

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
October 1, 2024

Grandparents/Special Friend Day- Wednesday, October 2nd

We plan to start our special day at 9:00 a.m. with Mass beginning at 9:10 a.m. and ending at 11:30 a.m. after donuts and coffee. Please ask grandparents or special friends to meet children in the school cafeteria and then on to Mass to sit wherever they would like.

Students will be allowed to leave with grandparents/special friends immediately after the celebration to spend the remainder of the school day with their guests if you choose. Classroom teachers/Mrs. Ali MUST have permission to allow any child to leave with a grandparent. There will be no homework and no work to be made up.

To bring a little happiness to those staying full day, we will offer two movie selections. Both are rated PG. Please contact me if you do not wish your child to watch the chosen movies and we will find other options.

PK-Grade 4: Moana

Grades 5-8: Hugo or National Treasure

St. Patrick's Annual Fund

Thank you to all who came out for the Shamrock Open yesterday. Manor was filled with Annual Fund signs yesterday, a true reflection of how wonderful and supportive our St. Patrick's community is. While the donor signs have been taken down from Kane Lane, we want to remind you that the Annual Fund is still in full swing. We're just 10% away from our \$140,000 goal! If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, please consider making a donation by visiting the Annual Fund site and helping us cross the finish line. Donate at <https://onecau.se/spsshamrocks> today!

Picture Day

Individual student pictures will be taken on:

Monday, October 7th for children in grades 3-8.

Tuesday, October 8th for children in grades PK-2.

Students may be out of uniform on these days but should be dressed nicely.

Class pictures will be held on Wednesday, October 9th for all grades. Students should wear their uniforms (even if it is a birthday-IOU out of uniform). **Boys should wear long khaki pants and girls should wear their jumpers/kilts (not skorts).**

Annual HUGE yard sale! Who wants to Help?!

Help is REALLY needed from anyone and everyone who can spare a minute to set up this huge fundraiser that supports Life Connection Mission, Haiti.

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, October 19th, BUT help is also needed Thursday, October 17th-Friday, October 18th for set up. We are looking for any and all help! No rules and no guidance really, just full discretion and let's hit \$40,000!

[Sign-Up Genius](#)

Grateful to all for the help and please feel free to invite a friend!

Have a donation? We will take that too. Please see attached for drop-off days and times.

Faith in Action options for 7th and 8th grade students.

Parent Information Session

Please mark your calendars for a very helpful session called *Social Awakening*. A healthy discussion led by Max Stossel an award-winning artist, the Founder of Social Awakening, and Youth Education Advisor for the Center of Humane Technology. Mr. Stossel has spoken to 100,000+ students, parents, and educators about how social media is impacting our lives and relationships, and developed resources to help manage that impact. He provides a unique and much needed perspective on the role of technology in our homes, schools, and in our society. Max shares tips and tricks in helping our children manage social media usage, awareness of what is “out there” in social media, and a conversation about what we, as a community, can do to create a unified front and response to our children accessing social media.

www.socialawakening.org or <https://youtu.be/xdvNpsiggFk>

Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Students in grades 6-8 will have a daytime session from 1:00-2:00 p.m. We have invited 8th graders from three neighboring Catholic Schools to join us and their parents later in the evening.

Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program

The Archdiocese of Washington works hard to keep Catholic education as affordable as possible. The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Washington. All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance, and the need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. Each family applying for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington is required to complete a TADS Financial Aid & Assessment form.

Families applying for archdiocesan tuition assistance only need to complete one form for all children, whether elementary school students or high school students, even if seeking tuition aid for children in multiple schools.

The application opens on Monday, October 7th, and families with **elementary aged students** have until **Friday, February 21, 2025**, to apply for tuition assistance for the 2025-2026 school year. Families with students **going into or are currently in high school** must submit applications by **Monday, December 16th**.

PLEASE go on-line and complete the application. In the spring, you will be able to apply for St. Patrick's for direct tuition assistance, but only if you have FIRST completed the TADS Financial Aid and Assessment Form

Follow these steps:

Log into www.adw.org

Click on “Education” (along the top of the webpage)

Click on “Catholic Schools”

Click on “Tuition Assistance”

Mid Quarter Grade Check

Please encourage your son/daughter to log-in to Rediker (Plus Portals) and sneak a peek at mid-quarter grades. If any parent or student (grades 4-8) still needs help with logging in, please email Miss Short.

