

# Principal's Notes

## February 2, 2012



### PRINTER FRIENDLY VERSION

#### MR. RIDDER'S REMINDERS

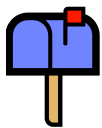
- Feb 3** Catholic Schools Week Talent Show 1:00 – 3:00pm Parish Center  
**Feb 4** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair 12:45-3:00pm  
**Feb 7** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Progress Reports Sent Home  
**Feb 8** PreK No School - PreS/PreK Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**Feb 9** **No School**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences 10:30am – 8:00pm  
**Feb 10** **No School**  
**Feb 13** PreK Valentine Exchange  
**Feb 14** PreS & K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Valentine Exchange 2:30pm  
**Feb 18** *SPIRIT* Dinner Auction  
**Feb 22** Ash Wednesday  
**Feb 23** **2:00 Dismissal**  
**Feb 29** Dress Down for February Birthdays  
**Mar 1** 2012-2013 Kindergarten Roundup Meeting for Parents Only  
**Mar 2** **No School for Current Kindergarteners**  
Kindergarten Roundup for 2012-2013 Kindergarteners



**SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT, SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE! LET EVERYONE KNOW YOU ARE A PART OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL!** - St. Patrick's CAR MAGNETS are available for purchase for \$3/ea or 2 for \$5. Have yours in time for Catholic School's Week. Please fill out the form below and return with payment to your child's teacher. Limited supply so get yours now. Car magnets will also be available for purchase in the school office during regular hours. Questions? Please contact Deanna Timmerman at [dtimmerman@stpatsekhorn.org](mailto:dtimmerman@stpatsekhorn.org).

#### LINK TO MAGNET ORDER FORM

**ACCEPTANCE AND WAITLIST LETTERS IN THE MAIL BY FEBRUARY 10TH** – Families who have applied for enrollment in St. Patrick's School for the 2012-2013 school year will receive a letter as to what their status is at this time. If you have a friend or relative that has not heard from us for any reason and they are applying for this fall, ask them to contact the school office as soon as possible. **Current families and their siblings, listed on the gold registration form that is already submitted to the office, are considered enrolled for the following year and do not receive a letter.**



**STUDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM** – Much of the credit for the growth of St. Patrick's School is owed to good, old-fashioned word of mouth. An incentive program is in place for families who refer students to St. Patrick's School. If a school family or parishioner refers a student to St. Patrick's School and he/she enrolls, the referring family will receive a \$100 credit toward their child's tuition for every student that they referred. If a parishioner brings a student (For example, grandchildren, nieces/nephews or family friends) into the school, the credit will be applied to the newly enrolled student's tuition or whomever the parishioner designates the referral to go to. All referral credits are applied **after** the new student completes the first semester. This incentive does not apply to grades where there is a waitlist or previously submitted applications. Please contact the Principal, Mr. Ridder, via email at [ridderd@stpatselkhorn.org](mailto:ridderd@stpatselkhorn.org) or call the school office (289-5407).

**SNOW DAY INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEATHER CLOSINGS** – As stated in the Family Handbook, in the event of bad weather, please listen to radio station KFAB or KKAR and/or watch local television stations 3, 6, and/or 7 for school closing, late start or early dismissal. If school is closed or dismissed early due to inclement weather, all events or activities after school will be canceled or postponed to a later date. In case of early dismissal, students will be sent home their usual way--walking, carpool, etc., unless we are notified otherwise. No child will be dismissed unless proper provisions have been made. St. Patrick's School of Elkhorn will follow the recommendations of the Catholic School Office and Elkhorn Public Schools regarding announcements made concerning dismissal because of weather. In the event of bad weather and no early closing, children can be released early only if a parent/guardian comes to school to pick them up. When Mr. Ridder makes the decision to close, the stations will report us as **St. Patrick's School, Elkhorn**. They list us with or next to Elkhorn Public Schools. We are not listed under "Omaha Catholic" and will be listed separately. We will also make every attempt to post it on the front of the school web site.



