

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
March 26, 2024

8th Grade Final High School Decisions

Academy of the Holy Cross: Jannette Tessier

Connelly School of the Holy Child: Meredith DeWitt, Keegan Kelley

Georgetown Preparatory School: Bauti Salvado

Georgetown Visitation: Juliette Stone

Gonzaga College High School: Nolan Kretz, Tommy Swanda

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Madeline Cantarilho, Megan Collins, Kent Cushenberry, Maggie Fangmeyer, Nick Ferat, Kelly Landers, Joshua Ray, Luke Swarhout,

Stone Ride School of the Sacred Heart: Felicitas Salvado

St. John's Catholic Prep, Buckeystown: Reece Parkhurst, Riley Parkhurst

St. Johns College High School: Carson Byrnes, Alexandra Potter, Eliana Zelaya

The Heights School: Thomas Miller

Congratulations to the newest members of the Class of 2028!!!

Congratulations to Three Rising 8th Grade Students

The Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County (CBN-MC) has awarded scholarships to 18 7th grade students throughout ADW Montgomery Country Schools. These students were selected for the quality of their essays given the topic to consider what the call for prayer for peace from Pope Francis means for you. How can you follow the Holy Father's example in praying for peace? Are your actions an example of your faith? I am proud to celebrate JJ Stringer, Kate Schmidlein, and Andi Windlan for their remarkable achievement. Each was awarded scholarship money for their 8th grade year here at St. Patrick's!

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.bricksrus.com/donorsite/stpatrickcatholicsschool> Questions? Contact Miss Short at ChristieAnne.Short@stpatrickadw.org.

Or see attached!

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/>

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.

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.

A Solar Eclipse Gathering

A partial solar eclipse will take place on Monday, April 8, 2024. In Montgomery County, the eclipse will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. and end just after 4:30 p.m., with maximum coverage at 3:20 p.m. During the eclipse, there will be 86–88% coverage during which it will get darker outside, but there will not be total darkness. The next solar eclipse that will be visible in the lower 48 won't happen until 2045. So, if the weather is good with a clear sky, come join us on the field to watch this amazing event! Pick your child up in carpool as usual, park, and then head over to the field for the peak event. Remember, you must have solar eclipse glasses to watch without damaging your eyesight. You can pick up a pair of glasses for everyone in your family at this link if you do not have them already: <https://a.co/d/fV3WpKK>

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.

Junior High Night

The 8th grade is happy to host this year's Junior High Night for St. Patrick's students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade, on Friday, April 26 from 7-10 pm in the school cafeteria. It will be a fun night with a DJ, dancing,

and plenty of food and drink. The theme is Let's Glow so come in white or neon attire! Once you have replied to the Evite, please send in \$5 per family to the office in an envelope marked Junior High Night with your family name or send via Venmo @Kathryn-Lamon (240) 472-7463.

Please RSVP by April 19: <http://evite.me/c9JK6c9atp>

Lent 2024 - It is Holy Week! From the Catholic Identity & Service Committee

Easter is almost here! All your Lenten sacrifices, activities and prayer have been leading you to this time. *AND, if you haven't really paid much attention to Lent, it's STILL not too late.* Lent will soon culminate with the shortest liturgical season of the year, the Easter Triduum (Trid-you-um). The Triduum begins with Mass on Holy Thursday and concludes on Easter Sunday evening. To learn more about the Triduum, watch this [video](#) from EWTN or read [their super Q and A resource](#). The Triduum is the perfect time to put the rest of the world on hold and focus on what's really at the heart of life, Jesus and his Passion.

Okay, so how do you do that?

How do you put your busy life on hold and focus on Christ and his Passion?

#6 Tip for Lent - Make it Happen

Look at your family calendar now, and [plan to do something](#) at home with your family each day of the Triduum, or [stream](#) an event of the archdiocese, or even better, attend one or more of the events at our own parish. Here's what's going on at St. Patrick's:

Holy Thursday

9:10 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

9:10 am Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Or 12:00 Outdoor Stations of the Cross at Gate of Heaven Cemetery

1:00 pm Confession (following Stations of the Cross, so could begin sooner)

See LENT TIP #4 to help you prepare for Confession. if you haven't gone yet, give yourself the gift of this sacrament for Easter!

7:00 pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

9:10 am Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Fasting and Abstinence on Good Friday

On Good Friday all Catholics ages 18-59 are called to fast and all Catholics aged 14 and older are called to abstain from eating meat. WHY? What does being hungry have to do with our faith life? Because when we deny ourselves something that we want it helps us to remember who (God) and what (His Grace and Mercy) we really need. For more read [this](#).

Finally, you can *still* check out the [Hallow App](#). (Remember, it's *free* for 3 months!) There are so many great resources for Holy Week and for life going forward. Please reach out to us through the school office if you have any questions or want to share any of your favorite Lenten resources.

Rockville Catholic Summer Program 2024

RCSP is the area’s premiere Catholic summer camp hosted at St. Patrick’s!

Camper Spots!

There is still space for your child this summer to attend RCSP this summer. Please email the camp office at rockvillecatholicsummer@gmail.com to find out which amazing camps are available!

Now Hiring!

Applications are open for the 2024 season of the Rockville Catholic Summer Program! RCSP hires 50+ high school and college-age young adults who, in addition to leading exciting camps for children, are paid for daily mass, theology discussions, holy hours, retreats, and more! Visit www.rockvillecatholicsummer.com/employment for more details.

Volunteering!

Volunteer applications are open April 1st for all teens interested in volunteering! Earn service hours while helping lead camps for little ones and participating fully in the spiritual and social side of camp. Rising 8th graders-seniors in high school are welcome to apply! Visit www.rockvillecatholicsummer.com/volunteering for more info.

The Upcoming Weeks:

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