Trunk or Treat Halloween Party

SAVE THE DATE: Trunk or Treat Friday Oct. 25, 6:30-8:30. The 4th grade class is excited to share that this year's Trunk or Treat is quickly approaching. We've got games, candy, pizza, and DJ Josh in the house!

Please be on the lookout for the sign-up information for pizza orders. Get excited about this spooktacular event!

After School Clubs

Introduction to Robotics & AI - This 4-class program introduces students to the fascinating world of Robotics and how AI drives robotic systems. Students will engage in coding exercises using both block-based programming and Python, learning to design, build, and program robots. The program fosters creativity and problem-solving while giving students a hands-on experience that is crucial for understanding how AI operates in the real world.

Grades: 5th – 8th

Dates: Thursdays, November 7 – December 12

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Cost: \$199

Registration deadline: November 5

Register Here: <https://www.labjunior.com/register>

Charleston Wrap Kick-Off!

Our Charleston Wrap Sale is back this year and kicks off today 10/1 and will run through 10/18! Aside from having the best wrapping paper/accessories around, there are lots of great home items and treats. As a bonus, it is a FUN and easy way to support the school - so get ready to start checking off that holiday gift list! Please note that our sale will only be accepting orders online this year. Additional details and information is available in the Charleston Wrap packets being sent home via backpack mail. Please contact Trish Leonette with any questions - trishkleonette@gmail.com.

8th Graders Participate in Fundraisers for Great Causes

Hieu Albright is Making Saves and Fighting Cancer with October Saves Goalie Challenge!

Hieu has a goal of raising \$3,000 this year. October Saves supports cancer research and patient care services with amazing beneficiaries including The Inova Schar Cancer Institute, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and so many more! During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October Saves calls on goalies — youth, amateur, and professional— anywhere and everywhere to raise money and awareness through gathering donations for saves they make throughout October. Join Hieu in the fight of making saves to save lives! If you would like to donate and help him reach his goal you can do so here: <https://charity.pledgeit.org/OctoberSavesHockey/@Hieu-Albright>.

Protecting God's Children Personal Safety Education

The vigilant work of teachers and staff to safeguard our students by promoting a safe environment is a priority at St. Patrick's School. All children have the right to be safe and protected from harm in school, home, neighborhoods, and communities. Our school is dedicated to promoting and ensuring the protection of all children.

Each school year, we are committed to the continued instruction of the Personal Safety Education Program for our children in grades PK-8. These age-appropriate lessons prepare students to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations. The lessons will take place beginning Monday, October 7th. Thank you for your support and the conversations you will have at home leading up to this training and following to keep the safety of our students as our primary responsibility.

Using ADW resources, we will use class time (historically 2-3 sessions) to be sure our students learn about their personal safety to the greatest extent possible. It is important that you introduce this concept at home so the children (especially those in our lower grades) are more comfortable when the teachers begin to present the material. Teachers of students in lower grades will communicate through

their newsletters with the language being used in their classrooms so that you can follow up at home as well. The concepts of “Good Touch/Bad Touch” are introduced as protecting your body, referred to often as the “Bathing Suit Zone”.

Photos

We would love to have you share your photos throughout the year with us! We will include them on social media as well as our yearbook. Please be sensitive and aware of other children’s feelings if you send pictures of events that take place out of school. If you have any great photos from the 20th Anniversary Back to School Picnic, 5K Race and Fun Run, or CYO soccer and Cross Country, please send your photos to Crystal.Schmidtlein@stpatrickadw.org. Thank you!

The Upcoming Weeks:

Wednesday, October 2 nd	Grandparents/Special Friends Day 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Friday, October 4 th	HSA Sponsored Welcome Back Coffee for Parents of students in Grades 3-5 8:30 a.m. CANCELLED
Monday, October 7 th	Individual Picture Day for Grades-3-8 Grade 8: HSPT Registration Opens
Tuesday, October 8 th	Individual Picture Day for PK-Grade 2
Wednesday, October 9 th	Class Picture day
Friday, October 11 th	PK-Grade 2 Field Trip
Saturday, October 19 th	Annual Yard Sale
Wednesday, October 23 rd	4 th Grade Field Trip
Friday, October 25 th	4 th Grade Hosted Halloween Trunk or Treat
Monday, October 28 th	No School; CSO Hosted PDD
Thursday, October 31 st	Halloween Party & Annual Parade 1:20-3:00 p.m.