**2012-2013 DAYS OFF AND EARLY DISMISSALS SCHOOL CALENDAR FINAL** – Below is an attached calendar for the 2012-2013 days off and early dismissals that we plan for the next school year. Please use this to plan family vacations away from days of school. We have scheduled a full 2 week break at Christmas and over a full week at Easter. The remainder of the events planned will be finalized later in the spring. Thanks for making the effort to support your child's education by making it a priority to keep them in school when we have it scheduled.

### 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE INFO** - Top of the morning to All Loyal St. Patrick's Day parade followers. The Royal Hibernian St. Patrick's Day will be one float short this year. Due to the parade falling on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, we have decided not to enter this year, since it is the start of our spring break. We have had a great showing for so many years and we will continue the tradition next year. So, mark your calendars for March 16, 2013, when we will SHAMROCK THE IRISH once again. Patti O'Hertel & Melinda Macdonald

**USED UNIFORMS: \$2.00 SALE!!!!!!!!!!**- It's not too early to shop for spring shorts.....Plan to stop by the Used Uniform Sale on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 10:30 am – 6:00 pm. Follow the signs to the Used Uniform Closet, downstairs by the Art Room. All shirts, shorts, pants, & sweatshirts \$2.00! Plaid \$15.00! Cardigans \$10.00! All proceeds from the sale benefit all St. Patrick's students.



**SCRIP** - Help your child's classroom win a pizza party by purchasing Scrip! The classroom with the most sales during the month of February will win a Sam & Louie's pizza party. Be sure to write down all of your children's teachers (K-8) on the order form so they all get credit for your order(s).

Congratulations to Angie Ross! She is the winner of a \$25 Avant Day and Spa gift card. The drawing included all the people who purchased at least \$200 in Scrip during the month of January. We are 44% of the way to meeting our fundraising goal this year so please help our school by turning in your order form today! Visit [www.stpatsScrip.org](http://www.stpatsScrip.org) for all the details about Scrip and how to order.



**CASH FOR STUDENTS** – Congratulations to everyone through our Hy-Vee receipt collection we earned \$850 for our school. Great job!

**HEALTH TIP OF THE WEEK** - According to [RealAge.com](http://RealAge.com), scientists have found that one third of Wii activities qualify as moderate-intensity exercise. This would be about the same as a good walk, spinning a hula-hoop, boxing, tennis and baseball, or doing several resistance exercises. Although they do qualify as moderate-intensity exercise, they shouldn't replace your regular activities. The study found that virtual sports are significantly less intense than those played in the real world. Use video games like the active Wii games as a substitute when you can't get outside!



**IMPORTANT TRACK PARENT MEETING!** - There will be a meeting for parents of all St. Patrick's track athletes or prospective track athletes on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00pm in Mr. Maline's classroom. You will have an opportunity to meet the coaches, learn about the program and ask questions. Contact Mike Meyer at [mrmomm@cox.net](mailto:mrmomm@cox.net) if you have any questions about this meeting.

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REGISTRATION DATES AND CONTACT INFORMATION –**

<b>CURRENT SPORTS REGISTRATION INFO</b>					
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>SEASON</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>REGISTER BY:</b>	<b>LATE REG. END</b>	<b>CONTACT INFO (for ??'s)</b>
YMCA Volleyball	Spring	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Girls	1/31/12	<b>2/06/12</b>	Lisa Seidl: <a href="mailto:lisaseidl@cox.net">lisaseidl@cox.net</a>
CYSL Soccer	Spring	1 <sup>st</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	1/21/12	2/25/12	Julie Wigdahl: <a href="mailto:njwig@cox.net">njwig@cox.net</a>
MicroSoccer	Spring	PreS-K	2/11/12	3/03/12	Joe Martinec: <a href="mailto:dcsos356@gmail.com">dcsos356@gmail.com</a>
PAL Baseball	Spring	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Boys	2/17/12	N.A.	Erik Carlson: <a href="mailto:erik.carlson@hdrinc.com">erik.carlson@hdrinc.com</a>
Metro Baseball	Spring	1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Boys	2/17/12	N.A.	Erik Carlson: <a href="mailto:erik.carlson@hdrinc.com">erik.carlson@hdrinc.com</a>
Catholic Softball	Spring	1 <sup>st</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Girls	2/17/12	N.A.	Erik Carlson: <a href="mailto:erik.carlson@hdrinc.com">erik.carlson@hdrinc.com</a>
PAL Track	Spring	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	3/02/12	3/23/12	Mike Meyer: <a href="mailto:mrmomm@cox.net">mrmomm@cox.net</a>
T-Ball	Spring	PreS-K	3/16/12	N.A.	Ken Scholl: <a href="mailto:kenscholl2003@yahoo.com">kenscholl2003@yahoo.com</a>
Register online at <a href="http://leagueusa.com/registration/index.jsp?SportsOrganizationId=240">http://leagueusa.com/registration/index.jsp?SportsOrganizationId=240</a>					
Late registrations are not guaranteed so please register in a timely fashion.					
For questions regarding online registration please contact Katie L'Heureux: <a href="mailto:lheureux03@yahoo.com">lheureux03@yahoo.com</a>					

