

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
September 12, 2023

Calendar Change

The ADW Professional Development Day scheduled for Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> has been changed and now moved up a week to Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sorry for the confusion but finding a venue in Montgomery County to host all of us has been challenging for the ADW.

No School: Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

School in Session: Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Fund & Golf/Pickleball Tournament Registration

The St. Patrick's School annual Golf Tournament, the Badger Open, will take place on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Manor Country Club. This year we are adding a Pickleball Tournament to our traditional 9-hole and 18-hole options. This event fills up fast so sign-up ASAP! For event information and to purchase your tickets, please click on the following link: <https://onecau.se/spsgolf>

The Badger Open will recognize contributions to the Annual Fund. Gifts of \$250 or more will receive a family sign that will be posted on Kane Lane and then transferred to Manor for the event. THANK YOU to all the families who have already supported this year's Annual Fund campaign. If you have not yet contributed, please visit the campaign's website (<https://onecau.se/spsbadgers>) to make your gift today.

For those who don't want to play but want to participate in the Badger Open, we need volunteers throughout the day to make this a successful event. If you would like to volunteer, please email Maria Harr ([mjharr@hotmail.com](mailto:mjharr@hotmail.com)).

To assist with childcare needs the afternoon of September 25<sup>th</sup>, Miss Short and Mrs. Mitchell have kindly agreed to waive the aftercare fee for anyone who is playing or volunteering. If you would like to enroll your child/children in aftercare that day, please email Mrs. Mitchell directly ([nora.mitchell@stpatrickadw.org](mailto:nora.mitchell@stpatrickadw.org)).

Hot Lunch

It would be very helpful if you reminded your child what he/she gets for hot lunch each day. With some of the add ons we are finding that the children don't always know they are getting a side salad or mac and cheese. We just want to make sure the children are getting what you ordered and paid for.

Thank you!

My personal observation, for what it is worth, the apples being served are not always washed. I have asked the Yah Lunch servers to do so, but it is only if time permits. If this is important to you, please encourage your child to go wash his/her apple or choose the banana instead!

Appointments/Late Arrivals to School

In an ideal world, doctors' appointments should be made during the lunch/recess hour, after school hours, or as early in the morning as possible in an effort to minimize students in and out of the classrooms and to maximize their learning time.

Note our holidays and early dismissals as another ideal time to schedule appointments.

### M.A.P Testing

We will begin Fall baseline testing tomorrow, September 13<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-8. We just added this date as we received permission from the CSO to begin testing. Students in grades 3-8 will take the test from 9:00-10:15 a.m. and complete the Language Arts portion of the M.A.P test.

Students in grades 2-8 will take tests on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> (math) and 27<sup>th</sup> (reading). It would be incredibly helpful to have your children here for the whole testing hour (9:00-10:15 a.m.). If possible, please try to reschedule appointments.

### Picture Day

Individual student pictures will be taken on:

Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for children in grades 3-8.

Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for children in grades PK-2.

Students may be out of uniform on these days but should be dressed nicely.

Class pictures will be held on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> for all grades. Students should wear their uniforms (even if it is a birthday-IOU out of uniform). **Boys should wear long khaki pants and girls should wear their jumpers/kilts (not skorts).**

### High School Information Meeting

Parents with students in grades 6-8 who are interested in learning about the high school process and acceptance into area Catholic high schools are welcome to join me for an information session on Thursday, September 21st at 8:30 a.m. This session will walk you through the application process and help answer any questions you may have as you prepare your son/daughter for high school. Currently the meeting location is TBD, likely the school cafeteria.

### School Mascot

In recent years, there has been a lot of conversation about the current mascot- the Badger. There is not much history or reason behind the original choice. So as we prepare to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, no better time to consider new options. The Badger will be a part of the voting options as will two new options. Get ready to embrace the spirit of St. Patrick's! The HSA is excited to unveil an opportunity for YOU and our students to help choose our new school mascot! Stay tuned for your chance to be part of this exciting decision as we prepare to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year! Stay tuned for the exciting reveal next week!

### HSA Dues and Forms

Please make sure you submit your HSA dues, handbook acknowledgment forms, medicals forms, and early release forms. School directories will go home this week to families who have all paperwork submitted.

### J.H. Math Study Hall

For our junior high students who need a little extra math support, Mr. Coe is back and offering his free math study hall again this year. He will begin working with students on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

### Parent Information Session

The Importance of Effort – Everything you need to know about growth mindset and the value of supporting effort in your home.

Join us for this important presentation by Amy Kines, Lead Trainer & President of Ready Aim Teach on the impact of effort, and how to help our children realize that effort plays a role in their success. We'll explore the difference between growth mindset and a fixed mindset, and specific words to use to reinforce growth mindset.

Date: Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Location: School cafeteria.

Time: The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. but "doors open" at 6:30 p.m. Parents are invited to visit with each other and enjoy our friendships and community before the presentation.

#### September Service Project

We invite all from the St. Patrick's community to show our love and support and honor AJ's life by participating in the annual toy drive. Toys will be donated to Johns Hopkins Children's Center to the Child Life Department.

