

# ST. PATRICK PRIDE



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## Halloween Party/Parade

The dress code for our Halloween day celebration on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is our spirit wear dress code. Jeans may not have any holes and cannot be "stressed". No shorts or Capri's are allowed.

Please choose either a St. Pat's spirit wear shirt or a Halloween shirt. If students have neither of the above shirts, then choose solid green, yellow (for spirit), orange or black (for Halloween).

The parade will begin at 1:30 with grades Pre-K through fourth wearing appropriate costumes. (Students are not allowed to bring in any sort of weapon and cannot have any "gore" or violence related costume.) The fifth through eighth grade will form a circle in the parking lot to have the younger students parade around. The younger students will then have parties in their classrooms and the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have a Pep Assembly in the gym.

Please check your students' weekly newsletters for any specific instructions.

## Musical Announced

This year's musical will be *The Music Man Jr.* Deanna Olsen, a St. Pat's parent, has graciously volunteered to direct this musical that will presented on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Maumee Indoor Theater. Please mark your calendars for this awesome event.

Auditions will be the week of Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> in the HFC after school for grades 4-8 beginning at 3:30.

Monday - interested 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Tuesday - interested 7<sup>th</sup> graders, Wednesday - interested 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Thursday - interested 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

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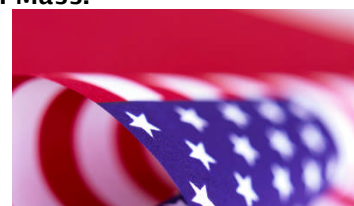
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This newsletter will be only sent home to those who need a hard copy and have designated that on the return page of the Parent Handbook. Otherwise, you will receive an email copy, usually on Thursday afternoon around 4, and it will also be posted on our school website.

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If anyone is interested in beginner piano lessons from a reputable young lady in Maumee, please call (419-381-1775-131) or email [debora.oshea@toledostpats.org](mailto:debora.oshea@toledostpats.org) for her name and telephone number.

## Veteran's Day

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is going to be a special morning at St. Pat's. We are honoring any veterans from our parish and community who are able to attend our All School Mass beginning at 8:45 a.m. Fr. Tony Vera will give a special blessing to all veterans during the Mass. **Please pass the word around and invite your family and relatives to this special Mass.**



## Fr. Tom Allender Parish Mission Postponed

Due to a recent diagnosis of a returning cancer, Fr. Tom Allender will not be able to present his Family Spirituality series here next week.

Fr. Tom will be undergoing treatment and will re-schedule his mission once he is feeling better.

As a community, let us come together in prayer for Fr. Tom.

### Also in this Mailing

- ❖ Red Ribbon Week Activities
- ❖ Article from the Maumee Mirror  
*Rumors of Catholic School, Church  
Mergers Unfounded, Pastors Say*

### Picture Re-takes

Picture re-takes will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parents must send in their student's previous picture packet. Anyone who was not in school will have their picture taken and/or if parents did not order but have changed their mind and would like to, they will need to fill out and bring in their order/payment envelope with them that day.

### Cyber-bullying

On Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> St. Pat's will have a sixth through eighth grade parent meeting to explain what will be presented to our middle school students on Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> (in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30). This meeting will be from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the HFC. I urge at least one adult member of your family to come to this meeting to learn more about what our kids can be subjected to with cyber-bullying and sexting. Many parents are wondering what will be introduced to the students on the 18<sup>th</sup> and aren't sure whether they want their students to hear this talk. I encourage parents of any age child to come and learn more about cyber-bullying and sexting. There will be a permission slip for parents to sign only if they do **not** want their child to listen to the talk.



### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars for our Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> after school from 3:45-8 pm. We will offer babysitting this year and we are in need of parents and middle school students who need service hours to assist. Please call the school office if you can help.

### Family Eating Together

by Fr. Dennis Walsh

As time progresses, it seems that some practices of the past that have gone by the wayside are beginning to be re-evaluated. It was commonplace twenty or thirty years ago for families to gather faithfully for the family meal. Now it seems to be the rarity where families can eat supper together. Hectic work schedules and children's extracurricular activities have made significant demands of time for every member of the family. It seems that one of the first things sacrificed was the family meal time together.

Research is beginning to demonstrate the effect of the family meal together. Columbia University has recently completed a study that suggests that children who are accustomed to regular family meals together are less likely to abuse drugs, alcohol, and perform better in school.

