

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
October 4, 2022

NWEA MAP Testing Schedule

Grade 2: Wednesday, 10/5 Language Arts, and Thursday, 10/6 Reading- both 11:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Grade 3: Friday, 10/7 10:15-11:15 a.m. Reading
Grade 4: Thursday, 10/6 8:30-9:30 a.m. Reading
Grade 8: Thursday, 10/6 9:15-10:15 a.m. Reading

Class Picture Day

Class pictures will be held on Wednesday, October 5th for all grades. Students should wear their uniforms (even if it is a birthday-IOU out of uniform). **Boys should wear long khaki pants and girls should wear their jumpers/kilts (not skorts).**

Protecting God's Children Personal Safety Education

The vigilant work of teachers and staff to safeguard our students by promoting a safe environment is a priority at St. Patrick's School. All children have the right to be safe and protected from harm in school, home, neighborhoods, and communities. Our school is dedicated to promoting and ensuring the protection of all children.

Each school year, we are committed to the continued instruction of the Personal Safety Education Program for our children in grades K-8. These age-appropriate lessons, prepare students to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations. The lessons will take place beginning Monday, October 10th.

Thank you for your support and the conversations you will have at home leading up to this training and following to keep the safety of our students as our primary responsibility.

Using ADW resources, we will use class time (historically 2-3 sessions) to be sure our students learn about their personal safety to the greatest extent possible. It is important that you introduce this concept at home so the children (especially those in our lower grades) are more comfortable when the teachers begin to present the material. Teachers of students in lower grades will communicate through their newsletters with the language being used in their classrooms so that you can follow up at home as well. The concepts of "Good Touch/Bad Touch" are introduced as protecting your body, referred to often as the "Bathing Suit Zone".

Annual HUGE yard sale! Who wants to help?!

Help is REALLY needed from anyone and everyone who can spare a minute to set up this huge fundraiser that supports Life Connection Mission, Haiti.

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, October 15th, BUT help is needed Thursday, October 13th- Friday, October 14th for set up. If you are interested in helping in ANY way, please e-mail Miss Short or sign-up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D49AF22A46-calling1>

No rules and no guidance really, just full discretion and let's hit \$30,000!

Grateful to all for the help and please feel free to invite a friend!

2023-2024 Admissions and Open Houses

Believe it or not, it is already time to start thinking about admissions for next year. We have very few or no spaces in some grades. 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 4th and acceptances will be finalized in January.

If you have a little one who is ready to join us in kindergarten or prekindergarten next year, please email Mrs. Ali so that we can determine how many spots are available for new families. Applications for current families with younger siblings opens on November 3rd.

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 Archdiocese of Washington works hard to keep Catholic education as affordable as possible. The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Washington. All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance and need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. Each family applying for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington is required to complete a TADS Financial Aid & Assessment form.

Families applying to archdiocesan tuition assistance only need to complete one form for all children, whether elementary school students or high school students, even if seeking tuition aid for children in multiple schools.

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"

Second Quarter Hot Lunch Help

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

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.

We ask that the community do our best to keep this a safe event by being cautious and keeping children out of the parking lot, parish center (except for quick bathroom trips!) and off the playground.

Join us for a scary good time! <http://evite.me/nkTF4AWbSu>

Charleston Wrap - Back by Popular Demand!

Our Charleston Wrap® sale is officially underway! The sale envelopes were sent home via backpack mail yesterday and you can check out some of this year's items on display outside the school office. The sale is only live for 2 weeks so please be sure to register and help spread the word. If you are having any technical issues with registration or placing orders, please contact Charleston Wrap Customer Support at 1-866-395-2926. For general questions, feel free to contact Trish Leonette at trishkleonette@gmail.com. Thanks for your support and happy shopping!

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!

Spirit Wear is available throughout the year to purchase all your St. Patrick's Swag through the link below. New items coming soon! You can also access the Spirit Wear store from our school website.

<https://one.bidpal.net/stpatswear/welcome>

The Upcoming Weeks:

Wednesday, October 5 th	Class Picture Day PK-Grade 8
Friday, October 7 th	PK-grade 2 Field Trip
Saturday, October 15 th	Yard Sale

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
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.