

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
March 5, 2024

Get Your Tickets for Shamrock Madness!

Don't miss out! Get your tickets today for [Shamrock Madness](#) – this year's reimagined version of the gala! It will be 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, amazing items and experiences, and slam dunk baskets and class projects! Tickets are limited! [Snag your tickets](#) for Shamrock Madness before the buzzer sounds! This will be a night to remember! Because St. Patrick's Day + March Madness = Shamrock Madness!

Shamrock Madness Details:

Date: Saturday, March 16

Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm

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!

Tuition Raffle Update!

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

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

On top of all that, you will be helping to raise funds for important St. Patrick's School projects and initiatives! The winner will be drawn on March 16 at our Shamrock Madness event – but you don't need to be present to win. Good luck! And thank you!!

Draft of School Calendar

Please see attached a draft of the 2024-2025 SY calendar. It received approval in its draft form yesterday from the Catholic Schools Office.

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. The wax museum will be held in the gym this year.

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. Thank you in advance for your support.

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

Spring Uniforms

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

More importantly right now please check that gym shorts and skirts are an appropriate length 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/>

Please also feel free to send in uniform skirts that no longer fit your daughters and we can do a little and free in-house exchange if helpful.

Room Parents for the 2024-2025 SY

We are beginning to search for volunteers for next school year. If you are interested in helping by being a room parent, please reach out to Mr. George Wahl thosewahls@gmail.com. Thank you!

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.

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](#)

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 can 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.

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, full-size bed sheets with standard pillowcases, queen size bed sheets with standard pillowcases, full size blankets, queen size blankets, standard pillows, Kitchen towels, hot pan holders, dishes, plates, bowls, cups, coffee cups, water bottles, coffee travel cups, serving dishes, food storage containers, 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! Form The Saint Patrick Catholic Identity Committee

We are in our third week of Lent. How is it going? It's ok if your best laid plans haven't been working out. Today is the perfect day to start over. Did you print our flier from last week? We've attached it again, just in case you didn't. Still haven't checked out the Hallow app? [Here](#) is that link again - It's free for 3 months!

#3 Tip for Lent

Pray the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent our kids pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 2:30pm. Since we have no school this Friday, why not pray the stations with your family at home? It will take you between 10 to 20 minutes depending on the version that you choose.

Why pray the Stations?

A simple answer is: Praying the stations reminds us of how much Jesus suffered for us, so it helps us to be grateful. And being grateful is one of the best ways to live a happy life. [Here](#) is what the Pope has to say about why we should pray the stations.

[Here](#) is more history, instructions and resources about the stations of the cross.

How do we pray the stations?

For very young children, we suggest some coloring pages. [This version](#) costs \$5 to download on Etsy and is a nice one for younger students.

Here is [another one](#) on Amazon that is also \$5.

[This version](#) is a GREAT one for older kids and adults, it has clear simple language AND, it's a bargain on Amazon for \$1.75 (get a few.) It was written by a Deacon from Washington D.C.

[This one](#) at the Catholic Company might be more appealing for older kids.

Where and when can I pray the stations?

You can pray the stations anytime at home or at church. At St. Pat's we have stations inside the church along the walls and outside along the sidewalk on the right side of the building. You can also attend the stations at St. Patrick's. *They are prayed every Friday night during Lent at 7pm. Families and children are most welcome.* It takes about 30 minutes. Booklets are provided at the back of the church.

For more information about Lenten events offered at our parish visit [this 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 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