

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
March 28, 2023

Scholarships Class of 2023

Please join me in congratulating the following 8th grade students on their great achievements and successes with scholarship, honors, and STEM learning opportunities into Catholic high schools.

Lillie Bakey: Our Lady of Good Counsel Xaverian Honors and Advanced Placement/IB Program; St. John's College High School Women in Leadership Scholarship.

Nicolas Carr: St. John's College High School De La Salle Scholars Program and Presidential Scholarship; Our Lady of Good Counsel Xaverian Honors and Advanced Placement Program and Presidential Scholarship; Gonzaga's Presidential Scholarship; DeMatha's Father Cyprian Nusca, O.S.S.T. Scholarship and Honors and Advanced Placement program

Amanda Dow: Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Xaverian Honors Program and Presidential Scholarship

Sadie Dyer: Our Lady of Good Counsel Xaverian Honors Program

Brady Maxwell: John Walker '65 Leadership Scholarship at DeMatha Catholic High School

Molly Schmidlein: The Academy of the Holy Cross Sancta Crux Scholar

Corinne Stringer: The Academy of the Holy Cross Sancta Crux Scholar; Our Lady of Good Counsel Xaverian Honors Program.

Theo TerHaar: Nusca Scholar at DeMatha

Additionally, both Lillie Bakey and Molly Schmidlein were awarded a scholarship from the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County. They were asked to reflect on a quote from Pope Francis and the importance of young people in our society. This is the first time St. Patrick's School has had two winners of the CBN-MC essay scholarship.

Musical Program: Wonka Words and Business Advertising

Our spring musical is just around the corner! Families and friends of cast members have the opportunity to give a shout-out and publish a "Wonka Word" for their talented cast or crew member in the program - see the attached form for details. Shamrock Theatre is also looking for any businesses that may wish to advertise in the program - details also on the form. Send in cash or checks payable to St. Patrick School, ATTN: Drama Advertising.

Spring Musical Program Cover Contest

We are looking for program art for this year's spring musical. Submit your artwork by March 31st to be considered for the cover. Artwork should depict a scene or theme from Willy Wonka and be in color on an 8.5 x 11 inch white paper. Contest is open to all 5th -8th graders and submissions should be dropped off in the science room. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Fecko at jill.fecko@stpatrickadw.org.

Annual Wax Museum

Please join us on Friday, March 31st 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. as a guest at the annual Wax Museum. This great tradition welcomes all parents to tour some of the greatest and most famous Marylanders (4th graders), famous trailblazers from around the world (5th graders), and famous replicas of landmarks/statues/art (6th graders).

Please join us to see our students' great costumes and presentations and please remember it is a museum so shhh!!! The children worked very hard, please refrain from socializing in the St. Patrick's Wax Museum. The wax museum will be held in the gym this year. Please enter the wax museum (gym) by way of the side doors that face the school building.

Roomparents for the 2023-2024 SY

We are beginning to search for volunteers for next school year. If you are interested in helping by being a roomparent, please reach out to Mr. George Wahl thosewahls@gmail.com. Thank you!

Yearbook Photos

We want to be sure all students are included in the yearbook. Please send in your photos to Miss Short. If you have a lot of photos, please send a thumb drive via Mrs. Ali or upload them to our shared picture drive using the link below. Thank you!

Field Day

Our annual Field Day will be held on Friday, May 26th. Thanks to our HSA and fundraising efforts, students will be given a field day t-shirt to wear with their St. Patrick's gym shorts. Please see the attached order form to help us make sure that your child gets the best size for him/her. Please return all order forms by Wednesday, April 5th.

Yearbook

Every family is gifted one yearbook from our Home and School Association. If you would like additional copies, please complete the attached order form, and return with payment.

Covid Tests

We received another shipment of Covid tests and now have more than we will ever need! To get ahead of expiring tests we are going to send kits home with the oldest child in each family as we leave for the Easter holiday.

Faith Knowledge- ARK Testing

This required ADW standardized test is an instrument for ensuring that the faith is taught in a complete, systematic, and consistent way in all parish and Catholic school programs. The ARK test is aligned to the Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization Standards and Curriculum and measures what students know, understand, and are able to do at each grade level.

The ARK is administered online in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Washington each spring. Students in grades 3-8 will take the annual test during their scheduled religion classes after the Easter holiday. Teachers will give the students advanced notification on test dates.

Consider Joining the School Advisory Board

The St. Patrick's School Board is a parent committee that functions as an advisory board to the principal and the pastor. This board meets monthly. Interested parents may submit an application for consideration to board chair, Mr. Jim Schmidlein jimschmidlein@gmail.com or c/o Miss Short to be shared with other members of the SAB.

The board's responsibilities include decision making for policy, academics, finance, planning and marketing and the full implementation of the St. Patrick's School 5-year strategic plan.

Parents who would like to have issues reviewed by the board should submit a letter in writing to the current school board president. The issue will be reviewed by the pastor, principal, and president and if deemed to be a school board responsibility, will be added to the monthly agenda.

St Patrick’s 5K and Fun Run – Postponed to April 22nd

Thank you to all the runners who have registered and to all the volunteers who signed up to help with our 5K race. The make-up date will be Saturday, April 22nd at 8:30am. Registration will remain open. More details and reminders will be sent out ahead of the new date.

****It is not too late to sign up!**

Register Now: <https://one.bidpal.net/funrun2023/welcome>

Admission is FREE, but registration is required. Participants will receive a **St Pats 5k Sports Water Bottle** with registration! At this point there are more registered runners than bottles, so bottles will be handed out on first come, first served basis.

****Run and raise money** for earthquake relief efforts in Turkey and Syria. Funds raised will go to **Samaritan’s Purse** to benefit the incredible work they are doing in Turkey. A pledge form is attached here. Please encourage the student runners to get pledges (just \$5) for completing either race. They will be running for a very worthy cause and every dollar raised will go directly to help earthquake victims. You may also donate when you register for the race. Read more about Samaritan’s Purse here: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/turkey-earthquake-response/>

****Not Running? Please Volunteer!** We will need help with set-up, registration and clean-up, and especially several volunteers along the race course. Please volunteer if you can <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4dadad23a3fe3-stpatricks2#/>

Trivia Night-Moved to Cafeteria!

We can’t wait to see everyone on Saturday for Trivia Night! Our location has changed from the gym to the cafeteria. If you have any questions please e-mail Brittany.duignan@gmail.com.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Friday, March 31st	Report Card Distribution Wax Museum for students in grades 4-6 Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 1st	Trivia Night 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5th	Easter Holiday Begins at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 6 th -Friday, April 14th	No School
Friday, April 21 st	Junior High Night
Saturday, April 22 nd	Rescheduled 5k and Fun Run
Friday, April 28 th	PK-Grader 2 Field Trip