

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
February 7, 2023

Financial Aid for the 2023-2024 School Year

As St. Patrick's has always done, we will be as generous as we possibly can by providing tuition assistance to families. Please be mindful and respectful that tuition assistance should be reserved for those who may not otherwise be able to attend St. Patrick's School without financial assistance. The applications for financial aid should be submitted no later than March 17th. Please place the application and required documents in an envelope noted attention Miss Short. The application can be found on the school webpage. Please remember to be eligible for St. Patrick's financial aid, you had to apply through the ADW for financial assistance (deadline was December 2022).

Valentine's Day

If your child is making Valentines for his/her classmates, please make sure Valentines are made for the whole class or either all the boys or all the girls in the class (and don't forget the teacher!). Valentine's Day is a "low-key" celebration. The children are allowed to accessorize their uniforms with red and pink.

Haircuts & Nail Polish

Boys- a reminder that the uniform expectation is above the ears and off the collar.

Girls- As stated in the handbook, only clear nail polish is allowed and only blue leggings long enough for the white sock to go over the bottom of the legging.

Parents of Junior High girls, please check the length of those skirts!

Your help and support with proper uniform guidelines would be appreciated during the school months.

The philosophy of a school uniform is to unify us and for the children to focus on what is important (their schoolwork) while removing the temptation to focus on trends. This allows us to recognize the gifts each of our children bring to the classroom and not the outward appearances of classmates.

Student Enabled E-Mail Accounts (applies to students in grades 4-8)

We just made some technology changes for students to make logging on to school issued devices as well as Rediker significantly easier and more mainstreamed. We are hoping the next phase will allow students to scan a QR code to avoid the time-consuming task (for those less fluid on a keyboard) of logging in.

This change also meant all student Rediker usernames and passwords have been/need to be updated.

We have now synced email for all students so they can log in to their email and find the steps to reset their Rediker password if needed going forward. Parents of students in grades 4-8, please assist at home by bookmarking and saving new username and password!

For student e-mail student use outlook.com or office.com and use the email address used to log in to the school issued device. This includes the student's graduation year (seems to spark which username is to be used)! Rediker sign-in is now the same as student device sign-in.

At home, we encourage students to log in using their St. Patrick's username to Microsoft because we have blocked many websites (far from all) that are not kid friendly. An example would be You Tube. This is completely blocked from any devices that is used when a child logs in with a school account. If your child needed to use You Tube they cannot access it, even at home, if they are logged in with their St. Patrick's School log-in. As we continue to utilize these additional safeguards for our students, if there are known websites that you have heard about or had the unpleasant experiences of learning about, please share so they can easily be added to the "blocked" list.

Calendar Change Reminder & No School Reminder

Wednesday, March 1st: Noon dismissal aftercare available until 6:00 p.m.

Please remember that Friday, March 10th is a scheduled Professional Development Day sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office.

First Day of School 2023-2024

Although not yet approved by The Catholic Schools Office, but no reason to believe it won't be, the first day for kindergarten-grade 8 will be: Monday, August 28th

The first day for Pre-kindergarten will be: Thursday, August 31st

Carpool Reminder

If your child(ren) has not come out and you see most other children have loaded up, please roll down your window and alert the closest teacher. We cannot always see inside cars, especially bigger SUVs or cars with 3rd rows and tinted windows.

SOCKS for SOME

Our January service project was a smashing success! Thank you all for your support of So Others Might Eat by donating socks and participating in the read-a-thon. If you have been in the front office recently you might have noticed the huge piles of donations! We collected **1,004 pairs of socks** and students assembled **200 hygiene kits**. Each hygiene kit is filled with one of these items: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, razor, lotion, deodorant, washcloth, sanitizer, and a beautiful hand-made card. During Catholic Schools Week the students worked with their buddies to assemble the bags, reflect on the project, and offer a prayer for all the men and women who receive support at SOME. Finally, the read-a-thon fundraiser was so successful that we are also making a **\$5,123 donation** to SOME! Thank you again for your incredible generosity!

February Service Project

The First Grade class is leading our community service project in February by supporting the Montgomery County Animal Services. Currently, the animal shelter is requesting donations of old towels, blankets, and pet food. No need to buy anything! Please look around your house for any of these items that you are no longer using. We will have bins around the school to collect blankets, towels, and pet food.

Art Club

Art Club for February has been cancelled but will pick up in March! Sign up for the last two sessions (March and May) are open now!

Pub Night is Back!

Reserve your babysitters now! Tickets for PUB NIGHT with the Pope are now ON SALE! Come join us on Saturday, 3/11 at 7:30pm in the cafeteria for a fun night of Italian eats, drinks, dancing and games.

Tickets are \$70 per person and can be purchased at the following link

<https://one.bidpal.net/pubnight2023/welcome>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Spirit Wear!

We have added more sizes in our 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 with any questions. <https://one.bidpal.net/stpatswear/welcome>

Picnic Table

As you may recall during Covid we asked for picnic table donations so that the children could eat lunch outside. We now have more than needed and would happily share with any family who would like a gently used wood picnic table. Mr. L'Etoile has even graciously offered to help deliver the tables as long as there is someone on the other end to help lift off the truck!

Please email me if interested.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Friday, February 10 th	TADS Reenrollment & Deposit finalized
Friday, February 17 th	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 20 th	No School; Presidents Day Holiday
Wednesday, March 1 st	Noon Dismissal; PDD for teachers; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Friday, March 3 rd	Station of the Cross 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 10 th	No School; ADW required PDD
Saturday, March 11 th	Pub Night with the Pope
Friday, March 17 th	Noon Dismissal; aftercare available until 6:00 p.m.
Friday, March 24 th	Noon Dismissal; End of the 3 rd Quarter; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Friday, March 31 st	Report Card Distribution Wax Museum for students in grades 4-6 Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m.