

NEWS YOU COULD USE

April 28, 2016

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Sixteen teams from some of the best Catholic schools around recently competed in Montini Catholic High School's annual "It's Academic" competition. Eight students from our seventh grade took part in this contest. They were Michael, Ryan, Connor, Christopher, Will, Cydney, Gabriela, and Paige. First they all participated in a written portion of the competition covering the subjects of math, history, science and language arts. Christopher C. won an individual award for second place in mathematics after this portion.



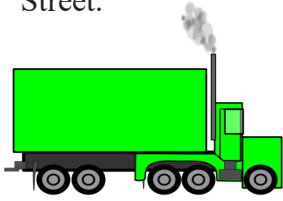
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Teams also competed in a buzzer competition covering all subjects including theology. Both of our teams won two of their three matches and our Team 2 tied their third match. Based on overall points, Team 1 made it to the semifinals and took 4th place overall. We are very proud of these students and of all of our Academic

Teams that compete at these scholarly contests! They represent our school very well!



St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School will be hosting a St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick Speedway booth at the Touch a Truck event this Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants that visit the event can race remote control cars around our booth space and enter to win a fun race-themed prize. If you have a chance to stop by and see us that would be great. The event will be held at Old Quarry Middle School, 16100 127th Street.



TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT



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

Just TWO things to note this week:

Join us for our next monthly board meeting! We will meet on Thursday, May 12, at 7pm. All parents and staff are welcome.

Desperately Seeking... A SECRETARY for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a great way to satisfy your volunteer commitment and have some fun at the same time! Please prayerfully consider whether this would be a good fit for you. Please click on the [VolunteerSpot Button](#) on the FSA webpage if you are willing to join our small and mighty board next year.



Please contact any FSA Board Member with questions or concerns.

Have a blessed week!!



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

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Boys Volleyball Team for going undefeated!!! Way to Go!

May 2 Final Co-Ed Volleyball Home Games - Come out and support our teams.

May 12 Uniform return - All uniforms should be returned to the office by May 12. Please make sure all uniforms are cleaned, in a zip lock baggie with your child's name on it. A basket is available at the front office.

May 13 Athletics Awards Ceremony—6:30pm to 8:00pm All athletes are requested to attend so they can be recognized for their 2015/2016 accomplishments.

May 14/15 Athletes Masses at St. Al's and St. Pat's —all masses (see flyer for details)

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.

Grade level for all sports is 5th thru 8th grades.

For interested families please contact the Athletic Board as soon as possible.

Openings for the 2016/2017 Athletics' Board - We are looking for people who will help mold the athletic program, want to meet new families, and have fun in the process! It also meets your volunteer requirement!!!

Treasurer or Secretary and Concessions Coordinators (2 person team). If you have any questions, please contact any board member or email your questions to athletics@stals-stpats.org.

EXCITING NEWS!

We are excited to say that this year's GALA raised \$8,300 for our "fund-an-item" project. As many of you know, for several years we have talked about revamping our current library space. This is the year it will become a reality.

Schools are now educating 21st Century learners. These children are not the same children we taught during the first decade of the new millennium. The 21st Century learners are highly relational and demand quick access to new knowledge. They are capable of engaging in learning at a whole new level.

If you were to visit a "classroom of the future" you would see students working in groups to learn and activities structured to emphasize collaborative, active, student-based learning. In order to better facilitate this, a classroom needs to be designed so that it accommodates a wide variety of learning activities: lectures, cooperative learning and group activities, learning by teaching or presentations or lectures by students, multimedia technology. The classroom would be equipped with different devices, such as a teacher computer, adjustable and mobile tables for students, stand alone computers, interactive projection screen, Chromebooks, etc.

Our Collaborative Learning Center will be designed to emphasize group learning and collaboration. Students will be able to sit in small groups, work together on problems, discuss solutions with the teachers, access data from the Internet and present their results using multimedia software. It will be designed so a group of students may be working collaboratively in one area, another student is doing research using the internet, a small group of students are reading in a "more comfortable" area, another small group of students are collaborating in an area where they can prepare for a multimedia presentation.

A committee of teachers and parents will be working together to design the new CLC. We project the cost of creating this space to be approximately \$15,000. The \$8,300 that was raised through the Gala "fund-an-item" will assist us in making this possibility become a reality.

I have asked three teachers, Mrs. Bruno, Mrs. Lerch and Mrs. Salomone, to "pilot" the use of the room. This means they will establish goals on how best to use the space to facilitate learning in this "new classroom". Their experiences will be shared with the faculty and they will serve as facilitators for the faculty. This certainly does not mean that other teachers won't be able to use the CLC. They certainly will.

The current library will be moved to the band room (old Spanish room), with the space designed as the more familiar "reading room".



SHOP Corner



The end of the school year is just around the corner, now is the time to start stocking up for summer! Although the SHOP credit cut off will be April 22nd for this school year, all credit earned from purchases made after that date will be accumulated towards your 2016-2017 school year fundraising goal. Beginning April 23rd until May 6th, the Manna Group is offering a 5% bonus offer for Bath & Body

Works (18% total discount) and a 2% bonus offer for PetSmart (6% total discount). Gift card orders can be placed online at www.mannaorders.net and gift cards can be obtained using the Manna eScript option.



Thank you,

Your SHOP Team

GALA 2016 WRAP UP “A Night in Oz”

We have the final numbers for our 2016 Gala. A huge thank you goes to chairpersons Mrs. Stephanie Kula and Mrs. Nanci Smith for their tireless energy and enthusiasm.

The net proceeds were: \$65,845.23. This money goes toward our operating expenses and is one way we are able to keep the costs of tuition down.

Thank you to 225 Gala attendees for supporting our school.



WARM WEATHER ATTIRE

On May 1 students may begin wearing gym shorts for gym class. Blue uniform walking shorts may be worn by all students with the uniform shirt/blouse. If a student has an out of uniform pass and wishes to use it, he or she must follow these guidelines:

- Dress modestly and appropriately. Modest dress would exclude blouses with spaghetti straps, bared midriff, or styles more than 3” above the knee.
- Shorts if worn must be walking shorts.
- Leggings or yoga pants may not be worn.
- Slacks and trousers may not be excessively baggy.
- Student clothing will NOT display messages that are inappropriate or be in an inappropriate area.
- Students shall not wear make-up or nail polish on dress down days.
- Any student dress that is deemed immodest or inappropriate by the school administration will require the student to call the parent for another outfit before being admitted to class or being permitted to go on a field trip or they will be asked to change into a school shirt/uniform from the school resale cabinet.
- **Please note: Should any student be asked to change their attire more than once, he or she will no longer be able to come out of uniform.**
- NOTE: On Mass days, out-of-uniform passes may not be used.

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