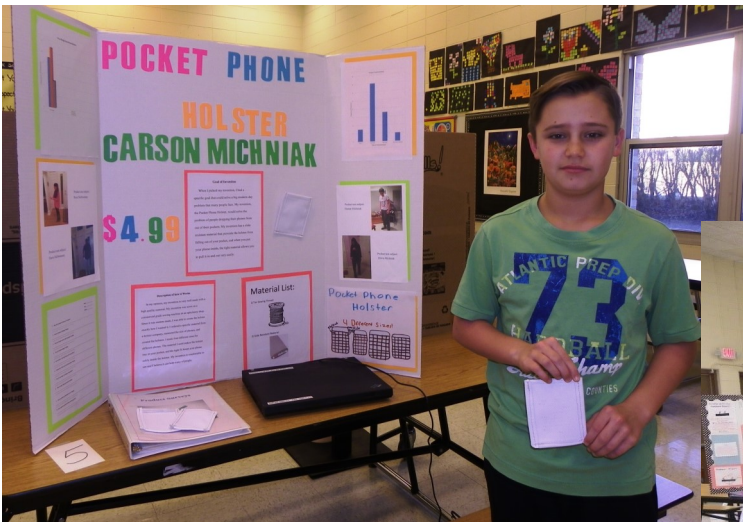
This year the seventh and eighth graders participated in the school's Invention Convention. The students began in October working on creating their original invention or some students took an invention already in existence and made it better. All the students had great ideas. We may see some come to life in the next ten years or so! Congratulations to all who participated. This year's winners are:

1st place: "The Pocket Phone Holster" by Carson (gr. 8)

2nd Place: "Hat Patchers" by Jeremy and Jack (gr. 7)

3rd Place (four way tie): "E-z Shoe Clean" by Jack Giobbia (gr. 7), "The Sharp Box" by Drew King (gr. 8), the "Cuddle Bud" by Mia and Maddie (gr. 8), and the "Shoe Protector" by Mateo (gr. 8) and Gabby (gr. 7).

All display boards were also reviewed for English: Communication and Presentation of ideas. Ryan Madera (gr. 7) was awarded first place for his display board "The Nerds' Chute".





## SHOP Corner

Don't forget to order SHOP gift cards, it is one of the easiest ways to help reach your fundraising goal and help the school! Gift cards can be used in place of cash or credit card at the places you shop on a regular basis. Grocery shopping, stopping for gas or going to your favorite restaurant, you can use gift cards and earn credit! Please keep in mind that the SHOP Program also accepts donations for the Lemont Food Pantry. When placing an order online, you can select Food Pantry under the Non Manna Scrips drop down menu and any dollar amount is accepted. The SHOP program also offers gift cards to a variety of local businesses, including Gelsosomo's, Chipains, United Cleaners, Lemon Tree, Peppers, Berkots, Tai Sun and Bottles. Help support local business and purchase gift cards. 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

### BOARD OF SPECIFIED JURISDICTION

The Board of Specified Jurisdiction is intended to bring professional expertise in the specified areas of Planning, Development, Finances and Facilities Maintenance, Marketing, Recruitment, and Enrollment Management to enhance the educational and spiritual leadership of the principal and pastors. The Board as a Governance Board is empowered to share in making decisions in the above specified areas. The Pastors and Principal do not relinquish their leadership in education and Catholic identity and practice; they welcome the Board to collaborate in providing for a strong and vital infrastructure for the school in the above specified areas.

Membership is diverse and selected for specific skill sets, from the parish, alumni/ae, parents of current students and parents of alumni/ae, local universities, and the business community, to deal with the areas of Board responsibility. Through its work, the Board develops an infrastructure of support for the vitality of the school in specified areas. Board members serve on Committees where much of the Board's work is done. The Pastors and Principal are ex officio members

When we began our BSJ five years ago under the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the meetings were to be closed meetings. However, that has since changed and meetings are now open. The first 15 minutes of each meeting will be an opportunity for parents to share a concern or ask a question that relates to the board's purview. If you would like to get on the agenda for a meeting, we ask that you notify our BSJ chair, Ms. Jane Doyle, a week in advance of the meeting. She may be reached at [bsj@stals-stpats.org](mailto:bsj@stals-stpats.org). Our next BSJ meeting is this Tuesday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Board members include: Ms. Jane Doyle (chairperson), Mrs. Carol Ricken (former school parent), Mrs. Jane Lager (member at large), Mr. Paul Christin (school parent), Mrs. Andrea Fiore (school parent), Mrs. Sarah Alvasted (school parent), Mrs. Julie Malone (FSA representative), Mr. Marty O'Connor (member at large) at Mrs. Shannon Druley (alum from the class of 1998).

## ANOTHER WAY YOU CAN HELP OUR SCHOOL

Shop Amazon to Support St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School!

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# “A NIGHT IN OZ”

Please plan on joining us for our 2016 Gala! The committee has been very hard at work making sure it will be a spectacular event for all. Don't miss out on a fun evening!

Saturday, February 27, 2016

6:00p.m.–12:00a.m.

Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge

1200 Burr Ridge Parkway

Burr Ridge, Illinois

Individual Tickets \$70.00 each

Table of 10 \$700.00





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

**FEBRUARY 12 – FINAL HOME BASKETBALL GAMES –**

**6<sup>TH</sup> GR. GIRLS 6PM**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GR. BOYS 7PM**

**8<sup>TH</sup> GR. BOYS 8PM**

**Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and their parents for a great season!!! Thank you!**

## **Spring Volleyball Registrations due February 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **NEWS TO KNOW:**

**Please consider joining the Athletics' Board, where you will help mold the athletic program, meet new families, fulfill your volunteer requirement and have fun in the process!**

**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)

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**FSA News!** *It's the corner of eThursday where you can keep up with everything going on in our Family School Association.*

**Save the dates:**

February FSA meeting **TONIGHT** at 7pm at school

February Gelsosomo's Fundraiser: Next Monday, February 8

Valentine's Day celebrations: Friday, February 12 (check with your room moms for details)

Stock up on World's Finest Chocolate bars: now through Valentine's Day :)

WFC catalog sales, monies collected, unsold candy bars are due February 15



**Regarding Chocolate:** In addition to submitting paper order forms, you can click the [Online Store button](#) on our school website to purchase items from the World's Finest Chocolates catalog. Also, if you would like additional candy bars to sell (or haven't grabbed a case yet!), please contact FSA at [fsa@stals-stpats.org](mailto:fsa@stals-stpats.org).

**Catholic Schools Week:** We hope that our students, staff, parishes, and parents all felt appreciated and loved this Catholic Schools Week! Thanks to all who helped with our Open House, built classroom forts, took cases of chocolates home, prayed for us, prepared lunch for our teachers, and so many more things! We are grateful for you.

Please contact any FSA Board Member with questions or concerns.

**Have a blessed week!!**

## RAFFLE TICKET REMINDER

The due date for submitting your raffle tickets and payment is Tuesday, February 9. Please submit your tickets ASAP. The grand prize is \$5,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$2,500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> prize are \$500 each. The top selling family will receive \$250. The winning tickets will be drawn at our "A Night in Oz" Gala on February 27.

If you have lost the tickets issued to your family or if you would like to sell more, please contact the school office at 630-783-2220. 75% of each ticket sold is applied to your family's total annual fundraising obligation.