

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
October 25, 2022

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](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"

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 1<sup>st</sup>.

November 1<sup>st</sup> Schedule Change

We have a late opening on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> instead hosting a prayer service to celebrate All Souls Day.

Halloween

We will celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 of students in PK-grade 5 will invite parents to a 15-minute conference on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> or Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The conferences offered on 11/10 will be virtual via Zoom. Teachers will share their Zoom link in the upcoming weeks. The conferences on 11/11 will be virtual or the option for in person. Please communicate in advance with your child’s teacher to inform them if you will meet in person or virtual. Parents who would like Mrs. Wicks/Mrs. Fieni/Ms. Costello to join meetings with homeroom teacher should create a group conference by choosing the same time on all sign-ups and notify teachers.

Teachers of students in grades 6-8 will invite parents to 10-minute conferences. At this level, a group conference with your child’s teachers is encouraged should you feel your child is making steady progress. If you have concerns specific to your child’s performance in a subject, an individual conference is most certainly justified. Conferences for parents of JH students will be virtual on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and in-person **only** on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Homeroom teachers will “host” the group conference; however, we ask parents to e-mail all the JH teachers you have asked to attend a group conference.

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

#### New Staff Member

Please join me in welcoming alumni, Carrington Boyd, back as aftercare aide and afternoon kindergarten assistant. Miss Boyd is a graduate from the class of 2014 AND I am proud to share our first alumni to return as faculty/staff!

#### Diaper Collection for Catholic Charities

The 7<sup>th</sup> 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 last 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!

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive

St. Patrick’s Annual Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive (GGCFD) is celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> year! Every November our whole parish community collects cans in surrounding neighborhoods. We are looking for lots of volunteers – especially territory leaders to cover specific neighborhoods in our area. Get together with other families or a group of friends to help us cover as many streets as possible! This year we will have a kick-off event on Saturday, November 12 to pick up T-shirts and brown bags. Teams can choose a date between Nov 12-17 to the leave bags on doorsteps. Collection day will be Sunday, November 20 between 8:00am-12:00pm. This incredible event is a powerful way to address the issue of food insecurity in our area.

Please visit the website for more information and to volunteer: <https://www.ggcfid.org/parishes/st-patricks-church/> Contact Gina Swanda at [gina.swanda@stpatrickadw.org](mailto:gina.swanda@stpatrickadw.org) with any questions. Thank you!

#### Register Now - Annual Sip and Shop!

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

We have a wide variety of 60+ vendors selling jewelry, personalized items, clothing, hostess gifts, artwork, 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 a **door giveaway prize!**

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/sipshop2022/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)).

#### Grandparents/Special Friend Day

Wednesday, November 16th will mark our biennial Grandparents' Day celebration! Please see the attached *Save the Date* and mark your calendars. We plan to start our special day at 9:00am and end at 11:30am. We are happy to welcome a special family friend or other relative in place of a grandparent. Students will be allowed to leave with grandparents/special friends immediately after the celebration to spend the remainder of the school day with their guests. Classroom teachers/Mrs. Ali MUST have permission to allow any child to leave with a grandparent. Please send an RSVP to [Crystal.Schmittlein@stpatrickadw.org](mailto:Crystal.Schmittlein@stpatrickadw.org) with the number of guests, including your student(s) by Friday, November 11th.

#### 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- [stpatrickscatholicschool](https://www.instagram.com/stpatrickscatholicschool)

#### 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>

We are excited to announce that St. Patrick's Spirit Wear is once again working with Custom Ink to make available for a limited time only a wide-variety of items in youth and adult sizes. Please refer to the

attached Spirit Wear flyer or go to our [Spirit Wear Online Store](#) for more order details. **All orders must be submitted by Saturday, November 13!**

The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal PK-grade 8; Aftercare available until 6:00 p.m. End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	No School PK-grade 8; Teacher PDD
Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Festivities 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Late Opening 10:15 drop-off
Friday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open House of Perspective Parents K-8 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Parent Conferences 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Open House for PK Perspective Parents 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Day 9:10 a.m. Mass-11:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive
Tuesday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Break Begins
Wednesday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> -Friday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holiday