

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
October 26, 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 communication 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 next Wednesday, November 3rd, Ms. Farrell will take the lead on requests, and we ask that requests be made for Monday testing by Sunday night and Wednesday testing by Tuesday Night for proper planning. Parents, Ms. Farrell, and I will all receive testing results. Questions, please contact Ms. Farrell erin.farrell@stpatrickadw.org.

2021-2022 Admissions and Open Houses

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our community, please invite them to one of our open houses and encourage them to begin the application process as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted starting November 5th.

Open House for prospective Kindergarten-grade 8 families: Friday, November 5th 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Open House for prospective Prekindergarten families: Sunday, November 21st 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

If you are available to help with school tours on the November 5th open house, please email Mrs. Ali. I would appreciate the help!

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

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

Click on "Catholic Schools"

Click on "Tuition Assistance"

Click on "TADS- Financial Aid Application"

Halloween

We will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 28th. Our annual outdoor parade will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Please remember that all Halloween costumes need to be appropriate for children of all ages. If a student does not want to dress up for Halloween they do not have to, instead enjoy the dress down day. Remember absolutely no toy weapons are permitted in school. When unsure if it "counts" as a weapon, please just keep it at home. Class parties will begin after the parade and dismissal for PK-grade 8 is at noon. We ask that only parents helping with class parties enter the building and these parents must be Virtus trained and fully vaccinated.

Aftercare is available until 6:00 p.m.

Parents are invited to come to the parade and must wear masks!

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 11th or Friday, November 12th. The conferences offered on 11/11 will be virtual via Zoom. Teachers will share their Zoom link in the upcoming weeks. 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. These conferences take place from 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. We ask that those who attend in-person conferences be vaccinated.

The conference sign-up link will be live and shared with all families next week.

November Outdoor Lunch Sign-Ups

Looks like 2 days left to fill, 11/19 and 11/22. You all have been amazing, thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9af2aa0fccf8-lunch>

Winter Uniform

Reminder that boys in grades 5-8 are expected to wear a white button down shirt and green tie and all girls will change into jumpers or kilts (no more skorts). Girls are allowed to wear blue, white, or green tights or blue leggings with their kilts/jumpers. First day of winter uniform is November 1st.

Picture Make-Up Day

Mr. Allan will be back to do re-takes tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27th. If your child was absent or a retake is needed, they can dress out of uniform in their nice picture day clothing.

Shamrock Spooktacular

It seems like everyone had a blast at the Shamrock Spooktacular on Friday night. Thank you to the 4th grade class for hosting! They put a lot of hard work into organizing, setting up, making trunks and running the event. The trunks were amazing, and it seemed like all the children (and parents) enjoyed having the event outdoors. And thank you to the many Junior High students who helped with manning stations, judging cars, photography, and being the badger. If you have any photos you would like to share, please upload them

here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1otXuJEwNWgxR1sUnjrCy2_lySdcDXCiD

**If you have yet to pay for pizza, please send in a check to Mrs. Ali or venmo Su Miller (@Sudarat-miller).

*If you are missing a witch's hat, black velcro cape, wizard wand, or cat ear headband, please contact Su Miller (sudarat.infahsaeng@gmail.com)

Math Homework Help-grades 5-8

Former junior high advanced math teacher, Mr. Coe, is excited to be back to support after school homework help for students. Mr. Coe will be here on Monday afternoons 3:15-4:15 and there is no cost, but you do need to email Mr. Coe directly to let him know whom to expect. billcoe1@verizon.net

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) or Christina Grantham (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. 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!

CYO Basketball

Our Parish Winter Basketball Season is right around the corner and registration is now open. We will be participating in both the CYO and City of Rockville leagues. The CYO will field teams of both boys and girls in the following age divisions: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U. The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls will each field teams in the City of Rockville League.

The CYO is an age-based league, so ensuring that your child's date of birth is correct in Sports Pilot is very important. The age cutoffs are as follows.

- 10U: 12/01/2010 – 11/30/2013
- 12U: 12/1/2008 – 11/30/2010
- 14U: 12/1/2006 – 11/30/2008
- 16U: 12/1/2004 – 11/30/2006
- 18U: 12/1/2002 – 11/30/2004

All City of Rockville teams are grade based.

Please sign up today! Registration closes on October 29th

<https://isis.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106212>

The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, October 28th	Halloween parade and class parties; Noon Dismissal PK-grade 8; Aftercare available until 6:00 p.m. End of 1 st quarter
Friday, October 29th	No School PK-grade 8; PDD required by the ADW
Monday, November 1st	2-hour delay, morning carpool for kindergarten-grade 8 begins at 10:15. PK at 10:30 a.m.
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