

## Notes from St. Patrick School Office weeks of January 14 and January 21, 2019

**Volunteer Hours** – Sixteen families have received their volunteer award for donating 10 or 20 hours. If your record needs to be updated, please call the school office or send in your volunteer contract hours sheet to be recorded.

**Parish / School Open House** – On Saturday, January 26 after the 4:30 and 5:00 Masses and on Sunday, January 27 after the 8:30 and 10:00am Masses there will be an Open House at St. Patrick School following each Mass. Teachers will be available to answer questions and display activities. These dates are in addition to the Monday, January 28 open house during Catholic Schools Week.



**Box Tops for Education** Please continue saving Box Tops. Each one is worth 10¢. Students received a non-uniform day, Friday, January 11 for collecting 3194 Box Tops. This is a great way to earn money for the school.



**Spelling Bee** Congratulations to Felicity Hunt for her First Place Award and to Tyler Jackson for his Second Place Award in the Decatur All City Catholic Schools Contest held January 9. Wow, two winners from our school! Sarvesh Arivarasu from OLOL place third and Leila Pascasio from OLOL placed fourth. These four students will compete on Tuesday, March 19 at 8:20 at Richland Community College Campus. All Decatur Macon School students will compete at this Bee. We also congratulate Bryson Dion and Skylar Hartman for representing our school.



**State of Illinois Scholarships Available** Apply January 15, 2019 at 7:00pm. Empower Illinois works to improve access to quality education and find the best fit for every child in each neighborhood. Due to the State Tax Credit Program, scholarship money will be available. The enclosed flier explains access, criteria and computer lab date to enter data. All applications must be completed electronically.



**St. Patrick School Scholarships and Assistance for 2019-2020** Any family who applies for a St. Patrick School scholarship or tuition assistance must submit an application online on the FACTS website before March 1. (<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>) Financial aid packages will be determined after the recommendations are received from FACTS. These scholarships are available only to St. Patrick School and are not related to Empower Illinois. Pre-Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30 from 3:00 to 6:00pm. NOTE CHANGE IN DATE



**Bingo Volunteers** Being a Bingo volunteer on Monday evenings at the Macon County Fairgrounds is one way to earn tuition dollars. \$40 per night goes toward tuition or volunteer hours. Sign up now. Call St. Patrick School 423-4351. We are beginning to “out-source” volunteers which means parents or family members are losing the opportunity to earn tuition credits or volunteer hours. Please volunteer!



**Scholastic Book Fair** – The display of books will be open all week, January 26 through February 1 before, during, and after school hours in the basement of St. Patrick Church. Take time to browse the outstanding selection. The Book Fair ends Friday, February 1.



**Blood Drive** – There is still time to register for the annual St. Patrick School – Central Illinois Community Blood Center blood drive. We need your blood. Only a few folks have registered thus far. Call the school office, 423-4351, to register for Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 2:30 until 5:30pm.

**Open House** – Monday, January 28. Please call with a lunch reservation if you are attending lunch with your child. The price for an adult lunch is \$3.75 payable in the cafeteria before entering the serving line. Please let us know if you will attend “Pastries with Parents” from 6:30 to 8:00am.



- ✠ For families who are unable to attend the Open House on Monday, January 28, please call the school office if you plan to visit another day and have lunch with your child.
- ✠ Pre-K 3 parents and their children are welcome to attend any of the afternoon events scheduled during Catholic Schools Week.
- ✠ Our thanks to all volunteers and the Home & School Board for their time to make Catholic Schools Week a success.

### **Upcoming Events:**



1. Scholastic Bowl January 14 and 21, 2019, 3:00pm
2. Advisory Board Meeting, January 22, 6:00pm
3. Auction Meeting January 15 at 6:00pm in the St. Patrick library
4. Kindergarten Screening February 12, 8:00am to 3:30pm
5. Complete FACTS Tuition Assistance Forms online before March 1, 2019



**Advertising for Annual Auction** – As part of the Annual Auction, volunteers solicit advertisers in our community. In return for their ad, they generously contribute anywhere from \$50 to \$1,000. If you know of a company or business who might advertise, please call or send a note to the school office. One of our auction volunteers would be happy to follow up with the company or you can make the contact. We need more ads. For each ad sold 1 volunteer hour will be awarded. Please help!!



