

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
February 20, 2024

Shamrock Madness: Donations Needed!

The countdown is on for our upcoming Shamrock Madness! This year, we're blending the luck of the Irish with the thrill of basketball for an unforgettable night, and we need your help to make our silent auction a slam dunk success!

Do you have access to a fantastic vacation home, sports or concert tickets, or other items or experiences that would add to our amazing assortment of silent auction items? Your donations will not only score big at the event, but also contribute directly to our school.

Ready to be part of the madness? If you have items to contribute or know someone who does, please reach out to Sara Antonucci at saranooch@yahoo.com. Let's make our Shamrock Madness a winning play for our school!

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

The applications for financial aid should be submitted no later than February 29th. 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.

Hot Lunch Help

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D49AFAF22A46-46248028-stpatricks>

February-March Service Project

With kindergarten's help, the 4th 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 4th 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 21st: Grades 2 and 5

February 28th: Grades pre-K and 6

March 6th: Grades 1 and 8

March 13th: Grades 3 and 7

March 20th: Grades pre-K and 2

March 27th: Grades 1 and 3

Track & Field

Attention runners, jumpers and throwers! We are having a track and field team this spring! We'll be participating in the Columbus League (<https://columbusleague.org/>), which has shorter meets on Sunday afternoons as opposed to the full day Saturday meets of CYO.

Mike Hoffmann has agreed to take on the head coach role, but we need more help. If you are able to assist at either or both of the Wednesday or Friday practices, please email Mike (hoffmann.michael.j@gmail.com).

Events: all meets have 9 events - 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1600M, long jump, shot put, turbo javelin, and 50M (ages 6 and under). Several of the meets also include a 4x100M relay.

Meets: Seven meets are being planned with the last being a championship meet. Meets are each Sunday from 2-4:30PM starting April 7 through May 19 at Walter Johnson HS or Gaithersburg HS. The meets are pretty flexible, so kids can show up and participate in as many or as few events as they want.

Practice: We plan to hold practice from 5-6PM on Wednesday and Friday each week so people can attend at least one of the practices. The first practice is **March 13**. Practice location is TBD but will be at a local high school track.

Registration is open on Sports Pilot. The fee is \$50.

<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106212>

If you want to try it out before registering to see if it is a good fit for your child, you are welcome to attend a few practices before formally registering.

The league is open to kids from ages 3-14. Parents of kids under age 5 should stay at practice.

If you have questions, please reach out to Mike Hoffmann at hoffmann.michael.j@gmail.com.

Lent 2024- From the St. Patrick School Catholic Identity Committee of the School Advisory Board

Yup, it's Lent again. And, yes, maybe you missed getting ashes on Ash Wednesday. It's okay, lent has a way of sneaking up on us.

You're in good company. Here it is a week since Ash Wednesday, and we are just putting this in the Tuesday Notes. We are all busy parents trying to juggle the full-time job of parenting, including managing school and extra-curriculars, plus maintain our relationships with family and friends, and for most of us, also hold down a full-time job. It can all be pretty exhausting. So paying attention to Lent too can seem daunting.

Maybe for you Lent has mostly been about giving something up, like chocolate or adult beverages or Facebook or Netflix; and then making sure that your family attends Easter mass. That's a great start. But this year, it is our hope that we can all turn Lent 2024 into something more...something that specifically impacts the way that we live our lives going forward.

So, to get us started here is our first tip to make Lent 2024 our Best Lent Ever.

#1 Tip for Lent:

Find an online resource that works for you.

Here are some of our favorites.

THE HALLOW APP

<https://hallow.com/lent/>

Here you will find SO many truly good resources. They have a Lenten challenge right now (#Pray40) that is following a book “He Leadeth Me” by an amazing priest who grinded out through serious physical and emotional challenges in Nazi occupied Poland. It also includes Fasting Friday sessions with Mark Wahlberg, Saturday reflections with a nun who knew Mother Teresa and Sunday homilies with the very relatable Fr. Mike Schmitz. It’s the perfect daily challenge (usually just 10 - 15 minutes) which will enable you to make Lent 2024 your best Lent Ever. Hallow also has content specifically for children and teens.

Hallow offers FREE subscriptions for 3 months - the perfect timeframe to accompany you during Lent. The link above is to their website. You can download their app that way (which makes managing the subscription through them easier), or through your favorite app store.

THE DYNAMIC CATHOLIC WEBSITE

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>

This website coined the phrase Best Lent Ever. Sign-up for their daily emails that link you to their always impactful Lenten programing.

ASCENSION PRESS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

<https://www.youtube.com/@AscensionPresents>

This channel offers various excellent talks/topics/speakers including Fr. Mike Schmitz and Fr. Mark Mary.

If all of this seems too much for you, first - say a little prayer that God will lead you in regards to making this your Best Lent Ever, then check out the link below. It is a great resource about "what to give up for Lent". Start there, and see where it leads you....

<https://hallow.com/blog/what-to-give-up-for-lent/>

The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, February 22 nd	Field Trip Grades 6-8
Friday, February 23 rd	Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 1 st	Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.
Friday, March 8 th	No School; ADW Required PDD
Friday, March 15 th	Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 16 th	Shamrock Madness Gala
Friday, March 22 nd	End of 3 rd quarter; Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 23 rd	St. Patrick’s 5-K Race & Fun Run
Tuesday, March 26 th	Wax Museum 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 28 th	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Easter Holiday Begins
Friday, March 29 th - Friday, April 5 th	Easter Holiday