

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
October 3, 2023

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).**

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 friendships and community before the presentation.

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 15th**.

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

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 3rd 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 3rd 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 3rd 9:00 a.m.

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

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 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 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!

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

The Annual Fund

We continue to make progress towards our Annual Fund goal, and we will keep the family signs up for another week or so as we continue to receive additional donations. I would like to thank everyone who has already contributed to the Annual Fund (we now have contributions from over 81 percent of school families) and ask that you consider making a donation if you have not already done so. Gifts of every amount 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 Sale

Our Charleston Wrap sale is officially underway! Packets should have been received last Friday and you can check out some of this year's items on display outside the school office. The sale is only live for 2 weeks so please be sure to register and help spread the word. If you are having any technical issues with registration or placing orders, please contact Charleston Wrap Customer Support at 1-866-395-2926. For general questions, contact Trish Leonette at trishkleonette@gmail.com. Thank you for your support and happy shopping!

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 evite).

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) or Christina Grantham (cgrantham9@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

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>.

With Gratitude...

Dear St. Patrick's Families,

Our family is so grateful for the continued support of our Team AJ Toy Drive. This was our 9th year collecting toys and it looks like we have at least 600 items to donate. We are always so excited to drop off the toys to the Johns Hopkins Childrens Center each year. They are always in need of toys, but the fall is when they are at their lowest inventory. Your generosity helps to fill their toy closet and keep their gift giving programs successful. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful community!

Thank you,

The Koller Family

The Upcoming Weeks:

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.