#### Art Club is Back!

Please see the attached information for the new format this year. Registration is open for the first session which will be Tuesdays in October and November. Registration for the second and third session will open later. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Shea at [claire.shea@stpatrickadw.org](mailto:claire.shea@stpatrickadw.org)

#### Girls Ice Hockey

Calling all girls ages 4-9! Ever wonder what it is like to put on a pair of hockey skates, skate on the cold slippery ice, and hit a puck with a stick? Wonder no more! In partnership with the Washington Capitals, Montgomery Youth Hockey Assoc. (MYHA) Girls' Program invites all girls ages 4-9 to join us on Saturday, September 23rd from 11:50-1:20 pm for a FREE Girls Only Try Hockey for Free event at Rockville Ice Arena in Rockville, Maryland.

No experience is necessary and all gear will be provided for the girls. We will have our coaches and players out on the ice helping all those who want to try out this amazing sport! Stay afterward for light snacks and to watch our 10U AA Girls take on the 10U Reston Raiders Girls team.

You can register at [this link here](#).

Have questions? Email our Event Coordinator, Kelly Mills, at [kmills@myha.org](mailto:kmills@myha.org).

#### BLAZE: a Ministry of Walking with Purpose

*"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." - St. Catherine of Siena*

Have you ever felt like you needed somewhere to turn in the middle of a rough day? Have you ever thought that the world's ideas of beauty might not be what really matters most? Do you sometimes wonder if you really matter personally to God? If you answered yes, then come check out BLAZE! BLAZE is a ministry for tween/teen girls created by Walking with Purpose, "to speak truth into the hearts of girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth and beauty". St. Patrick's is starting a 10-week after-school club this fall based on BLAZE, open to all girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. We'll gather to look at truths found in the Bible and lived by the Saints, while reflecting how these lessons of life and love matter for us now. This will be a safe, confidential space, where girls can be their authentic selves and celebrate God's love for them (while enjoying some fun games, videos, and music along the way!)

**Location:** Parish Center

**Time:** Mondays after school till 4:15pm

#### **10 Sessions:**

September 25

October 2, 9, 16, and 23 (no school Oct. 30)

November 6, 13, and 27 (not meeting Nov. 20, the week of Thanksgiving)  
December 4 and 11

**Register by Tuesday, September 12!** (We need time to order all the fun materials!)

Please fill out this [online registration form](#). We are asking for families to contribute \$25 to help cover the cost of supplies. Please send a check payable to St. Patrick School, with BLAZE in the memo line.

**Questions?** Contact the BLAZE Coordinators, Elizabeth Hoffmann and Gina Swanda, at: [BLAZEstpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:BLAZEstpatrick@gmail.com). Also feel free to text or call Elizabeth at (630) 605-7773.

#### Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

*Do you need to refuel and refresh? Would you like to make authentic connections with other women?* Please consider joining the Walking with Purpose women's Bible study. This year we will offer Discovering Our Dignity – a 22-week Bible study that explores the lives of women from the Old and New Testaments. Starting on September 27 we will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 10:15-11:45am (childcare provided.) Over the past 5 years we have formed a beautiful community of women - including many school moms – and we would love for you to join us! Please see the attached flyer with more information about how to register or email us at: [stpatrickwwp@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickwwp@gmail.com).

#### Child Protection Policy from Archdiocese of Washington

All school volunteers must get fingerprinted in addition to completing a Virtus class. Families who are new to an ADW school or have been with us but never completed Virtus training must complete ALL the following steps.

From our website a helpful page with needed documents <https://stpatrickadw.org/parent-resources/volunteer/adw-child-protection-program/>

1. Create a Virtus account at [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) Click on "First Time Registrant" and proceed to register for a class. Classes are being held by Zoom and are approximately 3 hours in length. An upcoming session will be held Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
2. Complete the volunteer application
3. Get fingerprinted: A form specific to the Archdiocese of Washington can be found on our website

#### 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. Let's start with your First Day of School Pictures! Upload them to our shared picture drive using the link below. Folders have been created for events and for each grade. Thank you!

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16GiJBsmbvDNR7T1\\_xC4GjvZ5hQcYchkI?usp=share link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16GiJBsmbvDNR7T1_xC4GjvZ5hQcYchkI?usp=share_link)

#### Catholic Schools Night at Audi Field-DC United vs Red Bull

Come out to Audi Field on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in your school spirit wear and cheer on our very own DC United with other families in our ADW Catholic Schools! You can purchase tickets at <https://fevogn.com/event/CatholicSchoolsDCU>

The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	High School Information Meeting 8:15 a.m.
Monday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Golf Tournament at Manor Country Club
Thursday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Back Coffee for Parents of students in PK-Grade 2
Friday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal PK-Grade 8; aftercare available until 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade- H.S.P.T Registration Opens
Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Back Coffee for Parents of students in Grades 3-5
Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Picture Day Grades 3-8
Tuesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Picture Day PK-Grade 2
Wednesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Class Picture Day
Saturday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yard Sale
Friday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal PK-Grade 8; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No School; CSO Sponsored PDD
Wednesday, October 25	Parent Information Session on Student Effort
Friday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	HSA Sponsored Halloween Party
Tuesday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween; Afternoon Parade & Class Party End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter for Grades 1-8.