

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
January 17, 2023

Mass Participation to Kick-Off Catholic Schools Week

I am still looking for readers, ushers, lectors, and gift bearers. 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.

TADS Re-Enrollment for the 2023-2024 SY

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

Students received a hard copy of a read-a-thon packet on Friday. 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.

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.

### Catholic Schools Week Schedule

January 29<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup> marks the annual National Catholic Schools Week Celebration. Schedule Attached

Monday- Community Appreciation Day & School Spirit Day

Tuesday- Student Appreciation Day & Sports Day

Wednesday- Clergy Appreciation Day & Regular Uniform

Thursday- Parent Appreciation Day & PJ/ Comfy Clothes Day

Friday- Teacher Appreciation Day & Regular Uniform

### 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!

### Badger Bingo Night - Friday, Feb 3!

Please join the HSA and 3rd Grade Class for Badger Bingo Night on Friday, Feb 3 from 6:30 - 8 pm in the school cafeteria!

This is a free family event and pizza and dessert will be provided. Please consider donating gently used books and any other items you have lying around to help fill the prize table. Donations can be sent into the front office with the label 'Bingo.'

Kindly RSVP by Tuesday, January 31st so we can get a headcount and plan accordingly!

<http://evite.me/V1P7rv5NR7>

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

### Book Fair!

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)).

### Free Chromebooks from Montgomery County

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/obp/computer-for-you.html> Please visit this link to register to receive a free chromebook. All school aged children with library cards are eligible!

### Spirit Wear!

We have a new item in our Spirit Wear store, St. Patrick's rugby shirts! Check out our new item as well many other spirit wear options through the link below or from our school website. Please contact Yolanda Ngo at [yolandada@gmail.com](mailto:yolandada@gmail.com) with any questions. <https://one.bidpal.net/stpatswear/welcome>

### 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>

Celebrating Overturning Roe V. Wade on Friday, January 20, 2023

ST. PATRICK'S RALLY FOR LIFE in church parking lot (10am-11am) - St. Patrick's invites all to join together on Friday, January 20, immediately after the 9:10am Mass, to celebrate the end of *Roe v. Wade*. Please bring posters (especially home-made signs!) celebrating the sanctity of life of the unborn. We will gather on the perimeter of the church property to sing Marian hymns and pray the Rosary in thanksgiving. We must continue to be vigilant in prayer and action for the protection of life because though the battle has been won at the Supreme Court, so much work needs to be done at the state level, especially in Maryland, to instill a Culture of Life.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Friday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.; End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
Friday, January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Report Card Distribution Pk-grade 8; PK Open House for prospective families 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	National Catholic School Week begins with the Book Fair!
Friday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open House for Prospective Families 9:00 a.m. 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.
Monday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Presidents Day Holiday