

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
March 12, 2024

Tuition Raffle Update-674 tickets sold so far!

Have you gotten your tickets yet for the [Tuition Raffle](#)?! Get in the game to win tuition for the 2024-2025 school year OR the cash equivalent (\$8,915)! If that's not motivation enough, here are some more reasons:

1. If we sell **450 tickets**, the kids will win an exciting in-school assembly! **COMPLETE!**
2. If we sell **700 tickets**, the kids can be out of uniform for a full WEEK!! **ALMOST THERE!**
3. If we sell **1,000 tickets**, we'll have NO SCHOOL ON HOLY THURSDAY (March 28)!!!

The winner will be drawn on March 16 at our Shamrock Madness event – need not be present to win.

Shamrock Madness Silent Auction-LIVE this Thursday!

Get ready for a slam dunk of excitement! Our Shamrock Madness silent auction opens this Thursday at noon. It's game time, so gear up to make your bids and score fantastic items! Check your email Thursday for more information and the link to start bidding!

Draft of School Calendar

Please see attached a draft of the 2024-2025 SY calendar.

Annual Wax Museum

Please join us on Tuesday, March 26th 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. as a guest at the annual Wax Museum. This great tradition welcomes all parents to tour some of the greatest and most famous Marylanders (4th graders), famous trailblazers from around the world (5th graders), and famous replicas of landmarks/statues/art (6th graders).

Please join us to see our students' great costumes and presentations and please remember it is a museum so shhh!!! The children worked very hard, please refrain from socializing in the St. Patrick's Wax Museum. Please enter the wax museum (gym) by way of the side doors that face the school building.

February-March Service Project

With kindergarten's help the 4th grade continues to prepare 200 bagged lunches for the men utilizing the services from the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Emergency Shelter. The schedule to support by sending in apples or oranges is as follows.

March 13th: Grades 3 and 7

March 20th: Grades pre-K and 2

March 27th: Grades 1 and 3

Spring Uniforms

Beginning Monday, April 8th students can wear spring uniforms.

More importantly right now please check that gym shorts and skirts are appropriate lengths for girls. They both need to be at least two inches above the knee.

Here are the links for order new uniforms:

<https://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s3051>

<https://flynnohara.com/>

As we make this spring transition, this is also a good reminder to our boys to make sure they are in compliance with the hair cut policy.

The uniforms policy as stated on page 9 on the school handbook is:

Uniform shoes are to be solid black or solid brown leather slip on such as a Merrill or Mary Jane, saddle shoe, dirty buck or a penny loafer. Please no boat style shoes specifically Sperrys.

The following items are not included in the school uniform:

- Make-up, tattoos or body stickers, dark nail polish (light or clear polish only)
- Jewelry (with the exception of small earrings for girls only, one per ear)
- Extreme hairstyles (including Mohawks, drastic fades/undercuts) and accessories
- Boys must maintain a hair length of above their ears and eyebrows, and off the back collar
- Hair dye (only child's natural color hair is appropriate)
- Skorts and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

A Few Other Gentle Reminders from our Handbook

PREPARED WORK FOR FAMILY VACATIONS

Teachers are not obligated to prepare work for students to take with them on family vacations.

Students who miss school for family vacations should be prepared to complete all missing work upon return.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

To be inclusive of all students, parents are asked to invite either all of the girls or boys (or the entire class) to outside birthday parties. If parents are unable to invite such a large group, please only invite one or two guests.

Room Parents for the 2024-2025 SY

We are in search for volunteers for next school year. If you are interested in helping by being a room parent, please fill in your information on the following shared document. Thank you!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jLY14j_zQsRaoC8nqHU9I3npiR9Wx4sx-Dn5t6hXj-0/edit

Pop-Up Art Class

March 22nd- Pizza and Painting! Pop-up Spring Art club for 4th-8th grade. Stay after school to enjoy some pizza and create a spring themed acrylic painting! All students in 4th-8th grade are welcome, but ideal for those that have done art club before. The class will be \$35 and pick up will be at 2:30. The deadline to register is March 14th. [To register, please click here.](#)

St Patrick's 5K & Fun Run

The Annual 5K and Fun Run is **Saturday, March 23rd** at 8:30 AM.

As always, there will be a 5K course through the Flower Valley neighborhood, and a Fun Run course on the parish grounds for the young runners.

Hot chocolate, coffee and donuts will be provided after the run. Prizes for the winners. Give-away:

Registered participants will receive a pair of awesome green St Pats socks!

This is an HSA Sponsored event, open to the St Patrick's School Community. There is no cost to participate. However, we do ask that you please register.

Registration is open. Sign up here: [St. Patrick's 5K & Fun Run](#)

Support Fisher House

As part of the 2024 5K and Fun Run we have once again selected a charity to support. This year we are asking race participants – and any member of the St Patrick's School Community – to donate to FISHER HOUSE.

Fisher House builds and operates Comfort Homes where military & veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital.

Monetary donations can be made on the event site [St. Patrick's 5K & Fun Run](#) or by check to Fisher House. We would also encourage a donation of goods to support the local Fisher House in Montgomery County. Requested Items from their "Wish List" include:

- Gift Cards (Visa, Amazon, Walmart)
- Canned Goods
- Cereal
- Chips / Snacks (mini bags)
- K Cups
- Paper towels / Kleenex / Toilet Paper

**Donated Goods can be brought to the school during the week of March 18 or on the morning of the race*

Please encourage the student runners to raise a small donation and/or bring an item to donate. We all have loved ones, neighbors and St Patrick's community members who have served or are currently serving America's military. Fisher House is a wonderful organization, and we hope that through our 5K & Fun Run we can make a meaningful contribution to their efforts.

