

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
April 9, 2024

Contracts & Important Forms Attached

Before the close of this week, all families should receive contracts for the 2024-2025 school year. Please sign the back (both parents), determine your family's payment plan, and return the contract to Mrs. Ali. If you do not receive a contract, please let me know.

We will continue to use hard copies of the important forms that are used in the event of an emergency, so please see the forms attached and return those also to Mrs. Ali.

Attached are:

Children's Emergency Data Form (one per child)

Early Release Form (one per family)

Hot Lunch Help Needed- Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D49AFAF22A46-46248028-stpatricks>

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 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!

Last Call!! 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

Thank you... Lenten Service Project

The goal of our 4th grade class was to prepare 250 sandwiches each week, and they consistently met this goal, and exceeded it!

The Wednesday before Easter break, they made 353 sandwiches!! When added to kindergarten's 150 sandwiches, it was a grand total of just over 500 sandwiches for the homeless men in just one day!!! As we shared this news with our school community on Holy Thursday, we were left with a mighty good feeling knowing we have served and loved as Christ asked!

For the 6 weeks of Lent, kindergarten and 4th grade together made approximately 3,000 sandwiches! Which means our 48 children willingly and lovingly fed 3,000 men they will never meet or know simply because we gave them the opportunity. Our kids are served valuable lessons when we show them the

joy in serving others. Thank you to our kindergarten and 4th grade families for generously providing the bread and bologna and this beautiful opportunity to our children. A thank you to all the other classes for the beautifully decorated paper lunch bags and providing the fruit each week.

Yearbook

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

Field Day

Our annual Field Day will be held on Thursday, May 23rd. Thanks to our HSA and fundraising efforts, students in PK-Grade 8 will be given a field day t-shirt to wear with their St. Patrick's gym shorts. Please see the attached order form to help us make sure that your child gets the best size for him/her. Please return all order forms by Friday, April 19th.

MAP Testing

We would be incredibly grateful if students in grades 2-8 are here without interruption (doctors/dentist appointment etc.) on the days and times listed below. This will really help with completing the tests within the allotted time frame with few to no make-up testing sessions needed. There are a lot of field trips and other activities in the upcoming weeks, so it would be very helpful if we could avoid chasing down students to complete tests.

Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 1st 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.: Reading

Tuesday, May 7th 11:00a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Language Arts

Friday, May 10th 10:15-11:45 a.m.: Math

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 can 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 this week during their scheduled religion classes.

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>

Spirit Wear – New Items added!

Be sure to check out new items in the spirit wear shop! Perfect for Spring sports or summer fun, kids' t-shirts, new shorts in fun colors and a new hat with lots of Shamrock pride! Many other items have recently been restocked. Click here to shop: onecau.se/_3cmnp1.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Tuesday, April 9 th - Friday, April 12 th	ARK testing Week- Days and Times TBD
Monday, April 15 th	8 th Grade Field Trip
Tuesday, April 23 rd	4 th Grade Field Trip
Thursday, April 25 th	Confirmation 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26 th	Junior High Night