

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
November 9, 2021

COVID Reminder

Please report absences to Mrs. Ali, your child's teacher(s), and 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. 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. 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. A sibling of a child awaiting results is permitted to attend school. Additionally, the fever policy was 72 hours but has been adjusted to 24 hours fever free without medication and a negative PCR test.

Opt-in to COVID-19 Testing for your Child

We test between 10:00-10:15 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays going forward.

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". For additional information about the test please see attached or go to 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. Because this is pool testing, if all tested in the pool are negative, all tests are thrown out. Ms. Farrell and I are notified, but a parent is only notified if there is a positive individual test result. So no news is good news! We are receiving results about 36 hours after testing.

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.

Follow these steps:

Log into 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"

Christmas Pageant & Upcoming Events

The Christmas pageant is one more thing Covid has taken from us this year, but we have no choice at this point with the children really unable to sing and practice in their music classes. The end is near, we can hope, so this may be the last thing taken from our children for this school year.

Trivia Night has been postponed from Saturday, December 4th to Saturday, April 30th.

Breakfast with Santa is on for Saturday, December 11th! The Home and School Association and I have great confidence we can do this safely. Masks will be required by all unless at their breakfast tables.

Parent & Teacher Conferences

The conferences offered on 11/11 will be virtual via Zoom. Teachers will share their Zoom link by end of the day. 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. Important: 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.

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 by this afternoon.

The link to sign up: https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Patrick_s_School

Charleston Wrap

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all families who participated in our Charleston Wrap Sale. It was a fun way to gear up for Christmas giving and **together we raised over \$8000 for St. Patrick's School**. Delivery of paper orders that were submitted has not yet been scheduled but we will be providing those details as soon as possible. Thank you very much!

Little Disciples in Action: Doing Small Things with Great Love

Little Disciples in Action is a Parish sponsored group open to all members of the St. Patrick's Parish and School Community. We organize monthly service projects designed to provide hands-on service opportunities geared toward school age children and their families. The month's project will be held in the Parish Center on **Saturday 11/20 from 3-5pm**. If you would like more information on this project and/or would like to be added to our email list for future projects, please send an email to stpatlittledisciples@gmail.com.

Sip & Shop is Here!

We are so excited for tomorrow's big event, St. Pat's Annual Sip and Shop which takes place **from 7pm to 10pm!**

We now have over **40+ 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!

There is still time to **pre-register!** Registering for the event ahead of time will allow for quicker check-in plus, you'll be automatically entered to win our **\$100 cash raffle prize!**

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

We will have food trucks, specialty spirits from local vendors, and a silent auction of over **20 wonderfully donated vendor gift packages** (bidding is now open - go to the link above to see all the items!) Also, we will have special Sip and Shop bags for the first 200 people and a special gift for the first 50!

Reminder: Due to COVID protocols, masks are still required when you are inside (except while eating and drinking).

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

Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive St. Patrick's Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive: Sunday, Nov. 21st.

Please consider a canned food donation because the need is greater than ever this year. Similar to last year, things will look a little differently than previous years and you won't have a bag delivered to your front door. However, many nearby neighborhoods are advertising the GGCFD via neighborhood listservs and/or flyers and will still have volunteers driving through to pick up food donations from you on Sunday morning. If you do not live in a neighborhood where a collection is occurring, you may bring your donation to school during this week and next (through Nov. 19) or please consider dropping off a non-perishable food donation on Sunday morning, November 21st between 8:30am and 12:00pm behind the parish center. If you're not sure whether your neighborhood is participating or not, please email gqcfdstpatrick@gmail.com with your address/neighborhood and we can help you figure out the best way to make a donation. If we all do a little, it adds up to a whole lot!

To build excitement about the GGCFD, we are asking kids to dig up an old GGCFD t-shirt from their closet and wear it to school on Friday, Nov. 19! Thanks for your participation!

Thanksgiving Food Donations

In support of the GGCFD, please see the recommended list of food donations. All food items need be brought to school by Friday, November 19th. Your participation to support the Parish Thanksgiving outreach is appreciated.

PK and Kindergarten: (2) 16 oz cans of green beans

1st Grade: (2) 14 oz cans of jellied cranberry sauce

2nd Grade: 48 oz containers of apple sauce

3rd Grade: 40 oz cans of yams (sweet potatoes)

4th Grade: (2) 14 oz can of Turkey gravy

5th Grade: 64 oz containers of apple juice

6th and 7th: 10 oz stuffing mix

8th Grade: 64 oz containers of apple juice

St. Patrick's Spirit Wear

has been revamped just in time for your holiday shopping! In order to better understand what products and price points are of interest to the St. Patrick's community, we've worked with Custom Ink to make available for a limited time only a wide variety of items in youth and adult sizes. Check out everything at the [St. Pat's Spirit Wear online store](#). Some items can be previewed at the Sip-n-Shop on Wednesday, November 10th. All orders must be in by Friday, November 12! Please see the attached for more information.

The Upcoming Weeks:

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
Monday, November 29th	Classes Resume