

A Century of Education

Seneca Falls — St. Patrick's School began in 1875 and formally opened in Sept. 1879 is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

The school has seen a four phase building development in reaching its present structure. The small square building opened in 1879, was expanded in the mid 1920's to a good size school housing large classes. In 1951, the school gym auditorium was completed and opened to aid children in their physical and social development.

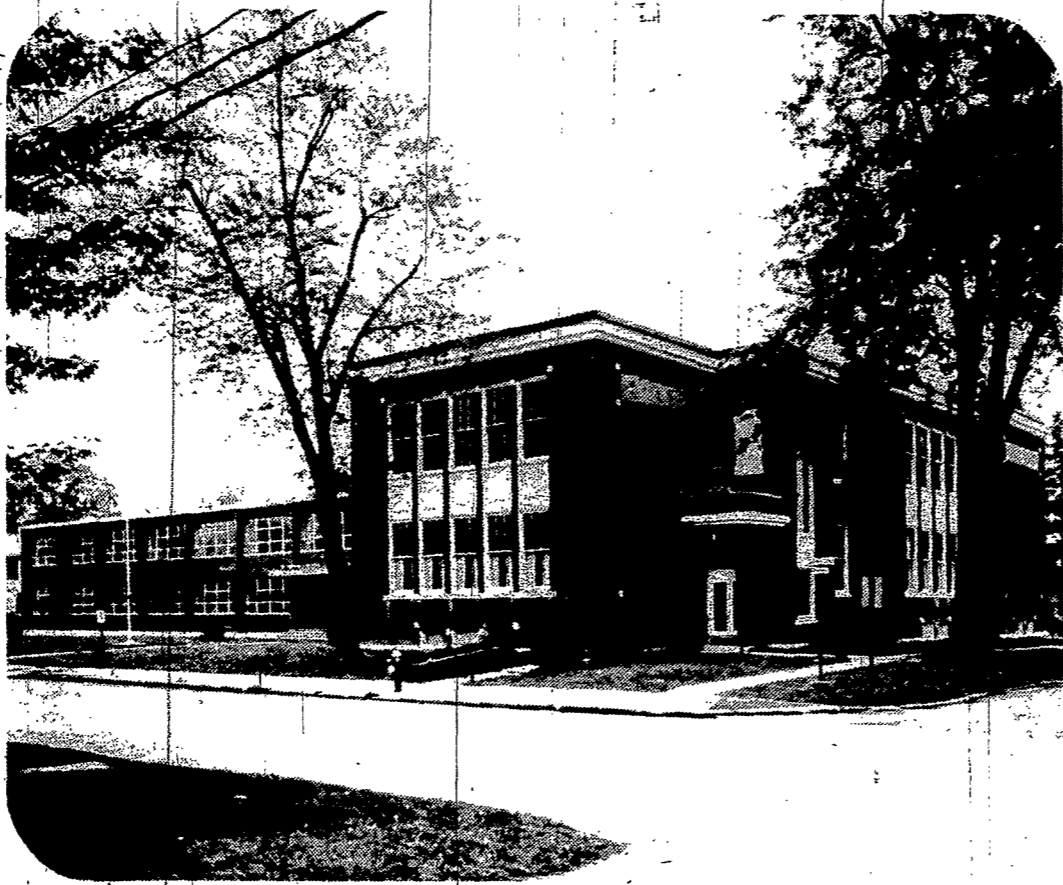
At present, Saint Patrick's has twelve classrooms pre-school through grade eight. Complete physical education, library, and instrumental music programs are integral to the curriculum. Sept. 1978 points toward an enrollment of 285 children with a strong incoming support base of 28 children for pre-school and 30 for kindergarten.

The teachers and staff at Saint Pat's are continually interested in offering the best quality education for the children in all academic areas while continuing to develop the school's philosophy, "To Teach as Jesus Did." The teachers have recently taken part in various diocesan pilot programs for selection and development of diocesan curriculum in the junior high science and pre-school areas. Along with this, the language arts area has been most recently evaluated. Teachers in grades four and eight piloted a new text for the diocese to determine its usability with the very complete skills outline of the diocesan language arts curriculum. These teachers as well as the others in grades one through eight decided after careful study to adopt the new text from American Book Company and to recommend it for other diocesan schools.

In connection with this language arts study all the primary grade teachers, principals and federal reading teacher attended in-service workshops during the past year to study the feasibility of a new reading program to update this area and reach children at multi-levels. After much study and careful evaluation it was determined to adopt the Open Court Correlated Language Arts Series in Sept. 1978.

The Open Court series is a positively reinforced program whose goal is to develop the whole child through multi-sensory learning. By helping each child to develop and learn in his own unique way, it teaches the child early to read and write independently while providing a blend of the best of classical and more modern literature. Being a total language arts program, reading, writing, spelling and English are all correlated to give the child a better sense of the relationship among these disciplines.

While the academics have been concentrated on at St. Pat's, the child's very basic motor and perceptual skills have been continually stressed in the Rosner Perceptual program. All kindergarten and grade one students along with small groups from other grades take part daily in the auditory and visual aspects of the program. Each child is individually tested to see which level skills he has developed and is placed accordingly.



St. Patrick's will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1979. The school community is proud of its contributions to the community and its educational tradition.

The Gross Motor Perceptual area of the Program is developed in the twice weekly gym periods. Local results substantiate national studies which hold that a well developed sequential, integrated motor-perceptual program improves a child's receptivity to reading, math and other intellectual subjects.

Continuing to build on its very purposes for existence,

St. Patrick's school has been constantly and primarily concerned about the religious development of its students. The hiring of a full time religious education coordinator, the regular involvement of the parish priests in the classrooms and the updating of the religion texts to insure a better balance of the worth of tradition with Vatican II direction for spiritual growth, all help to

give St. Patrick's personnel a sound way to spread the good news.

The school has been proud to be able to share its talents, hopes and dreams throughout the years with the people of Seneca Falls and with the Rochester Diocese. As the 100th anniversary year approaches it truly can say, "Yes, it is good for us to be heard."

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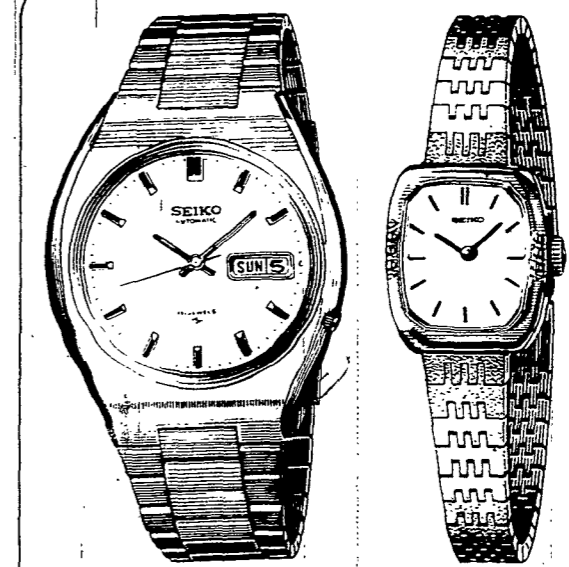
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