

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
September 21, 2021

COVID Reminder

Just a little clarification and reminder regarding school absences and children not feeling well. As one community and partners in a mission to continue to keep children and adults safe during in-person learning, we need to continue to work together to report absences and getting children tested if they are showing one symptom of COVID (if they are presenting differently from their baseline allergies). Please report absences to Mrs. Ali, your child's teacher(s), and me. If you have a specific COVID related concern about your child, please contact me and let me work through the situation with you.

A reminder that a child should be tested 3-5 days after potential or known exposure, and should not be in school while awaiting the results. Although a rapid test often brings peace of mind, the PCR test is needed before a return to school. While waiting for PCR test results if your child would like to join classes virtually, we are happy to support in that way, please work with me to ensure that communicating with the appropriate teachers has taken place. A sick day still exists, and usually that is all that is needed, but we are prepared to welcome students virtually who are in quarantine, isolation, or pending test results.

You are asked to get your child tested if any of the following symptoms are present. Symptoms for children are any one of the following: fever of 100.4 or higher, sore throat, cough, runny nose/congestion, difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, new onset of severe headache (especially with fever), or loss of taste or smell.

Most of our families have been absolutely amazing with communication and seeking COVID tests immediately, thank you! Our teachers, students, and fellow parents are very grateful to all for the abundance of caution and the respectful request to get students tested. I know it is inconvenient, but I am hopeful that we can continue to keep all those in our community healthy.

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! Looks like there are three spots still available for October lunches.

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#.

H2-Oh!?!

Due to COVID limitations our hallway water fountains have been shut-off to limit the potential spread of germs through the water fountains. This limitation has made it more challenging for our students and staff to have access to water while at school.

I am pleased to notify you that we are implementing changes to two of our water fountain stations to enable our students and faculty with easy access to bottle filling stations. We will continue to restrict the use of the traditional water fountains at this time and leverage the bottle filling stations as the primary method for providing students with water.

The required equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive within the next two months. We will work as quickly as possible to install the equipment and train the students on the proper and respectful use of the bottle filling stations. I will let you know as soon as the stations are operational! Again, thank you for supporting our annual fund last year that has gifted us with this great need.

Volunteers Needed for Golf Event Next Monday & Golf Schedule

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with running the golf tournament on September 27th at Manor CC. We are looking for 2-4 commitments for the AFTERNOON shift from 12:15-3pm. We also need two people to volunteer for the day to drive a drink cart - Grab a friend and spend the day on the course! It's supposed to be 73 degrees and sunny! Contact Brittany Duignan if you can volunteer at brittany.duignan@gmail.com

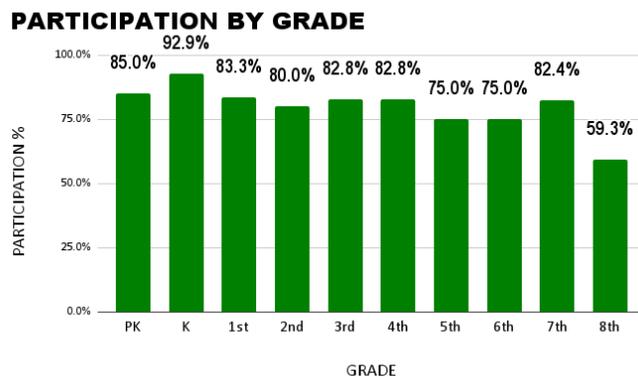
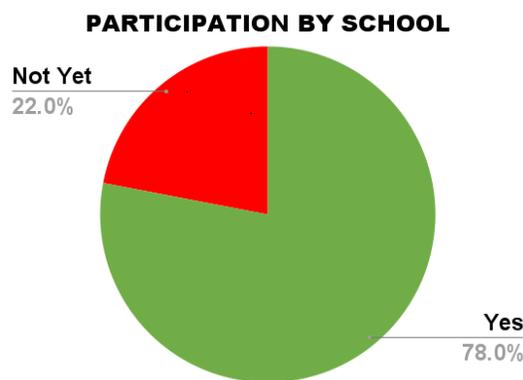
The attached "Golf Schedule Flyer" contains important event day scheduling information.

Free Aftercare for Golf Attendees on Monday 9/27

Miss Short is offering FREE aftercare to the children of golfers and volunteers. All children must be picked up by 6 pm. If you want to take advantage of this option, please email Nora Mitchell to let her know you plan to leave your child after school next Monday. nora.mitchell@stpatrickadw.org.

Annual Fund Participation Update

Thank You to the 78% of School families who have contributed to the St. Patrick's Annual Fund. When we said every donation counts, we meant it! All your contributions have added up to over \$100,000!!! We will send a more detailed summary after the golf event in October. Of course, it's never too late to give to the Annual Fund, but the cut off if you want your contribution to come with [golf signage](#) is **tomorrow (9/22) at 9 am**; the organizers will close [golf registration](#) on Friday at noon. Questions about the fund? Email: annalfund@stpatrickadw.org



Mabel's Labels

Do you need labels to mark your child's masks, bags, and uniform pieces? Help Saint Patrick's by ordering your labels from Mabel's Labels https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/

Our school earns 20% of sales when you search for "Saint Patrick's School" before shopping (spell it out exactly as Saint Patrick's School Rockville). Click on "Support A Fundraiser" on their website and then type in Saint Patrick's School. These labels hold up for years and can go through the washer, dryer, and dishwasher. They are perfect for masks, water bottles, sweatshirts, and fleeces, lunchboxes, winter gloves, and more!

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).

Spirit Wear! Welcome back Badgers!

A new school year has begun and what better way to demonstrate your support than 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.

Register Now for Women's Bible Study

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 and we would love to have more women join us! Register now using this link - [St. Patrick's Fall 2021 WWP Registration - Google Forms](#) We will meet weekly on Wednesdays starting October 6th. 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 please send an email to stpatrickwwp@gmail.com.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, September 23rd	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 27th	Golf Tournament at Manor Country Club