

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
January 10, 2023

Mass Participation to Kick-Off Catholic Schools Week

It has always been a great tradition that as we kick-off National Catholic Schools Week, the students from St. Patrick's School help lead the weekend Masses.

I am looking for readers, ushers, lectors, and gift bearers. I mentioned this to our students at prayer this morning and many seemed really quite excited to participate. I would appreciate your help by looking at schedules and seeing if your son/daughter is able to represent St. Patrick's School in this leadership position (with plenty of practice time!).

Mass options:

Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Students in 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade will serve as gift bearers

Students in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade will serve as ushers and lectors

PLEASE please please let me know which Mass and role your son/daughter would like.

MAP Testing

Please see the attached letter from the Secretary for Catholic Schools. St. Patrick's students will not participate in the winter testing session for MAP.

TADS Re-Enrollment for the 2023-2024 SY

By last Friday afternoon you should have received one e-mail per child per family. Each child needs to be re-enrolled. I ask that you officially enroll your child throughout the month of January and submit the \$500 deposit at your earliest convenience, but no later than February 10, 2023.

Please email me if you did not receive the email from TADS.

SOCKS for SOME

Our January service project is collecting socks for SOME (So Others Might Eat.) SOME has been serving the homeless and hungry in downtown DC for over 50 years! One of their top requested items is men's socks. It would be wonderful if each family could donate one pair of (new) men's socks this month. Students will watch this video to learn more about the important work being done by SOME: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVC5ffCDDa0>

Additionally, we would like to assemble hygiene kits for SOME during Catholic Schools Week. The funds used from the Read-a-Thon (information below) will allow us to purchase these items and send a complete kit! This extra project is a great way to live out our Catholic faith during this special week. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Read-a-Thon

This Friday students will receive a hard copy of a read-a-thon packet (I will blast an electronic copy to you as well) to start tracking their reading minutes beginning over the long holiday weekend. Students will track reading minutes and submit sheets on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Each week a class winner will be announced and receive a coupon to use at the upcoming book fair! Much more information to come on Friday.

As with most read-a-thons there is a pledge! We are asking for a pledge of \$5-\$20 per student (although we never turn down additional donations). The pledge money will allow us to purchase the hygiene products as mentioned in the above section supporting SOME. The school will purchase supplies and students will assemble the kits on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> as part of our Community Appreciation Day. We are happy to accept any travel size hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant) from home if you would also like to contribute towards our Community Appreciation Day project.

Hot Lunch Help Needed

Now through March (scroll down)! A few more spots need to be filled, please! Thank you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aaef2da1fdcf8-stpatricks1>

Get Ready for Badger Bingo Night! Donations Needed!

The HSA-sponsored Bingo Night is on Friday, February 3 from 6:30 – 8 pm in the Cafeteria.

The winner of each game will receive fun prizes but WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please consider donating gently used books or other small prize items to the front office by Wednesday, Feb 1.

An RSVP link will be coming soon so we know how many players to expect and can plan accordingly.

Please contact Regan McKinley with any questions ([mckinley.regan@gmail.com](mailto:mckinley.regan@gmail.com))

Save the Date

January 29<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup> marks the annual National Catholic Schools Week Celebration. There will much more to come regarding how St. Patrick’s will celebrate, but for now... please mark your calendars for a fun week!

Open House Volunteers

Our next Open House will be held on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are available to give tours to prospective parents from 9am-11am, please contact Miss Short. Don’t forget to spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors to join us!

Book Fair- Coming Soon

Our Annual Book Fair is scheduled to kick off Sunday, January 29 between 9:00am-2:00pm in the school cafeteria. The Book Fair will also be open during lunch and after school on Monday, January 30 through Wednesday, February 1. If you are interested in volunteering to staff one of the timeslots the Book Fair is open, please reach out to Christina Scripps ([christinadscripps@gmail.com](mailto:christinadscripps@gmail.com)).

Walking with a Purpose

Are you wanting to usher in Lent this year by renewing your spirit in community with other faithful women? Join us for our newest Bible study on the Book of Ephesians, **Fearless & Free**, which begins Wed. Jan. 11th. You can sign up or just join us for the first week to learn more about this study. Please reach out to [stpatrickwwp@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickwwp@gmail.com) with any questions, or register at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2qAb-LezUjCDzth\\_C1Bj--F1nmZMnuDonlwDZpUd2tS8rgg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2qAb-LezUjCDzth_C1Bj--F1nmZMnuDonlwDZpUd2tS8rgg/viewform)

The Upcoming Weeks:

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| Monday, January 16 <sup>th</sup> | No School; Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday                                       |
| Friday, January 20 <sup>th</sup> | Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.; End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter |

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| Friday, January 27th              | Report Card Distribution Pk-grade 8<br>PK Open House for prospective families 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, January 29th              | National Catholic School Week Begins with the Book Fair!                                |
| Friday, February 3rd              | Open House for Prospective Families 9:00 a.m.<br>BINGO Night 6:30 p.m.                  |
| Friday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> | TADS Reenrollment & Deposit finalized   |
| Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup> | Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.                                     |
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