**Auction** – Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the St. Patrick School Annual Auction Saturday, March 30 at 6:00pm. Students' projects and a variety of baskets will be offered for sale, plus a fantastic dinner with lots of fun. Tickets are the same price as prior years, \$25.00. This activity is the main fundraiser for our school. In the past years over \$200,000 has been raised which has helped keep our school “up to date and a step ahead” with reasonable tuition. We need your support and attendance. Please plan ahead to include this activity on your calendar of events and in your budget. Each family will receive two tickets for their family or to sell to others. You are needed to make this event a success.



**St. Patrick School Spring Auction** – Next month raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful handcrafted quilt will be sent home in the Monday file folder. The cost for 6 tickets is \$5.00. 1 hour of volunteer credit will be awarded for selling the book of tickets. Additional books are available in the office. All families are invited and encouraged to participate in this fun annual event which raises money in order to keep tuition affordable. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend, **Saturday, March 30** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Dinner tickets are \$25.00 each. Doors open at **5:00pm for the Silent**

**Auction with dinner being served at 6:30pm. Live Auction begins at 8:00pm. Dinner tickets will be sent home next month.**

**There will be many affordable baskets available at the silent auction.** Items for the auction baskets can be sent to school from now until February 15. Items for the family, house, food, and sports baskets would be appreciated.



**Quarter Grades** – First & Second quarter grades can now be viewed on FastDirect. Computer access is available in the school library. Please notify the office if you need a hard copy mailed home. Second Semester began Tuesday, January 7.

**Please sign up for:**



1. *Open house, visitation and lunch with your child on Monday, January 28*
2. *Volunteer to work the Book Fair January 26 to February 1 if you have completed Protecting God's Children*
3. *Help with the School Auction if you have completed Protecting God's Children. Call 423-4351. Next meeting is January 15, 2019 at 6:00pm.*
4. *Pastries with Parents, Monday January 28 at 6:30 to 8:00am.*



**Financial Aid for 2019-2020 DUE before March 1, 2019** – For families who will need financial aid for the next school year, please fill out your application for financial assistance on the **FACTS and Empower Illinois** website **ASAP!**

**Scholastic Bowl** – Our thanks to Mrs. Miller and Mr. Stokes for their time and skill as coaches for Scholastic Bowl grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. Practices are held weekly in preparation for two months of competition in March and April. Students in grades 5 to 8 may join the team. The next practice is Tuesday, January 22 from 3:00 to 4:15pm due to the Monday holiday (Martin Luther King Day).



**Monday, January 14, 2019**

- ✚ Scholastic Bowl Practice 3:00 to 4:15pm
- ✚ Bingo – Macon County Fairgrounds 5:00pm

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

- ✚ 8:00am Mass all school in attendance
- ✚ Camp Ondessonk Assembly grades 2 to 8, 9:00am
- ✚ Auction Meeting 6pm
- ✚ Cub Scouts meet 6:15pm
- ✚ **EMPOWER ILLINOIS OPENS AT 7:00PM**


**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

- ✚ Spirit Day
- ✚ Yearbook Photos (This is NOT a non-uniform day)


**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

- ✚ Mass 8:00am, grades 3,4,5 in attendance
- ✚ Family Flags due to be returned to school
- ✚ Faculty meeting 3pm

**Friday, January 18, 2019**


 **NO SCHOOL** for students – Teacher Institute

**Saturday, January 19, 2019**


 **March for Life – Washington D.C.**

**Monday, January 21, 2019**


 **NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OBSERVED**

 Bingo, Macon County Fairgrounds, 5pm

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**


 Mass 8:00am, all school in attendance

 Assembly following Mass Character Counts

 Scholastic Bowl 3:00pm

 Advisory Board 6:00pm


**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

 Open House Adult Food order due \$3.75 per adult


**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

 Mass 8:00am grades 6,7,8 in attendance

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

 Book Fair arrives with early preview

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

 Spaghetti Dinner provided for all volunteers as a thank you for their support before or after Masses. Please plan to attend.