Read more about Fisher House here: <https://fisherhouse.org/about/>

****Not Running? Please Volunteer!** We will need help with set-up, registration and clean-up, and especially several volunteers along the race course. Please volunteer if you

can: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CA4AD2EA1F58-48516046-stpatricks/83182538#/>

Yearbook Photos- Needed!

Do you have fantastic photos from this year that you would like us to include in the 2023-2024 yearbook? Whether it's snapshots from the first day of school to classroom parties to CYO basketball, we want them all! Please be sensitive and aware of other children's feelings if you send pictures of events that take place out of school. Upload them to our shared picture drive using the link below. Folders have been created for events and for each grade. Thank you!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16GiJBsmbvDNR7T1_xC4GjvZ5hQcYchkI?usp=share_link

Please submit photos sooner rather than later! Please submit all photos by Thursday, March 28th

Spring Intramural Soccer:

Registration for the spring 2024 season is now live. See link below:

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

As in previous years, the program will run from PreK-1st grade. Practices and game sessions will be at Flower Valley ES, with practices on Thursday evenings and games on Saturday mornings. We are tentatively targeting a start date of around March 14th and running until around Memorial Day. Contact stpatrickintrasoccer@gmail.com or Brent Spranklin (bspranklin@gmail.com) with more questions.

Additionally, if you have older soccer players and are looking for soccer teams for them, feel free to contact Patrick Davila (stpatrickyouthsoccer@gmail.com) or Brent Spranklin about options.

Track & Field

Attention runners, jumpers and throwers! Track and field practice starts this Wednesday, March 13th at Lake Needwood (see practice info below).

Events: all meets have 9 events - 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1600M, long jump, shot put, turbo javelin, discus (just added), and 50M (ages 6 and under).

Practice: Practices will be 5-6pm on Wednesday and Friday starting this week on 3/13. Again, the hope is that kids can attend at least one of the practices each week. We know kids may have other activities.

On Wednesdays, we'll be at Lake Needwood at the start of the Rock Creek Trail. There is very large open field we'll use.

15675 Needwood Lake Cir, Derwood, MD 20855

<https://goo.gl/maps/9Fdcwg8cvHSqcoE79>

On Fridays, we'll be at Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, which has an open track on Friday afternoons. There is a discus cage and long jump pit as well.

13300 Arctic Ave, Rockville, MD 20853

<https://goo.gl/maps/Kc2Nrg6LggGTL55e6>

Please remember to bring a water bottle to practice

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.

Life Connection Mission- Seeking Help

Our St. Patrick's Family has been so good to Life Connection Mission over the last 15 years, and we have yet another opportunity to help as the mission is assisting eight Haitians with their move to Maryland after receiving refugee status given the terrible state of the violence and instability in their country. A family of 5, including three teens, will arrive later this month in addition to three of their extended family members. A townhouse has been rented and now we must help make it a new and safe home! Please see the wish list that has been created and feel free to reach out to Miss Short with any questions or ways you can help. In addition to household items, we do have clothing needs for 3 adult men, one adult woman, 2 teens girls, and one teen boy if you need specific sizes and are looking to share what is in your closet, please reach out. Leads on job opportunities are also welcomed!

Wish List:

hangers, bath towels, wash clothes, hand towels, queen size bed sheets with standard pillowcases, queen size blankets, standard pillows, Kitchen towels, hot pan holders, dishes, plates, bowls, cups, coffee cups, water bottles, coffee maker, toaster, hair brushes, combs and hair pics, laundry detergent, dish soap, dish washer detergent

Toiletries: Bar soap, Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, hair clippers for men, shaving cream, lotion, finger and toenail clippers, dental floss

Lent 2024 - Together we Fast and Feast! From *The Saint Patrick Catholic Identity Committee*

We are into our fourth full week of Lent. Did you pray the stations last week? Have you been able to fast from something? It's a new week, so you can start fresh as needed. You can still check out the

Hallow App - [Here](#) is that link. (Remember, it's *free* for 3 months!) Our *Lenten Fast and Feasting* sheet to hang at home is attached once again, plus we included some new attachments to print to help you with this week's tip...

#4 Tip for Lent

Examine your Conscience and Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

WHAT?!? Examination of conscience and reconciliation?!? Okay, maybe you haven't been to confession in years, maybe you haven't been since your first confession ... That's ok. Our children will be going to confession this week on Thursday (4th through 8th grades) and Friday (2nd and 3rd grades). So now is an ideal time for you to treat yourself to a clean conscience too. Begin with this simple prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, into my soul.
 Show me my sins,
 both the wrong that I did and the good I failed to do.
 Give me the grace to be sorry for my sins
 out of love for God,
 so that through Confession my soul might be healed
 and strengthened to do good.
 Amen!

Then read the [Examen Using 10 Commandments](#). Try saying the prayer then reading through the examen each day. For more encouragement you might want to watch:

- [Why Confess My Sins to a Priest?](#)
- [Confession is a Place of Victory](#)
- [Going to Confession for the First Time in a Long Time](#)

The [steps](#) for receiving forgiveness are easy. The [Act of Contrition](#) prayer is posted in the confessional or you can ask the priest to help you. Confessions at St Pat's are in the church every Saturday from 4 to 5pm and during Lent on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30. Please check out offerings at nearby parishes if these times don't work for you or if you would feel more comfortable elsewhere.

If you want to help your children get ready for their confession you can use the [Examen for Children](#) (they used this one at morning meeting today) or [this little book](#). For more support try [this resource with helpful tips and a video](#).

For more information about Lenten events offered at our parish visit [the parish website](#). Please reach out to us through the school office if you have any questions or want to share any of your favorite Lenten resources.

The Upcoming Weeks:

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

