

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
October 10, 2023

Picture Day

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).**

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. By the end of this session, we hope for a greater understanding of the impact of effective effort, differentiate between a growth mindset and a fixed mindset, and learn how to help children realize that effort plays a role in their success.

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 friendships and community before the presentation.

We feel that this presentation will be exceptionally helpful as we feel students are giving up too easily, not giving a second try, or saying I can't do it. Teachers are looking forward to joining parents the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> to share in reinforcing the home and school collaboration.

Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program

The Archdiocese of Washington works hard to keep Catholic education as affordable as possible. The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Washington. All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance and the need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. Each family applying for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington is required to complete a TADS Financial Aid & Assessment form.

Families applying for archdiocesan tuition assistance only need to complete one form for all children, whether elementary school students or high school students, even if seeking tuition aid for children in multiple schools.

The application is now open, and families with **elementary aged students** have until **Friday February 16, 2024**, to apply for tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year. Families with students **going into or are currently in high school** must submit applications by **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

PLEASE go on-line and complete the application. In the spring, you will be able to apply for St. Patrick's for direct tuition assistance, but only if you have FIRST completed the TADS Financial Aid and Assessment Form

Follow these steps:

Log into [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org)

Click on “Education” (along the top of the webpage)

Click on “Catholic Schools”

Click on “Tuition Assistance”

Click on “TADS- Financial Aid Application”

### 2024-2025 Admissions and Open Houses

Believe it or not, it is already time to start thinking about admissions for next year. We have very few or no spaces in some grades. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our community, please invite them to one of our open houses and encourage them to begin the application process as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted starting November 3<sup>rd</sup> and acceptances will be finalized in January.

If you have a little one who is ready to join us in kindergarten or prekindergarten next year, please email Mrs. Ali so that we can determine how many spots are available for new families. Applications for current families with younger siblings will open on November 3<sup>rd</sup> as well.

Please spread the word about our upcoming open houses, post on list-servs, and invite neighbors and friends to come and see St. Patrick's.

Open House for prospective Kindergarten-grade 8 families: Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m.

Open House for prospective Prekindergarten families: Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

### St. Patrick's School is Going Pink

Last month one of our beloved parents, Crystal Schmidlein, was diagnosed with breast cancer. As the St. Patrick's School Family will now join the Schmidlein Family Fight, we will wear pink with our uniforms to support Mrs. Schmidlein as she courageously begins her fight with her first chemo treatment this Thursday. The girls can wear pink dresses instead of their uniform or students can go with pink tops/bottoms/accessories to their uniforms. This is not a pep rally style dress day where students go all out crazy with pink, this is a subtle reminder to Kate, grade 7, and her mom that we are in this fight and praying with them.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>, BUT help is needed Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>- Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for set up. We are looking for all help! No rules and no guidance really, just full discretion and let's hit \$40,000!

Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D49AF22A46-calling1>

Grateful to all for the help and please feel free to invite a friend!

### Spring Gala

As we begin planning the spring gala, details and all the fun news soon to come, we are still looking for a few class volunteers to help with the class baskets. The responsibilities of this parent volunteer involve coming up with a creative idea (mom's night out, dads at the grill, "Swiftly" theme, or Lego goodies), collect a reasonable donation from your class, and assemble a basket by February. It could be done at the office one day or a quick Saturday morning project. If you can help, please contact your room parents. A huge shout out and thank you to parents for filling this spot, we are still looking for a parent volunteer for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

### Diaper Collection for Catholic Charities

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class is hosting our community service project for the month of October. We will collect diapers for the Catholic Charities Family Center in Silver Spring. Our very own Deacon Jim Nalls works for Catholic Charities and he will speak to the school on Friday. Catholic Charities can use diapers of all

sizes, but in particular sizes 5 and 6 are really needed. We will also accept donations of wipes. There will be bins placed around the school for our collection. Thank you for your generosity!

