

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
March 19, 2024

Scholarships & Accolades of the Class of 2024

Please join me in congratulating the following 8th grade students on their great achievement and successes with scholarships, honors, and STEM learning opportunities in Catholic High Schools.

Megan Collins- Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Xaverian Honors Program

Kelly Landers- Good Counsel's Xaverian Honors Program and STEM Program; Academy of the Holy Cross's Sancta Crux Program and Sancta Crux Merit Scholarship; Merit Scholarship to Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart.

Nolan Kretz- Our Lady of Good Counsel's STEM and Xaverian Honors Program

Reece Parkhurst: Our Lady of Good Counsel Xaverian Honors Program

Joshua Ray- Our Lady of Good Counsel Xaverian Honors Program and Presidential Scholarship

Bauti Salvado- Our Lady of Good Counsel STEM Program and the Xaverian Honors Program

Felicitas Salvado- Our Lady of Good Counsel Xaverian Honors Program

Juliette Stone- Academy of the Holy Cross Sancta Crux Merit Scholarship from Holy Cross; Action Not Words Scholarship from Connelly School of the Holy Child.

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.

Sign-Up Parties

Did the buzzer beat you to the punch for signing up for the fun parties offered at Gala?

No worries, the game's not over yet! We still have open spots left for some slam-dunk fun both students and parents! Parties still available include:

Junior High Movie Night (Grades 6-8)

Boys Only Open Gym (Grades 3-5)

Paint and Sip Party (Adult Party)

Girls Only-A Bejeweled Night (Grades 3-5)

Go to [Spring Gala](#) and click Sign Up Parties on the left to sign up today!

Shamrock Madness Good News

Congratulations to the Kessler Family for winning the tuition raffle and Heather Maurano for winning the Boone & Sons Bling!

We achieved the goal of selling over 700 tickets for the tuition raffle, so one week of out of uniform it is for these lucky students! This Friday, March 27th is out of uniform, Monday (3/25), Tuesday (3/26),

Thursday (3/28) of next week NOT Wednesday as we will attend Mass. There is one more IOU to come in April.

We sold 988 tickets, so we do fall short of the goal to get Holy Thursday off from school, but at least it is a noon dismissal and now we are out of uniform!

Thank you for selling those raffle tickets!!

Join our 20th Anniversary Celebration!

Get ready to celebrate St. Patrick's as we gear up to celebrate our 20th Anniversary! To mark this special milestone, we will be building our very own Brick Legacy Garden, including a brand-new flagpole, this summer. To commemorate this event, we are inviting all of our incredible families, alumni, dedicated faculty, and anyone who has been a part of our amazing journey over the past 20 years to purchase a piece of history with a personalized brick. Don't miss your chance to leave your mark and become a lasting part of the St. Patrick's campus. For more information, please go to <https://www.brickrus.com/donorsite/stpatrickcatholicsschool> Questions? Contact Miss Short at ChristieAnne.Short@stpatrickadw.org.

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 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/>

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)

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_zQsRaoC8nqHU9l3npiR9Wx4sx-Dn5t6hXj-0/edit

Newsies Front Cover

We are looking for program art for this year's spring musical. Submit your artwork by March 27th to be considered for the cover. Artwork should depict a scene or theme from Newsies and be in color on an 8.5 x 11 inch white paper. Contest is open to all 5th-8th graders and submissions should be dropped off in the science room. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Fecko at jill.fecko@stpatrickadw.org.

Musical Program: Shout-outs and Business Advertising

Our spring musical, Newsies, Jr., is just drawing closer! Families and friends of cast members have the opportunity to give a shout-out and publish an "ad" for their talented cast or crew member in the

program - see the attached form for details. Shamrock Theatre is also looking for any businesses that may wish to advertise in the program - details also on the form. Send in cash or checks payable to St. Patrick School, ATTN: Drama Advertising.

St Patrick's 5K & Fun Run

The Annual 5K and Fun Run is THIS SATURDAY! 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](#)

Volunteers Needed! We still need several volunteers – especially along the 5K course to ensure runners are on course and safe! Please volunteer if you can:

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

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. 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/>

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_xC4GjvZ5hQcYchkl?usp=share_link

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

Yearbook

Every family is gifted one yearbook from our Home and School Association. If you would like additional copies, please complete the attached order form, and return with payment.

Faith Knowledge- ARK Testing

This required ADW standardized test is an instrument for ensuring that the faith is taught in a complete, systematic, and consistent way in all parish and Catholic school programs. The ARK test is aligned to the Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization Standards and Curriculum and measures what students know, understand, and are able to do at each grade level.

The ARK is administered online in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Washington each spring. Students in grades 3-8 will take the annual test during their scheduled religion classes after the Easter holiday. Teachers will give the students advanced notification on test dates.

Track & Field

Attention runners, jumpers and throwers! **Track and field practice has started. Registration is due by March 29, so there is still time to try it out before registering.** Our next practice is this Wednesday at Lake Needwood (see practice info below).

Events: all meets have 10 events - 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1600M, long jump, shot put, turbo javelin, discus, and 50M (ages 6 and under). Several of the meets also include a 4x100M relay.

Practice: Practices are 5-6pm on Wednesday and Friday with the hope that kids can attend at least one of the practices each week. We know kids may have other activities this spring.

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 pit 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.

Lent Tip #5- From the Catholic Identity Committee

We have made it to the fifth week of Lent! Did you notice that the crucifix and all the statues have been covered inside St. Patrick's church? It's not something that is done at every parish, but it is a visible sign

that we are getting closer to the passion and death of Jesus. These final two weeks before Easter are known as *Passiontide* and this coming Sunday is Palm Sunday.

Passiontide is a great time to focus (again) on fasting. Dynamic Catholic gives some great advice [here](#):
Fasting adds a serious edge to your prayer life. It is a prayer practice that involves denying yourself something in order to increase your spiritual awareness, strengthen a commitment, or petition God for something you or another person really needs. Fasting is also about detachment - separating yourself from something that you have become overly attached to. It's a way of reclaiming your spiritual strength and regaining some balance in your life."

Passiontide challenge: find something meaningful to fast from during these last two weeks of Lent - social media, eating out, online shopping, TV before bed, etc. This final act of sacrifice will prepare our hearts to walk with Jesus through His passion and death.

The Upcoming Weeks:

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
Tuesday, April 9 th - Friday, April 12 th	ARK testing Week- Days and Times TBD
Monday, April 15 th	8 th Grade Field Trip
Thursday, April 25 th	Confirmation 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26 th	Junior High Night