

Principal's Corner

CELTIC MISSION: POWERED BY LOVE

Even our youngest Celtics can teach us what it means to give to others.

Recently, Griffin and Johanna, celebrated their 7th Birthday. In lieu of gifts, it was suggested that attendees give a donation to Support a Celtic. This became an opportunity to help someone else.

This was certainly a teachable moment for all the children. I also believe it was a teachable moment for adults. Young and old can learn that gift giving doesn't have to be toys, clothing, or the latest craze, etc. It can be something that will be given to another person in need.

The mom of the twins said it best in her email to me: "They had a birthday party over the weekend. In lieu of gifts I had told attendees we would be taking donations for Supporting a Celtic. We raised \$360 for the cause.

I did this because I want to instill in the twins the ideals and morals that our religion guides us to have. I want them to be charitable people and know how important it is to give to those in need. They have plenty of toys, etc. But I know there are those in need. Birthdays can be such a glutinous occasion which is the opposite of what I want the twins to learn."

Thank you for allowing your children to model for us what it means to give to others.

REMINDERS

Today: Magazine Drive Kick-off

Tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 18, 8:15 a.m. Grade 2 chapel mass.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, Magazine turn-in.

Thursday, Sept. 24, no PM bus.

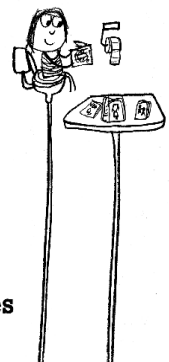
MAGAZINE DRIVE KICK-OFF



Our annual **MAGAZINE DRIVE** begins today! **Inside to-day's Envelope** will be a packet for each of your students.

Your child can earn great prizes...the more orders turned in, the more prizes earned! Something new this year is the opportunity to enroll your family in the SAGE Scholars Tuition Rewards® Program. Earn **guaranteed scholarships** - up to one full year's tuition - at **more than 340 participating private colleges and universities**. For more information go to tuitionrewards.com/gao.

HAPPINESS IS



...reading magazines
in a quiet place.

SHOP Corner



We are happy to announce that the SHOP Program has added Gelsosomo's Pizzeria to our merchant list.

Please see separate SHOP Flyer for details! Also, the Manna Group is in the process of updating their eScrip option on their website and it has been temporarily unavailable. The Manna Group has informed us that it should be available again by the end of next week and they apologize for any inconvenience. Please keep in mind that you can still place regular orders on the Manna website, www.mannaorders.net, as well as come in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for cash and carry purchases. Please be sure to send in a summary print out of your order in an envelope labeled SHOP with your last name and grade of your oldest child. This helps us when we fill orders.



Thank you,

Your SHOP Team

Protecting God's Children Program

As you know, the Archdiocese requires all volunteers who work with children in our school and school sports program to go through a background check, attend a VIRTUS workshop, and complete certain paperwork. The CANTS Form (Background Check-Child Abuse Neglect Tracking System) in particular must be completed each year. **Inside today's Envelope** are the necessary papers for those parents who requested them for the 2015-2016 school year, per our letter in the summer mailing packet. Please complete and return your form(s) as quickly as possible. If you received none in your Envelope and plan on participating this year, please send a note to the office and the proper paperwork will be sent to you in next week's Envelope.

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

What's happened recently? Grandparents Day Mass last Friday, made wonderful by the many grandparents and special people who joined us, and enhanced by the 4th grade class reception after. And dinner at Gelsosomo's Pizza was another successful night for us! Thanks to all who joined us for dinner on Monday.

Did you know?? If you go to the school website at www.stals-stpats.org and click on the tab for "School Community", you will find a tab for Family School Association! This all-wonderful page describes our mission, has links to important forms and a VolunteerSpot button to click for volunteering opportunities, and also lists upcoming events for our organization. Also, on the same school website www.stals-stpats.org you will find our FSA calendar. Click on the tab for "Calendars", and then on the "FSA Calendar" option. Come check us out!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please head to our page on the school website and click on the VolunteerSpot button in the upper right-hand corner to see what is needed. There are some important volunteer positions to fill!

What's coming up?

Thursday, 10/1: FSA Monthly board meeting at 7pm, place TBD.

The month of October: PIES!! Our annual pie fundraiser: stay tuned!

Your 2015-2016 FSA board members are:

Julie Malone- President

Sara Ward- Secretary

Brenda Andrist- Treasurer

Kelly Murray- Room Parent Coordinator

Ann King- Marketing/Communications

Please contact any one of us with questions or concerns.

Have a blessed week!!



GRANDPARENT AND SPECIAL PERSONS DAY, 2015

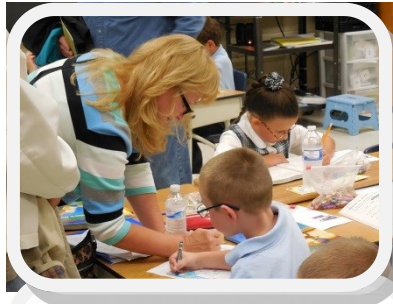


On Friday, September 11, the halls of St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School were filled with love and caring as many grandparents and persons special to our students came to visit and share the morning. The day began with a beautiful liturgy officiated by Father Kurt with the help of our seventh grade students. The 7th graders set the tone for the day with heartfelt words that expressed how special a grandparent's love

is to all of us. Other readings and touching comments by the grandparents of Vince and Josie Caruso (and alumni Kate and Bruno) added to the ceremony. In remembrance of September 11, 2001, the entire congregation sang *America the Beautiful* after Mass. Our special guests then had the opportunity to visit the classrooms and to enjoy a reception in their honor. Thanks to Mr. Lundberg and the 4th grade parents the motif for the reception carried over the patriotic theme for this day of remembrance.



It is apparent that our students are very much loved and supported by their families and extended families. Enjoy viewing a video montage of photos from the day: www.stals-stpats.org.



**We
Remember
9/11**