#### The Annual Fund

I would like to thank everyone who has already contributed to the Annual Fund. We are now at 91 percent to our goal and have contributions from 83 percent of school families. If you have not made a contribution, please consider doing so during the month of October. Gifts of every amount are important and appreciated. Make your gift to the Annual Fund today by visiting the campaign's website (<https://onecau.se/spsbadgers>).

#### Charleston Wrap Sale

Thank you to all who have participated in our Charleston Wrap Sale so far this year - we already have over \$7,000 in sales! As a reminder, all paper order forms are due in the school office by this Thursday 10/12 and they can be sent in with your child or dropped off directly to Mrs. Ali. Online ordering will be open through 10/12 so please remind any family, friends, or neighbors who may still want to shop. Online orders will be shipped directly to the shipping address provided at checkout and items ordered via the paper order forms will be delivered to the school mid-November. Please contact Trish Leonette, [trishkleonette@gmail.com](mailto:trishkleonette@gmail.com) or 301-651-6724, with any questions.

#### Trunk or Treat Halloween Party

The 4th grade families invite the St. Patrick's School Community to join us on Friday, October 27, from 6:30-8:30 on Kane Lane. Our night will be full of games, crafts, a DJ, and Trunk-or-Treat.

Please use the link below to RSVP (so we have a head count for enough treats!) and order Paisano's Pizza if you choose (link in invite).

We ask that the community do our best to keep this a safe event by being cautious and keeping children out of the parking lot, parish center (except for quick bathroom trips!) and off the playground.

Join us for a spooktacular good time!

<http://evite.me/pmwJEgNKF1>

#### Save the Date – Annual Sip and Shop

Please save the date for one of St. Patrick's favorite events, the annual Sip and Shop that is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th from 7pm to 10pm.

For those who are new, the Sip and Shop hosts various local vendors in our Parish Center for a fun evening of sipping and shopping til you drop! It has grown as a cherished event that kicks off the holiday season.

Vendor registration is now officially open (<https://onecau.se/sipshop23>) and we are working to get a wide variety so that you can have the best holiday shopping experience!

If you are interested in helping out with the event or have any vendors who you think would like to attend, please email Karen Boone ([karen.waskewich@gmail.com](mailto:karen.waskewich@gmail.com)) or Christina Grantham ([cgrantham9@yahoo.com](mailto:cgrantham9@yahoo.com)).

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Trivia Night-Save the Date!

Please save the date and join us on Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of food, drinks, friends, and an opportunity to share your love of useless knowledge! Gather your teams of 8 now! Don't have a team of 8? No problem, we can pair you with other parents. Look for info on purchasing tickets next week! Such a fun night for us adults!!

Earn Money for St. Patrick's School

**Harris Teeter Together in Education (TIE) program** allows schools to earn funds when you link your VIC card and shop Harris Teeter brands. It's easy and it costs you nothing! Please take a minute to link/re-link your card to our school id 1397 via online <https://tie.harristeeter.com/tie/login> or at the checkout counter; customer service desk, or call 1-800-432-6111.

**Box Tops for Education** program transitioned from clipping Box Top labels from packages to digitally scanning your receipt to earn credit for our school. To participate, download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your receipt after purchasing qualifying items. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to St. Patrick's earnings online. Click here for more information <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/how-to-earn>.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Wednesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Class Picture Day
Saturday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yard Sale
Wednesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Calleva Field Trip Grades 6&7
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
Monday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Field Trip Grade 4
Tuesday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween; Afternoon Parade & Class Party End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter for Grades 1-8.
Wednesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Late Opening Drop-off begins at 10:15 a.m. All Saint's Day Mass at 11:30 a.m.
Friday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open House for Prospective Families Grades K-8 at 9:00 a.m. Noon Dismissal; Aftercare available until 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Report Card Distribution Grades 1-8
Thursday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Parent & Teacher Conferences (virtual only) Annual Sip & Shop 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Parent & Teacher Conferences (in-person)
Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Trivia Night- Save the Date! 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	PK Open House for Prospective Families 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Monday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Deadline: HSPT Registration and Authorization to Release Documents Form
Tuesday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Friday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Holiday; No School
Monday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Classes Resume

