

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
September 26, 2023

M.A.P Testing

Students in grades 2-8 will take tests on Wednesday, September 27th (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 9th for children in grades 3-8.

Tuesday, October 10th 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 11th 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).**

School Mascot

After a school vote on Friday morning with three great contenders (Badgers, Setters, and Shamrocks) we are thrilled to announce our new school mascot! We are officially now the St. Patrick's Shamrocks! Fun new spirit wear will be available very soon, as now our committee can get to work and hopefully have some new gear in time for Christmas!!!

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 25th.

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.

Please see this helpful article that ties in nicely to increasing student effort:

https://www.edweek.org/leadership/opinion-angela-duckworth-explains-what-teachers-misunderstand-about-grit/2023/09?utm_source=fb&utm_medium=soc&utm_campaign=edit&fbclid=IwAR0QXx507kEJ1vNTZEv1hq7UGuJwf9mm3qS3VL7ksSwjxFlARtkZhvxxvBik_aem_AWIVOfOtkS-Q98soZ_4r_J4dQf1vHlaZgsF2Knhtbcvw1IEisk5mxO2dbv6_9UpENIM&mibextid=Zxz2cZ

Mid Quarter Grade Check

Please encourage your son/daughter to log-in to Rediker (Plus Portals) and sneak a peek at mid-quarter grades. If any parent or student (grades 4-8) still needs help with logging in, please email Miss Short.

HSA Sponsored Coffee with Miss Short

Please join me for coffee to discuss topics ranging from fundraising to school safety. I look forward to hearing and welcoming your new ideas. All coffees will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents with students in PK, K, and grades 1-2 are invited on Thursday, September 28th. Parents with students in grades 3-5 are invited on Thursday, October 5th.

Annual HUGE yard sale! Who wants to help?!

Help is REALLY needed from anyone and everyone who can spare a minute to set up this huge fundraiser that supports Life Connection Mission, Haiti.

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, October 14th, BUT help is needed Thursday, October 12th- Friday, October 13th for set up. We are looking for any and all help! No rules and no guidance really, just full discretion and let's hit \$40,000! Look for a Sign-Up Genius to come for more detailed information. Grateful to all for the help and please feel free to invite a friend!

Have a donation? We will take that too. Please see attached for drop-off days and times.

The Badger Open & Annual Fund

Yesterday we enjoyed the final Badger Open (next year it will have to have a new name) as participants navigated wet conditions at Manor in golf and pickle ball events. Many thanks to all who played and volunteered to make this event a success.

This year's Annual Fund is making steady progress towards our goal of raising \$140,000. These resources will support key priorities including academics, teacher retention initiatives, campus improvements and tuition assistance. I'd like to thank everyone who has already contributed (we now have contributions from over 75 percent of school families) and ask that you consider making a donation if you have not already done so. Gifts of every amount to the Annual Fund are important and appreciated. Monthly recurring donations are available to spread your gift throughout the year. Make your gift to the Annual Fund today by visiting the campaign's website (<https://onecau.se/spsbadgers>).

Charleston Wrap - Coming Soon

Our Charleston Wrap Sale starts this Friday 9/29 and will run through 10/12! Aside from having the best wrapping paper/accessories around, there are lots of great home items and treats. As a bonus, it is a FUN and easy way to support the school - so get ready to start checking off that holiday gift list! Additional details and information will be provided in the Charleston Wrap packets that will be sent home Friday and there will be an email sent on kick-off day with registration information. Please contact Trish Leonette for any questions - trishkleonette@gmail.com.

Gala

Come plan a party with a purpose! We are looking for two people to chair our Gala on March 16th! If you are passionate about contributing to the success of our school and have the skills and dedication to make it a memorable event, please contact Cate Thorin (cate.thorin@gmail.com) or Lori Beecher (poohetmoi@aol.com). Join us in creating a spectacular evening that supports our school and brings the community together for a night of celebration!

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_xC4GjvZ5hQcYchkl?usp=share_link

The Upcoming Weeks:

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