

# NEWS YOU COULD USE

January 7, 2016

**Saturday, January 9:** High School Entrance exams.

**Sunday, January 10:** St. Alphonsus Confirmation Rite at 11:00 a.m.

**Monday, January 11:** Dine out at Gelsossomos from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 13:** Open House 9:30-11:30.

6:05 p.m. St. Pat's First Communion Parent meeting.

**Happy New Year!** The beginning of each year is set aside with the tradition of making resolutions. For some it means to make changes in one's life; for others it means to make a wish. My wish for each of you is that 2016 will be filled with the peace and love of the Christmas season.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We will be hosting a "pre" Catholic Schools Week open house this Wednesday, January 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This will give families who will be new to our school an opportunity to visit before our big Catholic Schools Week open house. Please invite neighbors, friends, family who may have a student ready for pre-school or kindergarten.

Our Catholic Schools Week Open House will be held on Sunday, January 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This open house consists of guided tours by Student Ambassadors, opportunities to visit with faculty and parents currently attending our school, plus view the students' Invention Convention and Art Fair.



*Dear School Families,*

*I offer my gratitude for the wonderful gifts and cards and for your more than generous monetary gifts. Thank you very much for thinking of me. I am grateful for your support all year and for the caring things you do and say to make St. Al/St. Pat's a wonderful place to be. It is a joy to work with people who care, not only about your own children, but about our entire school family. I am gifted by you, and I wish you God's abundant blessings in 2015. Ms. Payne*

A Night in



There's No Place Like Home

Follow us down the Yellow Brick Road for a night of wonder and WOW!  
Magic in the Merry Ol' Land of Oz. Because there's no place like

**St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School!**

Our Annual Gala in Oz will be held at the Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge on February 27, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Ticket info available soon.

**January 7, 2016**

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

**Happy New Year!!** We are so excited to be preparing for our action-packed second half of the school year! Please join in the fun.

**Gelsosomo's Pizza Night:** Our January Pizza night at Gelsosomo's is next Monday, January 11. Keep your kitchen clean and let Gelsosomo's feed your family! 50% of the evening proceeds are generously given back to our school. See you there!

Please contact any FSA Board Member with questions or concerns.

**Have a blessed week!!**



Let's Build It – Wacky Waves! is an exhilarating, cutting-edge area of engineering. In this after school club students designed, built, and tested various circuits and electronic projects. Instructors guided students through core concepts of electrical engineering and introduced them to circuits and electrical components. Students used hands-on projects and experiments to explore how electricity is part of life. Projects included the use of various sound producing circuits, musical instruments, simulated telephone, and even their own radio.



**“LET'S BUILD IT!”  
ENGINEERING**

## SHOP



We encourage everyone to utilize the SHOP Program. Consider the convenience of shopping right here at school while earning money towards your fundraising goal! There are so many ways to earn money for the school by simply doing your weekly shopping. Whether it is shopping for groceries, clothes, gas or eating out at your favorite restaurants, it benefits the school! Orders are processed every Tuesday morning and are available on Thursdays each week. Orders can be placed online at [www.mannaorders.net](http://www.mannaorders.net). Also, family credit totals accumulated so far this school year will be provided soon. As indicated in the Manna Website Instructions on the school website, the Manna Group charges the school a 1% processing fee based on the total of each order. So for example, if you order Jewel, they offer 5%, but charge us 1%. Therefore, you would earn 4%. Manna Website information regarding your family credit does not reflect the removal of the 1% fee. The information provided by the school office will properly reflect all applicable purchases and Manna fees.



Thank you,  
Your SHOP Team

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

Such as.....**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Jan. 13, Jan. 20**- Home Games

**Jan. 20** Basketball Pack the Place-details to follow

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

### NEWS TO KNOW:

**NEW PRICING – OUR STUDENTS ARE FREE!!! COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR FRIENDS!!!**

**Scorekeeper Training**- Are you an 8<sup>th</sup> grader or know any high school alumni who are interested in score keeping? Come out to a game and learn from our veterans who are graduating seniors this year. Please contact Mr. Kogut at [skogut\\_71@yahoo.com](mailto:skogut_71@yahoo.com) for basketball season and Mrs. Gorski at [kogorski@comcast.net](mailto:kogorski@comcast.net) for volleyball/co-ed volleyball season to schedule a game. Once you are trained, your name will be added to our list for next year. This is a paying position once you are an alum.

**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).

*To Our School Families:*

*Thank you for your generosity and good will to us this Christmas season. We are so blessed to know and work with all of you.*

*Happy New Year!!*

*Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Cesario, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Riordan*



## COLD WEATHER

Just a reminder that students will be going outside at recess time if the temperature is 20 degrees or above. Please send students to school dressed appropriately for the weather—winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Winter provides a great opportunity for our younger students to practice zipping their coats and tying their boots and hats.



**Praying  
the  
Living  
Rosary**



**Advent  
Liturgy**

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2015**



**Band Concert**



**Christmas Fun**