

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
November 14, 2023

Carpool Reminder

If traffic is backing up in the morning, please pull into the lot and start a second line if needed. Traffic cannot back up to Norbeck Road, it creates an incredibly unsafe situation. Please do not have the fear of “doing it wrong” or appear to be “cutting the line”, I am encouraging a second line vs one long line backed to Norbeck Rd. It is much less chaotic when there is a second line. People actually do let folks waiting in the second line in!

Change in Hot Lunch

As of late last week, all who are registered for hot lunch received email communication from Yay Lunch that they are discontinuing lunch service to St. Patrick's. I received notice on Wednesday and have been steadily working to get a new plan/ hot lunch program going. It will include Chick-fil-A, fear not, and I have started conversations with a different Ledo's location, Mamma Lucia's, and Paisano's. Among all of these vendors, I believe we will get a nice lunch system back. I will need until after the Thanksgiving holiday, as I go through training to build a new ordering platform. Please plan to send your child with a lunch only on Monday, November 20th. I am hopeful over the holiday you will receive instructions to begin ordering hot lunch again.

Christmas Giving

The school will support the parish sponsored Christmas giving program this year. This huge parish undertaking supports hundreds of local families, the school is humbled by this opportunity to support our great parish initiative and to support neighbors in need. We are asking for 100% participation as we have committed to 100 board games/puzzles and 125 gift cards. If your family is unable to participate, please let me know. I know we are all pulled in so many ways this Holiday Season, our desire is not to overtax our own families, but to help as many neighbors as we can without the added stress on our own.

More details will come, but for your planning and consideration as other opportunities present themselves, please see class “assignments” below.

Pk- grade 1, all students should provide a gift card to Safeway, Food Lion, Giant, or Harris Teeter for \$15+.

Grades 2-5, please plan to provide a board game/puzzle. An email with more specific directions will come next week as I finalize details. If you have children in other classes, it is not expected that you provide an additional gift cards unless willing to do so. We are mindful that games/puzzles cost more.

Grades 6-8, all students should provide a gift card to Target/Safeway for \$15+.

Thank you in advance for your support and so generously giving to every cause!

School Closing Due to Weather/Emergency Situations

A reminder for school delays and closings resulting from inclement weather or other emergency situations, St. Patrick's will follow the policy of Montgomery County Public Schools. St. Patrick's Extended Day Program will also follow Montgomery County Public Schools for early closings.

Please note the St. Patrick's Extended Day Program is “school based” not “private”.

Local radio/TV stations carry announcements regarding school closings or late openings.

The above policy applies to school closing for excessive heat as well as for winter weather.

Should St. Patrick's need to notify/communicate with families for unique situations to St. Patrick's School, an automated message will be sent using the Rediker Parent Portal to phones, e-mail addresses, and/or text messages. It is important that the school office has your correct contact details.

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.

November Activities, Hosted by Ignatius Leadership Team

The 8th Grade, Ignatius Leadership Team (ILT), 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!

The group is also asking for a \$1 .00 donation from every child to provide books this Christmas to the children enrolled in the Head Start program at Harmony Hills Elementary School. The ILT will shop to find books in each child's primary language and enclose a handwritten note of encouragement and Christmas wishes to each child.

Please give donations to homeroom teachers. Thank you in advance for your support.

Save the Date-Breakfast with Santa

St. Patrick's 6th Grade Class Invites You to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00-11:00 am. Advance registration is required to attend this event. Please join us for a delicious breakfast, visit with Santa, fun crafts, and activities! Photos with Santa will be available from George Allan for a fee (cash or check), and you may also bring your own camera. Stay tuned for registration information!

From the Home and School Association (HSA)

The HSA wants to hear from you! Please complete the following survey to help us know what HSA programming you love and where we can make improvements. It should take less than 5 minutes to complete. You may submit anonymously but if you'd like to be entered into a raffle to win \$25 in St. Pat's spirit wear, please add your name and email. Please submit all responses by next Wednesday Nov. 29 if you'd like to be eligible to win!

<https://forms.gle/GuW4KfVgBSJAp24G8>

The Upcoming Weeks:

Wednesday, November 15 th	Grade 8 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
Friday, December 8th	Feast of the Immaculate Connection; Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 9:10 a.m.

Saturday, December 9 th	Breakfast with Santa
Monday, December 18 th	Annual Christmas Pageant
Tuesday, December 19 th	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare available until 6:00 p.m.; Christmas Holiday
Tuesday, January 2 nd	Classes Resume