

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
September 14, 2021

COVID Reminder

You are now asked to get your child tested if any of the following symptoms are present. This is a slight change from last year's policy. Symptoms for children are any one of the following: fever of 100.4 or higher, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, new onset of severe headache (especially with fever), or loss of taste or smell. Last year you were looking for two symptoms before testing, now if one is present testing is needed or if you know he/she was exposed to Covid.

For children/persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from baseline.

A child must be fever free for 72 hours or parents share a negative Covid test before his/her return to school.

Virtus Training

For those parents who are looking to volunteer within our community, it is mandated by the Archdiocese of Washington that all volunteers complete the Virtus Training program to keep all our children safe.

Attached are the necessary steps to sign-up for a Virtus account and training. Also attached are locations to get fingerprints done and the form you should bring with you that has a number specific to St. Patrick's School so that a copy of your prints will be on file for the ADW. Please contact Mrs. Ali if you have any questions.

September Service Project

We invite all from the St. Patrick's community to show our love and support and honor AJ's life by participating in the annual toy drive. Toys will be donated to Johns Hopkins Children's Center to the Child Life Department. Please see the flyer for more details.

Scantron Baseline Testing Schedule

Wednesday, September 15	Thursday, September 16	Friday, September 17th
Reading 7 th - 10:15-11:00 5 th -11:00-11:45	Reading 8 th - 8:30-9:15 6 th - 8:30-9:15 4 th - 10:15-11:00 3 rd - 8:30-9:15 2 nd 9:30-10:30	Make-ups grades 2-8 reading and math

Parent Volunteers

October outdoor lunch schedule. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9af2aa0fccf8-school1>
If you are joining us to help with outdoor lunches, please pop in to let Mrs. Ali know you are here and to learn which classes will be outside with you and to where you will dismiss students after eating lunch. Your target arrival time is 12:25 p.m. and if for some reason you are unable to make your shift, please try to find a sub!

Picture Day

Individual student pictures will be taken on:

Monday, October 4th for children in grades 3-8.

Tuesday, October 5th, for children in grades PK-2.

Students may be out of uniform on these days but should be dressed nicely.

Class pictures will be held on Wednesday, October 6th for all grades. Students should wear their uniforms (even if it is a birthday-IOU out of uniform). **Boys should wear long khaki pants and girls should wear their jumpers/kilts (not skorts).**

High School Information Meeting

Parents with students in grades 6-8 who are interested in learning about the high school process and acceptance into area Catholic high schools are welcome to join me for an information session on Thursday, September 23rd at 8:15 a.m. This session will walk you through the application process and help answer any questions you may have as you prepare your son/daughter for high school. We will meet in the parish center first floor meeting room. The code to enter is 12121#.

Playground Update

We had hoped the new playground would be up by now, but one of the slides and landing platforms are still on back order. The updated install date is now mid-October.

Birthday Snacks

If you would like to send your child in with birthday treats for the class, please remember these must be store bought, individually wrapped, and nut free. Thank you!

HSA Dues and Forms

Please make sure you submit your HSA dues, handbook acknowledgment forms, medicals forms, and early release forms. School directories will go home one week from today to families who have all paperwork submitted.

Golf Registration: This event fills up fast!

Golf Registration is NEARLY FULL- [Register Now](#) The Annual Badger Open will be held on Monday, September 27 at Manor Country Club. Limited space still available for single and foursome golfers. Donations made to the [Annual Fund](#) will include signage that is displayed on Kane Lane and at the Golf Tournament. **DEADLINE for signage is 9/21/21.** If you would like to volunteer at the golf event, please contact Brittany Duignan: brittany.duignan@gmail.com.

Annual Fund Contribution

See attached flyer for Annual Fund Progress

Help Wanted

The HSA is looking for two volunteers to Co-chair the much loved and highly anticipated annual Sip'n Shop! For those who are new to St. Pat's, the Sip'n Shop hosts various local vendors in our gym for a fun evening of sipping wine and shopping till you drop! It has grown as a cherished event that kicks off the holiday season and gets everyone in the giving mood! If you're interested in chairing this event, please contact Becky Landers at rebeccaspeaks@hotmail.com or Kristy Swarthout at kristyswarthout@gmail.com.

Help Wanted: Spirit Wear Assistant

Our new Spirit Wear Coordinator, Yolanda Ngo, would welcome an assistant to share some of the Spirit Wear responsibilities this year. Responsibilities include collaborating about and designing new Spirit Wear items, ordering items, keeping an updated inventory, helping to staff in-person sales, as well as, processing on-line orders. Please contact Yolanda Ngo at yolandada@gmail.com if you interested in helping out!

Spirit Wear! Welcome back Badgers!

