

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
November 1, 2022

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 9:00 a.m. with Mass beginning at 9:10 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. after donuts and coffee. 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.Schmidtlein@stpatrickadw.org with the number of guests, including your student(s) by Friday, November 11th.

Additionally, we are offering an essay/writing contest for students in all grades to reflect on a special memory with their grandparent. The winner will be announced and encouraged to read his/her essay at the reception and leave with a little treat!

Theme: My special memory with my...

Essays in grades 4-8

Paragraph in grades 2 & 3

Artwork with a sentence in kindergarten & 1st grade

Pretty Pictures from our PK friends

All participants should submit their work to their homeroom teachers by Thursday, November 10th to be judged by some of our very own faculty member grandparents!

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.

Parent & Teacher Conferences

Teachers of students in PK-grade 5 will invite parents to a 15-minute conference 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. 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 a 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 10th and in-person **only** on Friday, November 11th. 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

10th Annual Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive

St. Patrick's Annual Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive (GGCFD) is celebrating our 10th 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 leave the 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.ggcf.org/parishes/st-patricks-church/> Contact Gina Swanda at 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>

Don't forget to enter the Bling Raffle to win a pair of 18kt white gold and diamond hoop earrings. Purchase your raffle tickets here: <https://one.bidpal.net/sipshop2022/browse/featured>

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

Volunteers Needed-Grandparents/Special Friends Day!

Grandparents Day is quickly approaching, and we are looking for five additional volunteers to help during our donut/coffee reception after Mass. If you are available to help, please contact Crystal Schmidtlein at Crystal.Schmidtlein@stpatrickade.org.

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! Upload those class Halloween photos!

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 - Special Orders in time for the Holidays!

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!

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:

Friday, November 4 th	Open House of Perspective Parents K-8 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 10 th	Noon Dismissal; Parent Conferences; 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