

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
December 5, 2023

Christmas Giving

Please submit all gift cards/games/puzzles by this Friday!

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

Grades 2-5, please plan to provide a board game/puzzle. Please wrap the game/puzzle and label what the game is and for what ages.

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

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

Field Trip-Grade 2-8- Lady Terps Basketball Game

If you have not returned the field trip form and \$18.00 fee to cover bus transportation, please do so by this Friday. Cash (exact amount) or check should be submitted with the form to your child's classroom teacher.

Students are asked to wear their regular school uniforms (not PE) with sneakers. Maryland gear, unfortunately, other than hats and socks, is not allowed. This will help our children stand out and we can move more easily throughout the stadium. Green fleeces/JH grey sweatshirts only. Non-uniform tops (including coats) will not be allowed. Students are not allowed to bring personal bags; homeroom teachers will carry any needed items for his/her class. Students are responsible for their own pocket money if additional money for concessions is needed.

Students in PK-grade 1 will have a nice visit on the same day from the Sheriff's department featuring one of the special Comfort K-9 dogs to talk about safety!

Christmas Books Hosted by Ignatius Leadership Team

Thank you to those who contributed a dollar or more! We were able to purchase 26 books for the children in the preschool program at Harmony Hills Elementary School. Every child will have his/her own book in their native language this Christmas and the classroom teacher will have a few books to add to his/her classroom library!

Annual Christmas Pageant

Our beautiful long-standing tradition of an annual Christmas Pageant will be held on Monday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. Students will need to be in classrooms at 6:00 p.m. to prepare. In preparation for costumes the following base layers are needed. Costume questions email Mrs. Swanda (gina.swanda@stpatrickadw.org)

Please plan for your child's base layer to the Christmas pageant. Students should arrive in their classrooms at 6 :00 p.m. in the following:

- Kindergarten: Dark colored long pants, dark colored long sleeve shirt, dark or school shoes
- First Grade: Khaki or white bottoms, white tops, school shoes
- Second Grade: Please see Mrs. Silk's instructions.
- Third Grade: Khaki or brown bottoms, jewel tone tops (emerald, ruby, sapphire, etc.), school shoes

- Fourth Grade: Dark colored long pants, plain T-shirt (they will wear a robe over this), school shoes.
- Grades 5-8: please see the email sent by your room parents.

TADS Re-Enrollment for the 2024-2025 SY

Shortly after we return from the Christmas holiday, parents with students in PK-grade 7 will receive an e-mail from TADS with information about re-enrollment for the 2024-2025 SY. You will receive one e-mail per child. Each child needs to be re-enrolled. With re-enrollment also comes a \$500 deposit per child. I ask that you officially enroll your child throughout the month of January and submit the deposit at your earliest convenience, but no later than February 19, 2024.

HSA Sponsored Christmas Lunch for Faculty & Staff

With the help of your generosity the Home and School Association hosts a beautiful Christmas luncheon for the faculty and staff. This year the luncheon will be on Monday, December 18th. We are looking for a few volunteers to help cover lunch and recess duties from around 12:00-1:30. If you can help, please email me. I will generate lists and give marching orders upon your arrival on 12/18. Thank you.

The Secret Santa Shop is here!

The St. Patrick's Santa Shop is scheduled for **December 7th -8th** this year! The Santa Shop is set up in the Parish Center for the children to do their Christmas shopping during their school day. Students will be shopping with their classmates at a time that is selected by their teacher, so there is no scheduling needed on your end.

We could still use some more parent volunteers to help our students shop and stay within their budget. See the Sign-up Genius link below and choose an available time to help (our youngest shoppers require one-to-one assistance.) All volunteers must be Virtus

trained. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AAAAC28A75-46399397-santas#/>

All students will come home today with a flier and an envelope. On the envelope, please indicate who you would like your child to buy presents for and perhaps a dollar range for each item. The majority of items range from \$4 - \$8. The lowest priced item is \$0.75 while the highest priced item is \$14.00. Please place cash (cash only) in the envelope. The Santa Shop hours are:

Thursday

8:30 - 9:30 PreK

9:00 - 10:00 3rd grade

10:00 - 11:00 Kindergarten

11:00 - 12:00 1st grade

12:30 - 1:30 7th grade

1:30 - 2:30 5th grade

Friday

10:30 - 11:30 2nd grade

11:30 - 12:00 6th grade

12:00 - 12:30 4th grade

12:30 - 1:00 8th grade

Please don't hesitate to contact Becky Landers (rebeccaspeaks@hotmail.com) with any questions.

"Pop Up" Christmas Art Club

There will be a special art club session the afternoon of December 19th after our noon dismissal. Kick off Christmas break with some fun art projects and treats! Students of all grades are welcome, but you must

register by December 6th so that all supplies can be ordered in time. Please see the attached form for all the information or email Mrs. Shea with any questions.

Schol Advisory Board- Strategic Plan Committees

Completed at the end of the 2020-2021 SY, the School Advisory Board rolled out the 5-year strategic plan presenting a forward-looking vision for our school, while affirming the fundamental principals and value that have served as the foundation for our school community. When developing the plan, we engaged in self-study and 100% of families, teachers, and faculty provided input through surveys. The Strategic Planning Committee analyzed survey feedback which informed the thorough, thoughtful, and realistic recommendations for our School. Current parents, parents of alumni students, alumni, faculty, and staff dedicated hours discussing the strengths of our School as well as the areas of needed improvement. The entire plan is available through our school's website.

We are mid-way through the complete implementation of the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan and are looking to reengage those who were a part of the original plan, invite new committee members, and seek the valuable feedback from our stakeholders. It is our hope that in reviewing the plan, you may identify areas where you can offer your time and talent. While it is the responsibility of the School Advisory Board and the principal to implement this plan, we all share an obligation to work collaboratively to assure a superior education to our children in our Parish and community; one that is rooted in faith!

The Strategic Plan Committees are:

Academic Excellence, chaired by: Brigid McKelvey dunnmaryb@gmail.com & Lara Woodruff laraewoodruff@gmail.com

Catholic Identity & Service, chaired by: Nicole Rackiewicz nblondell@gmail.com & Andrew Rackiewicz andrew.rackiewicz@gmail.com

School Culture & Climate, chaired by: Crystal Schmidtlein Crystal.Schmidtlein@StPatrickADW.org

Recruitment & Retention, chaired by: Erin Murphy ehussey01@gmail.com

Facility & Campus Improvement, chaired by: William Burgess burgie3737@gmail.com

Financial Planning & Affordability, chaired by: Grace Konieczny grace.konieczny@protonmail.com

As a committee member, you may have one or two meetings throughout the year to discuss the goals and objectives of the committee's strategic plan. Time commitment is minimal, but your voice, ideas, and the future of our school is important, and this is the opportunity to help! Please reach out directly to the chair of one of the SAB committees if you are able to help.

Any questions please contact SAB co-chairs: Andrew Rackiewicz: andrew.rackiewicz@gmail.com or Lara Woodruff laraewoodruff@gmail.com or Miss Short.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, December 7 th -8 th	Christmas Secret Santa Shop
Friday, December 8 th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 9:10 a.m.
Saturday, December 9 th	Breakfast with Santa
Tuesday, December 12 th	Field Trip Grades 2-8 to MD Basketball Game
Friday, December 15 th	Grade 5 Field Trip
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