

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
January 16, 2024

TADS Re-Enrollment for the 2024-2025 SY

Parents with students in PK-grade 7 should have received an e-mail from TADS for e-enrollment for the 2024-2025 SY. 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.

You can pay the deposit to TADS directly by credit card or send in a check payable to St. Patrick's School, and we can log the payment for you.

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D49AF22A46-46248028-stpatricks#/>

Open House Volunteers

Our next Open House will be held on Friday, February 2nd. If you are available to give tours to prospective parents from 9am-11am, please contact Miss Short. Don't forget to spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors to join us!

Calendar Change- Super Bowl Monday!

We will have a 2-hour delay on Monday, February 12th, so all our super bowl fans can catch up on sleep. Drop-off will begin at 9:55 a.m. and all students are expected in their classrooms by 10:15 a.m.

Returning to Weekly Mass

School children will return to weekly Wednesday mass beginning on January 31st (Catholic Schools Week!). Please join us again at 9:10 a.m.

Catholic Schools Week

Monday, Jan. 29/ Serving our Community

P.J. Day: Wear your comfy pajamas. Slippers are ok to wear in school, but students must arrive in sneakers.

St. Patrick's "Souper Bowl": Help engage in a little school wide competition...which class can bring in the most soup by Friday?! Cans will be donated to local food banks.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 /Spirt Day

St. Pat's Spirit: Wear your favorite Shamrock Spirit gear to school!

Wednesday, Jan. 31/Parent Appreciation Day

Regular uniform

Light Homework Night to make our parents smile! And dinner out!

Restaurant Night at Villa Maya- Support St. Pat's and No Cooking!!

Thursday, Feb. 1/Student Appreciation Day

Favorite Color Day: Wear your favorite color from head to toe!

Surprises for our students!

Light Homework Night and no tests

Friday, Feb. 2/Teacher Appreciation Day

Regular uniform

Open House for Prospective Families at 9:00 a.m.

Cheers to our Teachers!

Book Fair- Coming Soon

Our Annual Book Fair is scheduled to kick off Sunday, January 28 between 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the school cafeteria. While shopping a fantastic collection of books and gifts for your favorite readers, enjoy doughnuts, coffee, and juice.

The Book Fair will also be open during lunch and after school (3-4pm) on Monday, January 29 through Wednesday, January 31st. If you are interested in volunteering to staff one of the timeslots the Book Fair is open, please reach out to Karen Boone (karen.waskewich@gmail.com).

Read-A-Thon

Because of our choppy week we have not had a chance to review and share with all of our students. Please do so at home! See attached with reading logs and other helpful information. Let the reading competition begin!

Log minutes beginning tomorrow (1/19) and return the first reading log by next Friday (1/26).

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day also falls on Ash Wednesday this year. To help stay focused on the start to the Lenten Season, we are going to celebrate Valentines Day on Tuesday, February 13th. Red, white, and pink accessories are allowed with school uniforms and students will celebrate Valentine's Day with their classmates at snack time.

January Service Project

We are asking every child to bring in a full-size candy bar of their choice (Starburst, M&M, Kit-Kat, etc.) by Wednesday, January 31st. There are no restrictions as the children will not be eating candy in school, each candy bar should also be accompanied by a homemade Valentine! These Valentines will be delivered to SOME and Shepherds Table to distribute to the seniors and children who utilize the services through each organization. If children want to do more than one, absolutely, but I would like to say that we have delivered Valentines to at least 257 children or seniors this year who need a little extra love! The valentine can be made to "New Friend" and signed by child's first name and age. Please do not include last names, St. Patrick's School, or grade level.

Spirit Wear

Just because Christmas is over doesn't mean you should stop shopping for spirit wear! We have two new items for the ladies! It's also a great time to get the kids all stocked - there might be a special spirit day just around the corner! <https://tinyurl.com/STPspiritwear>

Quizbowl is BACK!

After an exciting fall and a brief hiatus for the holidays, our new middle school quizbowl program is back. Practices will resume on January 23rd and will run until the end of February. Practices will once again be on Tuesdays from 3-4, immediately after school. Quizbowl is a collaborative academic competition program similar to It's Academic. Please see the attached flyer for more information about the spring session and our spring tournament on Feb 17th.

Interested students can register at the link below. Students who participated in the fall DO NOT have to pay the registration fee again.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdhV3oVNGO19C8j5hu64xGOKJxDtwXVoe_sMUCNyyxqy9Ww/viewform?usp=sf_link

All questions can be directed to Brigid McKelvey @ dunnmaryb@gmail.com

Bingo Night!

Please join the HSA and the 3rd Grade Class for St. Pats annual family Bingo Night on Friday, February, 2nd from 6:30-8:00pm in the cafeteria. This is a free event for families. We will provide pizza and dessert for all and of course, prizes for the winners!

Please RSVP at the evite below so we know how much pizza to order. Contact Su Miller (Sudarat.infahsaeng@gmail.com), Lindsay Guyer (lindsayjmurphy@hotmail.com) or Andrew Rackiewicz (andrew.rackiewicz@gmail.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Evite: <http://bit.ly/Bingo-night>

Rockville Catholic Summer Program

The Rockville Catholic Summer Program is the area's best option for summer camp in terms of both quality of programming and affordability! Run here at St. Patrick's, RCSP provides excellent programs in sports, art, technology and more for children ages 4-14. Registration for the 2024 season of RCSP opens in February! Visit our webpage, www.rockvillecatholicsummer.com for more information on registration days. New families are encouraged to fill out our new family form to get on the email list. Contact Mike McHugh at rockvillecatholicsummer@gmail.com with any questions.

"Pancakes for Dinner" fundraiser – Tuesday, February 13 (5:30-7:00pm)

The **St. Brigid of Ireland Ministry** is our parish's ministry for those in need. Annually we provide about \$10,000 in rental and utility assistance. We depend on donations to make this possible. *This is a great way to share a meal with friends before Lent starts!* Members will be available at the dinner to provide an overview of the ministry and answer questions.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Friday, January 19 th	Noon Dismissal; End of the 2 nd Quarter
Wednesday, January 24 th	MAP Math Testing Grades 2-7; 9:00-10:0
Friday, January 26 th	PK Open House, Report Card Distribution MAP Language Arts Testing 10:00-11:00 grades 2-8
Sunday, January 28 th -Friday, February 2 nd	Nation Catholic Schools Week; Book Fair
Friday, February 2 nd	Open House for Prospective K-grade 8 Families 9:00 a.m. BINGO 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7 th	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Faculty & Staff Retreat
Friday, February 9 th	11:00-12:00 Grades 2-8 MAP Testing Reading
Monday, February 12 th	Delayed Opening; Drop-Off Begins at 9:55 a.m.

Friday, February 16 th	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 19 th	No School; Presidents Day Holiday
Thursday, February 22 nd	Field Trip Grades 6-8
Friday, February 23 rd	Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.