

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
February 13, 2024

Shamrock Madness

Are you ready for some **Shamrock Madness**? Tickets are on sale [at this link](#) for this year's reimagined version of the gala – a night of dining and drinks, DJ and dancing, and bidding and basketball, all to raise funds for important St. Patrick's school projects and initiatives. Shamrock Madness will take place on Saturday, March 16 at Pinstripes (Pike & Rose), where we'll have the upstairs event space and exciting items for auction and raffle, amazing items and experiences, and slam dunk baskets and class projects! Tickets are limited! Dribble, shoot and score your tickets for Shamrock Madness before the buzzer sounds! **Because St. Patrick's Day + March Madness = Shamrock Madness!**

Shamrock Madness Details:

Date: Saturday, March 16

Time: 7pm-10:30pm

Location: [Pinstripes \(Pike & Rose\)](#) – 11920 Grand Park Avenue – North Bethesda, MD

Tickets: [\\$125 per person](#)

Attire: Show your team spirit! Whether it's your team's jersey or colors, show up in style and ready for a night out with friends!

Did someone Say Free Tuition?!

Yes, we did... buy raffle tickets and maybe become the lucky winner of free tuition for your son/daughter or the cash equivalent if you are prepping for high school tuition.  
(get your tickets [at this link!](#))

Financial Aid for the 2024-2025 School Year

As St. Patrick's has always done, we will be as generous as we possibly can by providing tuition assistance to families. Please be mindful and respectful that tuition assistance should be reserved for those who may not otherwise be able to attend St. Patrick's School without financial assistance. The applications for financial aid should be submitted no later than February 29<sup>th</sup>. Please place the application and required documents in an envelope noted attention Miss Short. The application can be found on the school webpage. Please remember to be eligible for St. Patrick's financial aid, you had to apply through the ADW for financial assistance (deadline is this FRIDAY).

Traffic on Delayed Openings

I realize on our late starts the parking lot is extra complicated. Many of the cars belong to our parish family attending the 9:10 daily Mass, and they often park in places that we rely on for easy traffic flow. There are few late starts in the school year, and they are always worth the extra time in the morning, so your patience is needed and appreciated.

Parents who park and walk children in only slow down the traffic even more because drivers stop to let them cross. It really is most helpful if everyone sticks to the drop-off procedures and does not decide to do their own thing. Our line works, and it is SAFE! Once again, no matter what, please pull off Norbeck Road and into the parking lot. Either patiently wait, start a new line, and always create an opportunity for friends to merge. Attached you will find an incredibly helpful diagram on how our carpool system should work if EVERYONE does it the "right" way!

Keep in mind on any good day 250 children are brought into and dismissed from school safely in 20 minutes!

### First Day of School 2024-2025

Although not yet approved by The Catholic Schools Office, but no reason to believe it won't be, the first day for kindergarten-grade 8 will be: Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> all dismiss at noon.

The first day for Pre-kindergarten will be: Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> (PK only dismiss at noon).

### February-March Service Project

With kindergarten's help, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade hope to prepare 200 bagged lunches for the men utilizing the services from the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Emergency Shelter. Although it operates year-round, the "winter" months bring an increase in men in need. The kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will make sandwiches and other classes will provide fruit and decorate the lunch bags. The schedule to support by sending in apples or oranges is as follows. Thank you in advance for your support.

February 21<sup>st</sup>: Grades 2 and 5

February 28<sup>th</sup>: Grades pre-K and 6

March 6<sup>th</sup>: Grades 1 and 8

March 13<sup>th</sup>: Grades 3 and 7

March 20<sup>th</sup>: Grades pre-K and 2

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Grades 1 and 3

### Looking For Lectors

Are you looking for a way to more deeply understand scripture and participate more fully in the Mass? Consider joining the Lector Ministry of the parish. We are responsible for proclaiming the readings for Sunday Masses (Saturday Vigil, too) and Holy Days. Lectors must be 16 years of age and Catholics in good standing. Our ministry scheduler software makes it easy to manage your commitment. Training and a workbook of Sunday readings are provided! Please contact Tracy Guarini, Head Lector ([tkguarini@gmail.com](mailto:tkguarini@gmail.com)) for more information. Training sessions are being planned for early spring.

### The Upcoming Weeks:

Friday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Presidents' Day Holiday
Thursday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Field Trip Grades 6-8
Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	No School; ADW Required PDD
Friday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Shamrock Madness Gala
Friday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wax Museum 8:30-10:00 a.m. End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter; Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's 5-K Race & Fun Run
Thursday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Easter Holiday Begins
Friday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holiday

