

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
October 31, 2023

2024-2025 Admissions and Open Houses

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. If you have not emailed or received confirmation from Mrs. Ali that your child is on our list, please do so now. 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.

If you are available to lead tours on November 3rd, I would appreciate the help! Please email Mrs. Ali to share your interest and availability. Thank you!

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform begins tomorrow!

Boys in grades 5-8 are expected to wear a white button-down shirt and green tie and all girls will change into jumpers or kilts (no more skorts).

Girls are allowed to wear blue, white, or green tights or blue leggings with their kilts/jumpers.

November 1st Schedule

We have a late opening on Wednesday, November 1st for all our trick or treaters to get an extra 2 hours of sleep! Drop-off will begin at 10:15 with the expectation that all students will be in their classroom by 10:30. We will attend Mass at 11:30 a.m. as it is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Picture Make-Up or Redo

Mr. Allan will be back on Monday, November 13th to offer make-up pictures or if a child would like a redo. Your child may come out of uniform in nice picture day clothes. Please let Mrs. Ali know if your child will take advantage of the make-up /redo.

Spring Musical Meeting

Please save the date for the spring musical kick-off meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. All students and parents in grades 5-8 are invited to attend to learn more about participation in the spring musical. More information will be available as the date gets closer.

Parent & Teacher Conferences

Teachers of students in PK-grade 5 will invite parents to a 15-minute conference on Thursday, November 9th or Friday, November 10th. The conferences offered on 11/9 will be virtual. Teachers will share their link in the upcoming weeks with those parents it will apply. The conferences on 11/10 will be in person. Parents who would like Mrs. Wicks/Mrs. Fieni/Ms. Costello to join meetings with the homeroom teacher should create a group conference by choosing the same time on all sign-ups and notify teachers.

Teachers of students in grades 6-8 will invite parents to 10-minute conferences. At this level, a group conference with your child's teachers is encouraged should you feel your child is making steady progress. If you have concerns specific to your child's performance in a subject, an individual conference is most certainly justified. Conferences for parents of JH students will be virtual on Thursday, November 9th and in-person on Friday, November 10th. Homeroom teachers will "host" the group conference; however, we ask parents to **e-mail all the JH teachers you have asked to attend a group conference.**

Link to sign-up: https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Patrick_s_School

November Activities, Hosted by Ignatius Leadership Team

The 8th Grade, Ignatius Leadership Team, is excited to announce an art competition for the month of November. The art submissions should reflect the theme "GRATITUDE". All students are eligible to participate. Submissions are due to Miss Short on Friday, November 17. ILT will select three winners, for any class with 100% participation, a class prize will be rewarded!

A Note to Parents of our Students who Walk Home...

I have received another call from one of our neighbors who would like to remind parents that as you line up to wait for your child, it would be very much appreciated if you do not block their driveways or park on their grass. Afternoon carpool really takes 15, 20 minutes tops pending our afterschool activities, so avoiding the car line really does not save that much time if your child does not truly walk home. Please help us maintain a good relationship with our neighbors and be mindful of their property.

School Newspaper

We are thrilled to share our school newspaper is starting up again. The Badger Beat has retired, but we are gearing up with our editors and assistant editors to release a school newspaper under new title before the end of the 2nd quarter. Any interested 6th -8th grade student who is interested in being a writer is encouraged to notify Miss Short by this Thursday, and attend the first afterschool meeting on Wednesday, November 8th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

7th Grade Student's Commitment to Breast Cancer Awareness

During Breast Cancer Awareness month, hockey goalies across North America gather pledges for each save they make during October. Please join Hieu Albright in his October Saves Goalie Challenge. As a goalie, he is joining the fight against breast cancer in honor of our own Crystal Schmidlein. You can join the fight by sponsoring him with the link below and donating money for every save Hieu makes this month. All saves, including games and practices count towards his goal of raising \$5000. He anticipates making 100 saves this month.

<https://charity.pledgeit.org/f/PDrGDFuxrM>

St. Patrick's Annual Sip and Shop

Thursday, November 9th

Start your holiday shopping early at St. Pat's Annual Sip and Shop which takes place on **Thursday, November 9th from 7pm to 10pm!**

We have a wide variety of 50+ vendors selling jewelry, personalized items, clothing, hostess gifts, artwork, holiday decorations and much more to make your shopping experience super easy – this is an event you won't want to miss!

While admission is free, we still **encourage pre-registering** ahead of time to let us know that you're coming and allow for swift check-in (credit cards are highly encouraged!) Plus, you will be automatically entered to win a **door giveaway prize!**

We will have food trucks, specialty spirits from local vendors, a silent auction of wonderfully donated vendor gift packages, and much more!

To register for this event, go to: <https://onecau.se/sipshop23>

Also, don't forget to enter the **Bling Raffle** to win a **18kt White Gold, Emerald, and Diamond Drop Pendant Necklace**. Purchase your raffle tickets here: [Bling Raffle](#)

If you are interested in helping with the event or have any questions, please email Karen Boone (karen.waskewich@gmail.com) or Christina Grantham (cgrantham9@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Trivia Night!

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!!

11th Annual Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive

The Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive (GGCFD) is the perfect way for your family to participate in a parish-wide service project together. This is St. Patrick's 11th year participating in this huge effort to fill the shelves of our local food banks before the winter. If you helped last year and have already confirmed your participation for this year by email, you are all set! New to this, and want to join the fun? Get more information and sign up at <https://www.ggcf.org/parishes/st-patricks-church/> to help in a territory. Check out the Territory Maps and see which ones are open or may still need help. We will provide the supplies; you supply the manpower. The week of November 11th, your team will deliver grocery bags to the homes in your territory. On Sunday, November 19th, everyone will gather at the church for a short prayer service, followed by coffee and doughnuts. Then, teams will head out and drive through their territory to pick up bags, hopefully full of cans! Many territory leaders and volunteers are needed to make this community event a huge success. If your own neighborhood has enough volunteers, please consider branching out into an unclaimed territory, which will give us even more cans! This is an approved Faith in Action project! Please reach out to GGCFDstpatrik@gmail.com if you have any questions.

We are also looking for SPONSORS for our distribution of 8,000 bags! We offer different levels of sponsorships ("GOLD" \$1000, "SILVER" \$750, "BRONZE" \$50" or "FRIEND OF GGCFD" \$250), and your family name or company logo will be included on our websites and flyers. *We especially love to promote St. Patrick's family-owned businesses.*

- **To be a SPONSOR**, contact Julie at ggcfdstpatrick@gmail.com.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Tuesday, October 31 st	Halloween; Afternoon Parade & Class Party End of 1 st Quarter for Grades 1-8.
Wednesday, November 1 st	Late Opening Drop-off begins at 10:15 a.m. All Saint's Day Mass at 11:30 a.m.
Friday, November 3 rd	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 th	Report Card Distribution Grades 1-8
Thursday, November 9 th	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 th	No School; Parent & Teacher Conferences (in-person)
Saturday, November 11 th	Trivia Night- Save the Date! 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 12 th	PK Open House for Prospective Families 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 14 th	Grade 3 Field Trip
Monday, November 20 th	8 th Grade Deadline: HSPT Registration and Authorization to Release Documents Form
Tuesday, November 21 st	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 22 nd -Friday, November 24 th	Thanksgiving Holiday; No School
Monday, November 27 th	Classes Resume
Wednesday, November 29 th	Grade 8 HSPT Exam