**POP TOPS COLLECTIONS** - Today, January 26, I took 45 pounds of pop tops down to the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. At roughly 1500 pop tops per pound, that is 67,500 pop tops. Thank you all for bringing yours to St. Pats School. The people down at the "House" were very appreciative and asked me to thank you. We have collected this 45 pounds just since the beginning of this school year. We have 4 months to go and I was just wondering if we could set a new record this year and surpass the 70 pounds we have done each of the past two years. We only have 26 pounds to go to accomplish this. Do you think we can do it? DUH!!! KICK IT!!!! Your friend, Dan Van Anne

**HUMMEL DAY CAMP** - This summer, St. Patrick's will be participating in the Hummel Day Camp program offered by the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation. Hummel Day Camp is an outdoor recreation and education program for kids who have completed 1st through 7th grades the prior school year. Activities include hiking, nature identification, archery, art and crafts, outdoor cooking, wilderness

skills, water and mud activities, camp songs, and more! Interested St. Patrick's students will attend July 16-20th. The week-long camp is \$95, which includes food and daily bus transportation from St. Patrick's School parking lot. Registration will be in March. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.cityofomaha.org/parks/recreation/hummel-park-nature-center/495> . If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Dimig at [jdimig@cox.net](mailto:jdimig@cox.net) or Cecelia Grigsby at [cgrigsby10@cox.net](mailto:cgrigsby10@cox.net)

**AUCTION CLASSROOM PROJECTS DISPLAYED** - Next time you are up at school, make sure to stop by the trophy case and check out this year's classroom projects that will be for sale at SPIRIT in a few weeks. Every grade has a project and some grades have a project for each class. These projects are a great way to commemorate your child's school year and definitely a one-of-a kind item you'll cherish for years to come. Don't miss out!

**RAFFLE TICKET UPDATE** - Attention Students and Teachers: the Raffle committee is holding a special contest for the school or RF class that can sell the most raffle tickets by February 15th! The winning teacher will receive a wonderful spa and dinner package valued at more than \$100 and the students will receive an exciting surprise prize. So, get out, sell your tickets and may the top class win!



**SPIRIT UPDATE - DON'T FORGET YOUR SPIRIT!** The event takes place February 18th! Please remember to RSVP via mail or register on-line. Auction catalogs will be handed out at all masses the weekend of February 11-12, so be sure to stop by and pick one up on your way out. Looking forward to a fun event! If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Copenhaver @ 964-1313 or [orjennkfly@yahoo.com](mailto:orjennkfly@yahoo.com).



**TAG NIGHT IS SET** - The SPIRIT Auction team will be hosting Tag Night on Thursday, February 9th @ 7:00 PM. This fun auction tradition will be held at Tim & Rene` Kremer's home in Indian Creek (19208 Sahler Street). Get a sneak peek at the auction items while helping to get things ready for the big night. RSVP to Rene` Kremer at [renekremer@cox.net](mailto:renekremer@cox.net). All volunteers are welcome! We hope to see you there!

**CARNIVAL NEWS--SAVE THE DATE--** Mark your calendar...the annual St. Patrick's Parish Carnival is set for Sunday, August 26 from 1:30-5:30 PM.