



THE SAINT PAT'S ADVANTAGE

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2009-2010 NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have triumphed over darkness by sharing the light of Jesus with one another. Father Ed and Father Bob have nourished us as pastors of St. Patrick's. Fr. Owen supported us through our tragic times. Miss Rosa, the Middle School Coordinator, and Miss Auriemma, the Elementary School Coordinator, enabled our school community to succeed because of their expert leadership through the most challenging of circumstances. The Diocese continues to provide us with extraordinary support as we cope with the heartbreaking death of Fr. Ed and our traumatic loss both personally and as a faith community.

The Faculty of Saint Patrick School exemplifies professionalism and faith as they execute an advanced academic and religious curriculum and continually update their skills. In addition, they planned and implemented an outstanding Middle States accreditation visit showcasing our students' achievements. I am especially grateful to them because they accomplished all of this while dealing with their own grief. We thank Mrs. Corcoran, Mrs. Hartmann, Miss Dunn, Mrs. Carroll, and Mrs. Spiegel for their dedicated service to our school and wish them God's blessings.

Our parent leaders are committed to our school and play a central role in our success. Michelle Lowe and Nancy Murphy, co-presidents of the Home and School Association, David Clark and Kurt Spero, chairs of the Education Council, and Martin Gilligan and Mike Murphy, presidents of the Athletic Association Board serve as valuable leaders. Each of these leaders worked to maintain our programs while providing support for the entire school community.

Due to the efforts of the Home and School Association, we profit from a highly successful Basket Bonanza and other fundraising activities used for student programs, teacher salary support, school services, projects, and student/teacher appreciation. The Education Council advises in the areas of security, finance, planning, development, and internal and external relationships and held the seventh Annual Endowment Party. Trustees manage our \$900,000 Endowment Fund to maximize income that augments our school budget. The Athletic Association administers a competitive sports program for students in grades 1 to 8 through basketball clinics, cross country, volleyball, basketball, and track and has implemented on-line registration.

2009-2010 Accomplishments

Middle States Evaluation and Accreditation	Staff commended by M.S. for educating the whole child through strong core academic curriculum and authentic opportunities for spiritual growth
Above Average student achievement in standardized testing for reading, math, and language arts	Christmas and spring Musicals, Talent Show, 8 th Gr. Production of Bye-Bye Birdie, and Art Exhibit
Celebration of liturgies and participation in local and global Christian service	Four Middle School robotics teams
Writing Roadmap, an on-line writing program, implemented for grade 4 in addition to grades 6 to 8	Classroom audio systems & Smart Boards installed
Pre-school enrichment through units on self, seasons, holidays, Art, space, tools, and life cycles	New on-line advanced Math books and materials for grades 5 to 8
Middle School Leadership Teams	Middle School Responsibility System
Middle School and elementary building repainted	New light fixtures and ceilings in the elementary building

2010-2011 Plans

Integration of Smart Board technology, pre-k to 8	CAD design software for Middle School
New pre-school reading programs for 3's and 4's	Touch-screen computers in Pre-K
New programs in computer, art, and music education	Ongoing academic excellence in a Christian environment
Science Fair	Redesign of Spanish program and new materials
Redesign of web-site	Reorganization of Middle School
Expansion of Middle School peer ministry and bible study	Increased modes of school communication

We are excited about and welcome Mrs. Susan Grant, art, Mrs. Jodi Frohnafel, computer, Mr. Richard Barnett, music, and Mrs. Lou Ann Deditch, pre-school, to our staff. Thank you to Miss "D" and the teacher hiring committee for finding such great teachers.

See you in September! Marian Hobbie, Ph.D.



Pre-K Orientation for parent and child

4 A & AB Wednesday, September 8, 2010, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
4 C Wednesday, September 8, 2010, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
3AB Thursday, September 9, 2010, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
3 A & Almost 3 Thursday, September 9, 2010, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Regular Pre-K Schedule Friday & Tuesday, September 10 & 14, 2010.

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
2010-2011**

Kindergarten Orientation for parent and child

Regular K Schedule Wednesday, September 8, 2010, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday, September 9, 2010.

School hours

Wednesday, September 8, 2010	8 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.	Grade 1
	8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Grades 2 to 5
	7:55 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.	Grades 6 to 8
Thursday, September 9, 2010	8 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.	Grade K
Friday & Tuesday September 10 & 14, 2010	Regular Schedule	Grade PK 3 & 4

After School Program begins

Wednesday, September 8, 2010. 2:30 to 6 p.m.



Important Dates

New Family Welcome Sunday, September 12, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.	Parish Picnic Sunday, September 19, 2010
8th Grade Parent Meeting Monday, September 13, 2010, at 7 p.m.	Oktoberfest Saturday, October 2, 2010
Back to School Night Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 7 p.m.	Parish Outreach Weekend Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, 2010
Pre-K and K Parent Coffee Friday, September 24, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.	Memorial Mass for Fr. Ed Friday, October 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.
Student Council and Builders Club Installation Friday, September 24, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.	5K Memorial Run Saturday, October 23, 2010
School Pictures Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 18 th , 19 th , and 20 th .	Guest Speaker Immaculee Ilibagiza Wednesday, October 27, 2010
Halloween Parade Friday, October 29, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.	You're a Good Man Charlie Brown Friday to Sunday, October 29 to 31, 2010

Lunches are ordered on-line at www.orderlunches.com.

SEND LUNCH with your child every day until the lunch program begins.
 Send a **NUTRITIOUS SNACK** with your child every day (except Pre-K, snack provided).
Candy, fruit chews and roll-ups, and soda are NOT allowed at snack and lunch. (NO glass containers)

The following information is on the website at www.st-pats.org:

Summer Reading, Writing, & Math, Grades 1 to 8	2010-2011 Student Supply List, Grades Pre-K to 8
September Lunch Duty Schedule (mid-August)	Uniform Policy
Medical Forms	2010-2011 School Calendar
Notes for 2009-2010	After School Program Registration
Contracts	Lunch Duty Forms
Sports Physical Participation Form for grades 6, 7, & 8	

The following must be submitted by September 1, 2010 in order for your child to begin classes on September 8, 2010:

Emergency Form Handbook, Technology, and Photo Forms

The following information will be sent home via Instant Alert e-mail in August:

September Calendar (also on-line at www.st-pats.org), class lists, and volunteer form.

The Family Envelope will be sent home every first and third Wednesday of the month.