



Principal's Corner

Recently a parent asked me how she could help her child strengthen his math skills. I suggested to the parent a simple activity that could be done at home. The activity lends itself to even being a game between the younger child and his older sibling. In responding to the parent I suggested this activity. (You need just coins for this activity.)

Ask your child the following questions:

1. I have three coins in my pocket. They are worth 7 cents. What do I have? (a nickel and 2 pennies)
2. I have three coins in my pocket. They are worth 16 cents. What do I have? (a dime, a nickel, a penny).
3. I have three coins in my pocket. They are worth 11 cents. What do I have? (2 nickels and 1 penny).
4. I have three coins in my pockets. They are worth 30 cents. What do I have? (3 dimes)
5. I have six coins in my pocket. They are worth 30 cents. What could I have? (1 quarter and 5 pennies or 6 nickels).
6. This problem has more than one answer. It is challenging for children to experience problems like this.

I have coins in my pocket, which have a value of 11 cents. How many coins could I have?

Give your child a few coins to figure out the answers.

This activity lends itself to creating problems that range from simple to complex.

I would love to hear if you try the activity with your child and how it went.

REMINDERS

Friday, April 22: 8:15 a.m. All school liturgy. Please join us.

Saturday, April 23: St. Al's First Communion.

Monday, April 25: Please check Power School for midterm grades.

Tuesday, April 26: \$1. Out of uniform for the missions.

Wednesday, April 27: First Communion practice at St. Pat's.

Please keep in your prayers our First Communicants.

Students from St. Alphonsus will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Saturday and our St. Pat's students will receive the Sacrament May 7.

I'm sure many of us can remember receiving the Body of Christ for the first time. As our First Communicants celebrate this sacrament may we be reminded of the true meaning of the Sacrament and that we are truly blessed to receive the Body of Christ every time we receive Holy Communion. Hopefully the reception of Holy Communion is as special each time we receive as it was the first time we joined the community at the table of our Lord.





SHOP Corner

This is a friendly reminder to utilize this “no cost” fundraising option and earn money towards your fundraising goal. Please give it a try if you haven’t already. Consider the convenience of shopping online from home and having your gift cards sent home to you! View this fundraising option as adding another form of payment to your purse or wallet for your everyday expenses, not just as gifts for family and friends. Also remember to support local business. The SHOP Program offers gift cards to the following local businesses: Gelsosomo’s, Chipains, Berkot’s, Peppers Auto, Lemon Tree, United Cleaners, Tai Sun and Bottles. Please visit www.mannaorders.net to place your order today

Thank you,
Your SHOP Team



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

Hope everyone enjoyed Easter and Spring Break. Time is really flying by and Spring Volleyball is in full swing. Come out and support our teams at our home games:

Friday, April 22 **Monday, April 25**
Monday, May 2

UNIFORM DROP OFF: If your child is not playing Spring Volleyball, please make sure all uniforms are turned in by **April 21**, cleaned, in a zip lock baggie with your child’s name on it. A basket is available at the front office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

MAY 13 6:30PM-8:00PM - The Athletics Department Annual Awards Ceremony in the gym. All athletes are requested to attend so they can all be recognized for their 2015/2016 accomplishments.

POTENTIAL NEW SPORTS FOR 2016/2017



Our SSCC Conference is inquiring if our school would like to offer Floor Hockey as a Co-Ed team sport. Games would be played in the spring.

We are also looking into offering Cross Country as well.

Interested families please contact the Athletic Board as soon as possible.



(I have heard over the past several years many of our students go out for Track and Cross Country in high school. They have really enjoyed it. Ms. Payne)

Upgrading your lawnmower? Have a used mower to get rid of?

The school's old walk behind mower has gone to lawn mower heaven. If anyone has a gas, walk behind, self propelled mower (in decent working order) that they would like to donate to the school, we would be happy to pick it up at your house.

Or... If you would like to donate \$250 so we could purchase a new one, we would gladly accept that. Either way we can give you a donation receipt for your taxes.

P.S. We are also looking for a gas powered string trimmer.

Just call the office or drop an email to school-office@stals-stpats.org



Have you noticed our lawn in front of school?

Our front lawn surrounding the building has been decorated with pinwheels by members of Student Council. The pinwheel is a nationally recognized symbol of child abuse prevention. The pinwheel symbolizes hope and the promise that every child deserves to be raised in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment.



3rd Grade Oreo Data Collection



The third grade is currently working on O.R.E.O. Project 2016! This stands for Our Really Exciting Online Project, although it really does involve some Oreo cookies.

To practice important data collection and analysis skills, the 3rd grade is working with Oreo cookies in the Computer lab. First, each student predicted how many cookies they thought they could stack. Then, each student completed two trials. They carefully recorded the results of each trial on an individual data sheet and then on a class data sheet. They are working some math problems with the data they have collected and they will be comparing their

own results with the results of their classmates as well as work with some nutritional analysis math. The 3rd graders will work with two computer programs to complete graphs and express their analysis of the data. They will make a picture graph with a written analysis using Kidspiration, and they will use the Microsoft Excel program to perform some calculations with the data and to create a bar graph of each student's best attempt at Oreo stacking. As you can see from the photos, the children are having fun doing math with Oreo cookies



You're Invited to Our

OPEN HOUSE



May 3, 2016

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Enrolling now for the Fall!

St. Alphonsus 
Patrick School