The family meal does not have to be an elaborate meal that takes hours to make. Perhaps that is the reason the family meal has gone by the wayside. The work of preparing the meal might seem overwhelming especially for the mother. However, the meals can be simple meals. It is not the food that necessarily bonds the family together. Simply sitting down as a family to relax and connect with one another is the significant event. It allows everyone to "check in" with each other and share the activities of their day. If the family meal time just cannot happen because of time commitments, then a family can substitute some other activity, i.e. an evening snack time or a time in the evening to play a family game. What is important is the opportunity for the family to share time together.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Trunk or Treat, in our parking lot from 2–4:30
- ❖ Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Red Ribbon Week
- ❖ Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of First Quarter
  - Halloween Party Day with Parade and Pep Rally  
(There will be no celebrations on the 31<sup>st</sup>.)
- ❖ Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation, 2:00
- ❖ Wednesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Picture Retakes
- ❖ Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards Come Home
- ❖ Saturday, Nov. 5 – Athletic Board Reverse Raffle
- ❖ Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – Ohio Skate Night, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
  - Second Grade Jesus Night – HFC, 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences in the evening from 3:45–8. School will be in session both days. Conferences are held in our gym.
- ❖ Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Walleye Game for grades 5–8 – Make sure your permission slips and money are turned in.

## Reminders

- Our Pre-K students that attend Latchkey after school always go outside and play on our playground from 3:30 – 4:10 and are not allowed to mingle with any other ages. This is a state law regarding only our Pre-K students. Please excuse any inconvenience this may cause families who want to play on our playground equipment at this time.
- At dismissal time the parking lot is working much better these past two weeks! Thank you so much for following the guidelines that keep our students safe. However, at arrival time, there is still some confusion as to what is expected. All buses drop off at our main entrance (Narthex). If you are dropping your child off at the Neumann Hall entrance, you must pull up all the way to the curve so that cars can get around the corner in the safest manner. Just remember our traffic pattern from the afternoon must be followed in the morning. No one should be coming into our parking lot off Eastgate. You must enter from Heatherdowns by the Holy Family Center.
- **Trunk or Treat** - Thank you to all who have signed up to provide treats at our trunk or treat event as well as those who registered to trick or treat. All those providing treats have been notified and we are not able to accept any treaters who are not registered due to the overwhelming response. We do not want to run out of candy for those who registered to treat!



## **OACS** **Ohio Advocates for Catholic Schools**

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**WHAT:** Call to Action Alert in which supporters of Catholic schools throughout the state ask their state-elected representatives to support the PACT scholarship legislation, HB 136.

**WHEN:** As soon as possible. HB 136 is expected to be considered by the full State House of Representatives in the coming weeks. It is essential that your legislator hear from you.

**WHY:** This legislation is beneficial for Catholic schools and students:

--It creates ways for parents' tax dollars to follow the education of their children, regardless whether they have attended public or chartered nonpublic schools;

--It reaches out to working poor and lower-middle income families;

--It provides for Catholic school families to be phased into the program if their families meet the bill's household income levels;

--It complements Ohio's other school-choice programs.

To identify the names and contact information of the legislators within your Catholic schools, please access the Catholic Conference of Ohio website legislative contact page at:

<http://www.ohiocathconf.org/1/Legcontact/Legislatorsweb2011.htm>

I have inserted the contacts for our 43614 zip code below. If you could spare a few minutes to contact one or all of the people below by an email, telephone call or letter and let them know how much you would appreciate a "yes" vote for this legislation, I know it would make a difference. Two weeks ago I personally called these people's telephone number over the weekend and left them a message.

I encourage you to Google HB136 in the state of Ohio and see what this legislation could mean for you and your family!  
-Deb O'Shea

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<a href="#">Brown</a>	Democrat	Senate District 11
<a href="#">Fedor</a>	Democrat	House District 47
<a href="#">Sears</a>	Republican	House District 46
<a href="#">Wagoner</a>	Republican	Senate District 02



# RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITIES



October 24 - 28, 2011

Red Ribbon Week will be introduced on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for grades K-6, by having the students attending an assembly called the "Ned Show". On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the history of Red Ribbon Week will be shared with the students over the morning announcements, so all can understand the meaning of Red Ribbon Week, along with promoting the food drive.

