

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
October 18, 2022

Yard Sale!

Just a note of great gratitude and appreciation to all who donated, volunteered, and shopped at the yard sale. Not only did we reach our goal of \$30,000 but we greatly surpassed it (as donations continue to roll in!). I am beyond thrilled to share we currently have raised \$37,961 for Life Connection Mission. Great things happen when good people come together, and the result is simply remarkable! Thank you for being so incredibly generous and supportive of an organization that hold a very very special place in my heart!

2023-2024 Admissions and Open Houses

Please spread the word about our upcoming open houses, post on list-servs, and invite neighbors and friends to come and see St. Patrick's.

Open House for prospective Kindergarten-grade 8 families: Friday, November 4th 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Open House for prospective Prekindergarten families: Sunday, November 13th 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program

The application is now open, and families have until Friday December 2, 2022 to apply for tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 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"

Winter Uniform

Time to dig through the closets and think about winter uniforms. 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 Tuesday, November 1st.

November 1st Schedule Change

We have a late opening on Tuesday, November 1st for all our trick or treaters to get an extra 2 hours of sleep! Drop-off will begin at 10:15 with the expectation that all students are in their classroom by 10:30. We will attend Mass at 11:00 a.m. as it is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation. Students in grade 3-8 are asked to wear their regular winter uniform instead of their PE uniform that day.

We will not be attending Mass on Wednesday, November 2nd instead hosting a prayer service to celebrate All Souls Day.

Halloween

We will celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31st. Our annual parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. Please remember that all Halloween costumes need to be appropriate for children of all ages. Please be mindful that some of our little children may not have the tolerance for scary masks. As some of our big kids scramble to put together a Halloween costume, I ask that you support them in putting together creative and fun costumes, not scary! 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.

Parents are invited to come to the parade!

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 10th or Friday, November 11th. The conferences offered on 11/10 will be virtual via Zoom. Teachers will share their Zoom link in the upcoming weeks. These conferences will begin at 1:30 p.m.- and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The conferences on 11/11 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 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

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

Second Quarter Hot Lunch Help

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAEAF2DA1FDCF8-stpatricks1>

Diaper Collection for Catholic Charities

The 7th grade class is hosting our community service project for the month of October. We will collect diapers for the Catholic Charities Family Center in Silver Spring. Our very own Deacon Jim Nalls works for Catholic Charities and he spoke to the students on Friday. He informed us that Catholic Charities can use diapers of all sizes, but in particular sizes 5 and 6 are really needed. There will be bins placed around the school for our collection. Thank you for your generosity!

It's Halloween Time

We're having a bash

Wear your best costume

To our fun Monster Mash!

The 4th grade families invite the St. Patrick's School Community to join us on Friday, October 21, from 6:30-8:30. Our night will be full of games, crafts, a DJ, and Trunk-or-Treat.

Please use the link below to RSVP (so we have a head count for enough treats!) and order Pisano's Pizza if you choose.

<http://evite.me/nkTF4AWbSu>

Since this party format is still rather new, here are a few reminders:

- It will be dark! We will be lighting the area, but it will still be dark. So bring those flashlights & headlamps and keep an eye on your children! We don't want anyone to wander off.
- The playground is OFF LIMITS! Absolutely no one is allowed on the playground during this event.
- The Parish Center will be open for restroom use.

Picture Make-Up or Redo

Mr. Allan will be back on Tuesday, October 25th to offer make-up pictures or if a child would like a redo. Your child may come out of uniform in nice picture day clothes. Please let Mrs. Ali know if your child will take advantage of the make-up /redo.

Little Disciples in Action: Doing Small Things with Great Love

Looking for an opportunity for your family including young children to serve our brothers and sisters? Come join the Little Disciples in Action! This month's project will be held at the Parish Center on **Saturday, October 22 at 2:00pm in rooms 206 and 207**. We will be preparing toiletry kits for Life Connection Mission to support the important work they do in Haiti. We have many other projects coming as well. If you would like more information on the group and/or would like to be added to our email list for further announcements please send an email to stpatslittledisciples@gmail.com.

Charleston Wrap – Deadline Extended!

Thank you to all the families who have participated in our Charleston Wrap Sale this thus far - we have already raised over \$4500 to support the HSA! Our sale deadline has been **EXTENDED to Friday 10/21**, so there is still time to register, shop and share with friends and family. We are aware that there are some items that have not been available online. Our contact at Charleston Wrap explained that items frequently go back in stock and recommends contacting CW Customer Support Team at 1-866-395-2926. They can provide additional information and assistance regarding specific item availability and any other issues. Feel free to contact Trish Leonette (trishkleonette@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks again to all who have supported our sale!

Save the Date – Annual Sip and Shop

Please save the date for one of St. Pat's favorite events, the annual Sip and Shop that is scheduled for **Thursday, November 10th from 7pm to 10pm**.

For those who are new to St. Pat's, the Sip and Shop hosts various local vendors in our gym for a fun evening of sipping and shopping til you drop! It has grown into a cherished event that kicks off the holiday season and gets everyone in the giving mood!

Vendor registration is now officially open (<https://one.bidpal.net/sipshop2022>) and we are working to get a wide variety so that you can have the best holiday shopping experience! If you are interested in helping out with the event or have any vendors who you think would like to attend, please email Karen Boone (karen.waskewich@gmail.com) or Christina Grantham (cgrantham9@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Let's Get Social!

Have you liked us on social media yet? Lots of photos and reminders will be posted on both Facebook and Instagram throughout the school year!

Facebook- St. Patrick's Catholic School, Rockville, MD

Instagram- stpatrickscatholicsschool

Photos

We would love to have you share your photos throughout the year with us! We will include them on social media as well as our yearbook. Please be sensitive and aware of other children's feelings if you send pictures of events that take place out of school. Upload them to our shared picture drive using the

link below. Thank you!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1outEspPbRz4niGUQn6HohUW67LPcdfJY?usp=sharing>

Spirit Wear! NEW ITEM!!

Our Spirit Wear store has a new item! We are happy to offer a green Under Armour performance t-shirt. The performance t-shirt will look great on our coaches this year! Go to the link below to check it out before it sells out! Spirit Wear is available throughout the year. Purchase all of your St. Patrick's Swag through the link below or from our school website. <https://one.bidpal.net/stpatswear/welcome>

The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, October 20 th	Calleva Field Trip for Students in Grades 6-8
Friday, October 21 st	Trunk or Treat Halloween Event hosted by 4 th Grade and HAS 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Monday, October 24 th	4 th Grade Field Trip
Tuesday, October 25 th	Picture day Make-Up/Retakes
Thursday, October 27 th	Noon Dismissal PK-grade 8; Aftercare available until 6:00 p.m. End of 1 st Quarter
Friday, October 28 th	No School PK-grade 8; Teacher PDD
Monday, October 31 st	Halloween Festivities 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 1 st	Late Opening 10:15 drop-off
Friday, November 4 th	Open House of Perspective Parents K-8 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 10 th	Noon Dismissal; Parent Conferences 1:30-3:30 (Virtual Only); Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Sip and Shop 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Friday, November 11 th	No School; Parent Conferences 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 13 th	Open House for PK Perspective Parents 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 16 th	Grandparents Day 9:10 a.m. Mass-11:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 20 th	Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive
Tuesday, November 22 nd	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Break Begins
Wednesday, November 23 rd -Friday, November 25 th	Thanksgiving Holiday