

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
May 7, 2024

Important Calander Change

The last day of school, closing mass, and Kindergarten graduation is Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome and strongly encouraged to join us. We will dismiss from the church for summer vacation!

Join our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

Last chance to get brick orders in to be certain your family is honored with the first set of bricks laid in celebrating 20 years of St. Patrick's School!!

<https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/stpatrickcatholicsschool>

MAP Testing

Final testing session

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 10:15-11:30 a.m.: Math

Field Day

Our annual Field Day will be held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. All students should wear their PE uniform shorts and the traditional field day shirt which will come home next week. Lunch is provided thanks to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents and aftercare is available until 6:00 p.m.

Please e-mail Mrs. Ali if you would like to volunteer to help run one of our field day stations.

Internet/Technology Safety

In recent weeks, I have heard from more parents expressing concern with technology and/or social media issues at home with their children and friends of their children.

I received helpful information from a parent who has done a bit of research and shares ideas for consideration over the use of phones and other devices as well as social media. This important topic is something that is constantly evolving so I am more than happy to periodically share resources as they come to me. Please feel free to always share.

Setting rules and routines is unique to each family but often we don't know where to start in what can feel like uncharted territory. If you have a resource of your own that you would like to share, please email Miss Short.

- Our first recommendation is a MUST listen. This podcast episode includes some other resources and is very eye opening to the impact of social media on children.
- [Protect Young Eyes](#) is very helpful as it walks you through the process.
- This is a tool for monitoring what your children are doing on devices in your home. [Bark](#) alerts you to concerning conversations, websites, and behavior online. You can set this up according to your needs.
- Finally, through a simple google search you can find endless versions of technology contracts for your children. These can be printed directly or used to create your own one that best fits your family.

Please save the date for a parent speaker scheduled for Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> addressing the dangers of social media at home and helpful tools for you and your children as we navigate this issue together. More information to come in September.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	MAP Testing Grades 2-8 Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available
Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade S.S. Final Exam
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
Tuesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams
Thursday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Field Day; Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available
Friday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Pastor's Holiday!
Monday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Memorial Day Holiday
Tuesday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip Volunteer & Leadership Reception
Wednesday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exam Last Day for 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders!
Friday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal PK-grade 7; Last day for PK; Aftercare available until 6:00 p.m.; Last Day for aftercare.
Thursday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Mass and Kindergarten Graduation 10:30 a.m. Summer Vacation begins!