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
Trivia on the announcements for students to answer in the classroom	Trivia on the announcements for students to answer in the classroom	Trivia on the announcements for students to answer in the classroom	Trivia on the announcements for students to answer in the classroom	Trivia on the announcements for students to answer in the classroom
Red Ribbon Week necklaces will be handed out to each student.	Wear Red Ribbon Week necklace	Wear Red Ribbon Week necklace	Wear Red Ribbon Week necklace	Wear Red Ribbon Week necklace
Bring in item for the food drive to benefit the St. Pat's food pantry.	Bring in item for the food drive to benefit the St. Pat's food pantry.	Bring in item for the food drive to benefit the St. Pat's food pantry.	Bring in item for the food drive to benefit the St. Pat's food pantry. Last day to donate is today.	Classroom food drive winners announced
Red Ribbon Week Prayer Service in the church at 2:30.	Students will create a Red Ribbon Week poster. Prizes will be given to the winning posters. (2 winners for each hallway)	Students will decorate a ribbon on each homeroom door.	Items will be tallied today.	Halloween Celebrations in classroom. Spirit day, wear Halloween colors!
Students are given a blank ribbon to decorate at home. Please return on Tuesday so they can be used to decorate the classroom windows.				Halloween Parade and parties in classroom in afternoon. (PK-4)
				Halloween Parade and Pep Assembly in afternoon. (5-8)

# Rumors Of Catholic School, Church Mergers Unfounded, Pastors Say

BY NANCY GAGNET  
MIRROR REPORTER

A meeting among four local Roman Catholic church pastors — designed to collaborate and share ideas and information — has ignited rumors that the churches are merging and

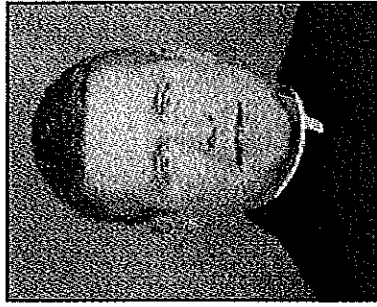
schools are being reconfigured. "Some of the rumors were so farfetched, but it was strange because some of them were very specific, which made them believable," said the Rev. Keith Stripe, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maumee.

Fr. Stripe met with the pastors from St. Joan of Arc, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, or OLPH, as part of a set of recommendations made by Bishop Leonard Blair of the Catholic Diocese of Toledo.

"Basically every Catholic school in Toledo was assigned to a community or paired up with other parishes so they could work together collectively to strengthen their schools," Fr. Stripe said.

The Metro Toledo Catholic Schools Taskforce, which the diocese formed last year, made the recommendation so that schools may better identify their strengths and weaknesses, which they could share with other parish schools, he said.

"The goal is to strengthen schools to build enrollment so



Rev. Keith Stripe

we can offer more economical solutions to our kids," he said.

According to the Rev. Dennis Walsh, pastor of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, decisions to consolidate schools would be made at the local level, by community school boards and not by the diocese.

"All of the schools in our area are pretty strong, so there is no need for the schools in our area to consolidate," he said.

St. Joseph has 200 students enrolled, St. Joan of Arc has 402 students, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns has 503 and OLPH has 250.

With each school operating independently, the task force sought the need to leverage resources, Fr. Walsh said.

"We all have different policies, different salary structures and different tuition rates," he said.

The bishop would like the churches to come together and collaborate on common ideas in those areas, he said.

"For example, we have four schools and we have four stu-

lity handbooks," Fr. Walsh said. Fr. Stripe agreed that while they work together, each school controls its own destiny.

A capital campaign is currently under way at St. Joseph parish. Thus far, over \$3 million has been raised for renovation projects that have included an overhaul to the both the church and school buildings.

Fr. Stripe said that a goal of \$6 million has been established to complete multiple projects to the church campus, business managers and school buildings.

Thus far, the pastors have met twice, but future meetings will continue and will include business managers and school principals as well, Fr. Stripe said.

The Rev. Adam Hertzfeld, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church, is excited to work with the neighboring churches.

"We see it as a benefit to the schools, as a benefit to the kids and a benefit to the parishes. Every organization has to look to the future and decide how best to grow the institution," he said.

The four pastors also sent a joint letter to parishioners on Sunday, September 25 to address the issue.

Maumee Mirror  
Article

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Tickets can be purchased at Zekes Bar & Grill.

*Part of proceeds goes to ASPCA The Toledo Humane Society.*