

St. Patrick's School  
 Tuesday Notes  
 February 6, 2024

Calendar Reminder

Noon Dismissal tomorrow. Aftercare is available until 6:00 p.m. Our faculty and staff retreat will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Super Bowl Monday!

We will have a 2-hour delay on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Read-A-Thon Results

<b>Week 2 Results</b>	<b>Final Results</b>
Class winner: Grade 5 (8,727 minutes). Greatest participation: Grade 4 (100%) Individual Winners: PK: Hannah Rackiewicz K: Mason Butler Grade 1: Kamsi Onyewu Grade 2: Oliver Spranklin Grade 3: Luis Rivera Grade 4: Shannon Boyle Grade 5: Misgana Fekadeselassie Grade 6: Makayla Spranklin Grade 7: Bella Steyer Grade 8: Tommy Swanda	Individual Winners: PK: Hannah Rackiewicz K: Mason Butler Grade 1: Delaney Boyle Grade 2: Oliver Spranklin Grade 3: Luis Rivera Grade 4: Shannon Boyle Grade 5: Misgana Fekadeselassie Grade 6: Makayla Spranklin Grade 7: Bella Steyer Grade 8: Tommy Swanda <b>3<sup>rd</sup> place: 6<sup>th</sup> grade 12, 623 minutes</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 14, 317 minutes</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> place: 5<sup>th</sup> grade 14, 889 minutes</b>

"Soup"er Bowl Results

The winners obviously are the men, women, and children who will receive the outpouring of love and generosity. A tremendous result in one short week... **3,004 cans of soup!!** Grateful and proud to make deliveries this week to local food pantries.

**3<sup>rd</sup> place- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 412 cans**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place- 8<sup>th</sup> grade 422 cans**

**1<sup>st</sup> place- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 805 cans**

We have worked with 4 local organizations who support the fight to end homelessness and food banks who provide much needed help to families. The Montgomery County Coalition for Homeless Emergency Shelter received almost all the Cup of Noodles, the other canned foods were divided to support Nourish Now, Seneca Heights Apartments, and the St. Martin's & St. Jude's food pantries.

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, including a TUITION RAFFLE (get your tickets [at this link!](#)), 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!

#### 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 February 16).

#### Valentine's Day

If your child is making Valentines for his/her classmates, please make sure Valentines are made for the whole class or either all the boys or all the girls in the class (and don't forget the teacher!). Valentine's Day is a "low-key" celebration. The children are allowed to accessorize their uniforms with red and pink. Please note we will be celebrating on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Haircuts & Nail Polish

Boys- a reminder that the uniform expectation is above the ears and off the collar.

Girls- As stated in the handbook, only clear nail polish is allowed and only blue leggings long enough for the white sock to go over the bottom of the legging.

Parents of Junior High girls, please check the length of those skirts and gym shorts!

Your help and support with proper uniform guidelines would be appreciated during the school months.

The philosophy of a school uniform is to unify us and for the children to focus on what is important (their schoolwork) while removing the temptation to focus on trends. This allows us to recognize the gifts each of our children bring to the classroom and not the outward appearances of classmates.

#### 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).

#### Carpool Reminder

If your child(ren) has not come out and you see most other children have loaded up, please roll down your window and alert the closest teacher. We cannot always see inside cars, especially bigger SUVs or cars with 3<sup>rd</sup> rows and tinted windows.

### 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.

### Service Project- Support St. Patrick's Alumna

My name is Amanda Dow, and I recently graduated from St. Patrick's. For my service project this year, I am working with **4 Season Giving Tree**, an organization that works to help families and schools in need in our community. I am collecting snacks for a Free Snack Pantry for a high school in the county where children who can't afford to purchase snacks from school can come into a judgment-free zone to obtain snacks. The type of snacks that the school is requesting are individually packaged Chex Mix, Cheez-ITs, Pop Tarts, Chips, Oreos, Mini Cereals, Welch's Fruit Snacks, Pretzels, Popcorn, Nutra Grain Bars, Granola Bars, Apple Juice, Trail Mix, and Water. Boxes will be in the lobby at school for donations. I will pick up the donations on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at [adow0507@gmail.com](mailto:adow0507@gmail.com). I appreciate your help.

### The Upcoming Weeks:

Wednesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Faculty & Staff Retreat
Friday, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00-12:00 Grades 2-8 MAP Testing Reading
Monday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Delayed Opening; Drop-Off Begins at 9:55 a.m.
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.