A new school year has begun and what better way to demonstrate your support then by showing off your St. Patrick's spirit wear swag! Follow the link below to shop our current selection of St. Pat's apparel and products. <https://one.bidpal.net/stpatswear/welcome> Please reach out to Yolanda Ngo at yolandada@gmail.com for more details.

The Great Patsby – a Grand Affair... Take two!

The HSA is in Search of Gala Chairs for our Bi-Annual Event in March 2022 at Manor Country Club! If you are well organized, have experience in fundraising or event planning or if you are willing to roll up your sleeves and help our community, we want you! Many aspects of the event have already been planned however there is still opportunity to put your unique stamp on this important social and fundraising event. The Gala chairs will have the support of the HSA team to guide them through the process. Let us know if you're interested and help us make this event the most successful yet!

Cross Country

Registration for Cross Country Closes Tonight at MIDNIGHT

We confirmed with CYO that we will have six regular meets on Sundays between September 12th and October 17th. Practices are held two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6pm at either Red Gate Park and Lake Needwood. **Registration** is FREE and open to all St. Patrick's School children in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade, as well as children in the Parish in K-8th grade. Please register via Sportspilot.

We practice twice per week, in part, in recognition that many athletes play other sports and may only attend one practice each week. Sunday CYO meets begin at 12:30 pm and usually take about 2 hours. Participation at CYO meets is optional. Additional information on the season and schedule can be located [here](#). We always need multiple assistant coaches to ensure the safety of our runners during practices. Please email barbaragutierrezsmith@gmail.com if you are interested in serving as an assistant coach (or head coach) at Tuesday and/or Thursday practices.

Women's Bible Study - Grounded in Hope

Join the women of Walking with Purpose as we kick off our newest Bible study, *Grounded in Hope*. Many school moms have been involved in this beautiful community for the past two years and we would love to have more women join us! You can learn more by visiting www.walkingwithpurpose.com. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays starting in October (you can choose mornings or evenings, in-person or virtual.) As we journey through the book of Hebrews, we will learn to grab hold of Jesus, our anchor of hope, so that we remain steady and grounded despite our circumstances. No previous experience is needed! For more information or to get a registration form you can email stpatrickwwp@gmail.com.

Free Money for St. Patrick's School

Harris Teeter Together in Education (TIE) program allows schools to earn funds when you link your VIC card and shop Harris Teeter brands. It's easy and it costs you nothing! Please take a minute to link/re-

link your card to our school id 1397 via online <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>; or at the checkout counter; customer service desk, or call 1-800-432-6111. Link your card by September 30, 2021 to be automatically enter in the Harris Teeter 2021 LINK, PERK UP AND WIN COFFEE SWEEPSTAKES - Win FREE coffee for one (1) year AND a Harris Teeter Coffee Brand gift basket for the school. There will be ten customer winners and ten school winners.

Box Tops for Education program has changed the way we can earn cash for our school. The program is transitioning from clipping Box Top labels from packages to earning credit for our school by digitally scanning your receipt. To participate in the new digital Box Tops program just download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your receipt after purchasing qualifying items. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to St. Patrick’s earnings online. Click here for more information <https://www.boxtops4education.com/en/How%20To%20Earn> If you have traditional Box Tops clips at home send them to school – credit is still earned for unexpired clipped Box Tops.

Amazon Smile program makes donations to eligible charitable organizations. When first visiting AmazonSmile, please search for St. Patrick’s Church/School Rockville, MD. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Patrick’s.

Annual Yard Sale Benefitting Life Connection Mission

The yard sale committee just decided this past weekend that we need to cancel this annual event. Although disappointed, the committee felt it was in the best interest for the volunteers and the thousands who pass through the gym that day. So many of you are generous with your donation and time, and for that we are beyond grateful. We just do not want this great event to be a super spreader! The Haiti yard sale is on hold until October 2022. Again, thank you for the years of support, this event has single handedly changed the lives of hundreds of children and their families.

It Takes a Village- Encourage Independent Problem Solving

Parents need to know what’s going on at school, and they need to monitor their child’s academic progress. It is, however, important for students to learn to solve their own problems and take care of their own affairs. Being able to get their questions answered and their problems resolved helps students gain confidence and become more independent. It also gives them a sense of empowerment. Whenever your child has a question or problem, try to help your child figure out how to advocate on his/or her own. You want your child to become more independent; however, it’s very important for your child to know that you are always available to help.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Wednesday, September 14 th - Friday, September 17 th	Scantron Testing Grades 2-8
Thursday, September 23 rd	High School Information session for Junior High Parents 8:15 a.m.
Friday, September 24 th	Noon Dismissal PK-grade 8; Faculty PDD; Aftercare available until 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 27 th	Golf Tournament at Manor Country Club