

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
November 2, 2021

COVID Reminder

Please 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.

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. A 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.

You are asked to get your child tested if any of the following symptoms are present: 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.

Opt-in to COVID-19 Testing for your Child

Testing starts tomorrow, Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will test between 10:00-10:15 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays going forward. Our hope is to identify asymptomatic carriers and to test children if they are showing one of symptoms and need to be sent home during the school day. Please do not bring your child to school for a test if you know your child has been exposed to Covid. Please proceed with testing outside of St. Patrick's School. Parents, Ms. Farrell, and I will all receive testing results. Questions, please contact Ms. Farrell [erin.farrell@stpatrickadw.org](mailto:erin.farrell@stpatrickadw.org).

If you would like for your child to be tested (at any time), please complete the online consent form <https://www.affinitytesting.com/hhs/for-k-12-schools.html> and scroll down to select "Find Your School". My recommendation is that you complete the consent form (one time) so that it is done, and you can very quickly sign up your child to be tested. For additional information about the test please see attached or go to [www.affinitytesting.com](http://www.affinitytesting.com)

1. If you wish to have your child tested on specific Mondays or Wednesdays, I ask that you email Ms. Farrell the night prior so that she can be sure to add them to the list for the specific day.
2. You can also send Ms. Farrell a one-time email asking that your child be added to the list of students who can be randomly tested. If you select only this option, this does not guarantee that your child will in fact be tested. We would only randomly select students to be tested if we did not have enough students sign up for testing on a particular day and need to meet our minimum or if we are trying to get a greater sampling of students in all grades.
3. Please email Ms. Farrell if you would like your child tested weekly on a Monday or Wednesday.

No child will be tested without parent communication unless you have chosen option 2 or 3.

Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program

The application is now open and families have until Saturday, December 4, 2021 to apply for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year. PLEASE go on-line and complete the application. In the

spring, you will be able to apply for St. Patrick's for direct tuition assistance, but only if you have FIRST completed the TADS Financial Aid and Assessment Form

Follow these steps:

Log into [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org)

Click on "Education" (along the top of the webpage)

Click on "Catholic Schools"

Click on "Tuition Assistance"

Click on "TADS- Financial Aid Application"

#### Halloween Photos Available

Mrs. Pullin (mom of 8th and PK) took more than 200 photos of our Halloween Parade and wants to share with other families. You may download directly from this password-protected site.

<https://carolyn-and-brian.smugmug.com/Family/2021/St-Patricks/Halloween-Parade/>

Password- badgers (case sensitive)

#### Parent & Teacher Conferences

Teachers will invite parents in PK-grade 8 to have a 10-15 minute conference (depending on age of child) on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> or Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The conferences offered on 11/11 will be virtual via Zoom. Teachers will share their Zoom link in the upcoming week. These conferences will begin at 8:00 a.m.- and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

The conferences on 11/12 will be virtual or the option for in person if you feel that time is needed face to face with a teacher. If you would like to meet in person with your child's teacher, please email the teacher to let them know to expect you in person and not on a screen. The default plan for our teachers is to meet virtually unless they hear otherwise. These conferences take place from 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. We ask that those who attend in-person conferences be vaccinated.

If you would like to create a "group" conference with your child's reading & math teacher or for your junior high students, all teachers at one time, please choose all your child's teachers for the same time and communicate with your child's teachers that you have initiated a group conference. The homeroom teacher will send the Zoom link.

The link to sign up: [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St\\_Patrick\\_s\\_School](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Patrick_s_School)

#### Student Government Association 2021-2022

Please join me in congratulating our newly elected Student Government. We thank all our students who ran for an SGA position and look to these students to be great role models as leaders in our school community.

President: Alex Guarini

Vice President: Keira Balaguer

Treasurer: Lily Williams

Secretary: Grace Swarhout

8th Grade Representatives: Vera Ogai and Tyghe Madigan

7th Grade Representatives: Nicolas Carr, Molly Schmidlein, and Mia Fecko

6th Grade Representatives: Reagan Lukes and Aidan Devlaliwalla

5th Grade Representatives: Billy Maurano, Ashley Osuri, and Andi Windlan

#### Playground Update

Any day now the caution tape will come down and the new playground will be officially open for play! We are a waiting final inspection. Additional ground cover needs to be added and longer swing chains

are needed, but pending the stamp of approval, our children should be out there by the end of the week!

Save the Date – Annual Sip’n Shop

Start your holiday shopping early at St. Pat’s Annual Sip and Shop which takes place on **Wednesday, November 10th from 7pm to 10pm!**

We have a wide variety of 35+ vendors selling jewelry, personalized items, clothing, hostess gifts, artwork, sweets, holiday decorations and much more to make your shopping experience super easy – this is an event you won’t want to miss!

While admission is free, we still encourage pre-registering ahead of time to let us know that you’re coming and allow for swift check-in (credit cards are highly encouraged!) Plus, you will be automatically entered to win some amazing prizes! We will have food trucks, specialty spirits from local vendors, a silent auction of wonderfully donated vendor gift packages, and much more!

To register for this event, go to: <https://one.bidpal.net/sipshop2021/welcome>

If you have any questions, please email Karen Boone ([karen.waskewich@gmail.com](mailto:karen.waskewich@gmail.com)) or Christina Grantham ([cgrantham9@yahoo.com](mailto:cgrantham9@yahoo.com)).

St. Patrick's Track & Field Head Coaching Opportunity

St. Patrick's is looking for a parent volunteer to assume the role of Head Track & Field Coach! Just before the pandemic cancelled the 2020 season, St. Patrick’s had joined the Columbus League. The Columbus League includes 10 local parish schools. The Columbus League is committed to running efficient (less than 3 hour) meets on Sundays (opposed to the notoriously lengthy CYO Saturday meets). If you are interested in the head coach position, please reach out to Dave Rizzo [drizz145@gmail.com](mailto:drizz145@gmail.com). Without a head coach, we will not be able to have a track and field season this Spring. Please consider grabbing some other parents and coaching a fun group of kids!

The Upcoming Weeks:

Friday, November 5th	Open House for Prospective Families 9:00 a.m. Report Card Distribution grades 1-8
Wednesday, November 10th	Sip’n Shop 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the gym
Thursday, November 11th	Parent Conferences 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. all virtual No School for students in PK-grade 8
Friday, November 12th	Noon Dismissal for Pk-grade 8; aftercare available until 6:00 p.m. Parent Conferences 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (virtual and in person options)
Sunday, November 21st	Open House for Prospective PK families 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 23rd	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare available until 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Holiday begins
Wednesday, November 24-Friday, November 26th	No School; Thanksgiving Holiday