

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
October 22, 2024

Parent Information Session- Social Media Awareness

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.

2025-2026 Admissions and Open Houses

Please spread the word about our upcoming open houses, post on list-servs, and invite neighbors and friends to come and see St. Patrick's School.

Open House for prospective Kindergarten-grade 8 families: Friday, November 8th 9:00 a.m.

Open House for prospective Prekindergarten families: Sunday, November 10th 9:00 a.m.

If you can assist as a tour guide on Friday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. please let me know!

Halloween

We will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31st. Our annual parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. Please remember that all Halloween costumes need to be appropriate for children of all ages. Please be mindful that some of our little children may not have the tolerance for scary masks. As some of our big kids scramble to put together a Halloween costume, I ask that you support them in putting together creative and fun costumes, not scary! If a student does not want to dress up for Halloween they do not have to, instead enjoy the dress down day. Remember absolutely no toy weapons are permitted in school. When unsure if it "counts" as a weapon, please just keep it at home. Class parties will begin after the parade.

Parents are invited to come to the parade!

No uniforms on Halloween, children are encouraged to wear their base layers that morning so they can easily slip on their costumes.

Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program

PLEASE go on-line and complete the application. In the spring, you can apply to 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"

Parent & Teacher Conferences

Teachers will invite parents in PK-grade 8 to have a 10–15-minute conference (depending on age of child) on Friday, November 8th and Monday, November 11th. The conferences offered on 11/8 will be virtual only. Teachers will share their links in the upcoming weeks. These conferences will begin at 1:30 p.m.- and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The conferences on 11/11 will be in person only. These conferences will take place from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The conference sign-up link is now live: https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Patrick_s_School

Picture Make-Up or Redo

Mr. Allan will be back on Tuesday, October 29th to offer make-up pictures or if a child would like a redo. Your child may come out of uniform in nice picture day clothes. Please let Mrs. Ali know if your child will take advantage of the make-up/redo.

Save the Date – Annual Sip and Shop

Please save the date for one of St. Pat’s favorite events, the annual Sip and Shop that is scheduled for Thursday, November 14th from 7pm to 10pm.

For those who are new to St. Pat’s, the Sip and Shop hosts various local vendors in our gym for a fun evening of sipping and shopping til you drop! It has grown into a cherished event that kicks off the holiday season and gets everyone in the giving mood!

Vendor registration is now officially open (<https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/sf-001C000001aGvXVIA0/events/vevt:59b06d02-5fcd-4a9e-a706-f9a9f2402685/home/story>) and we are working to get a wide variety so that you can have the best holiday shopping experience! If you are interested in helping out with the event or have any vendors who you think would like to attend, please email Karen Boone (karen.waskewich@gmail.com) or Christina Grantham (cgrantham9@yahoo.com).

Trunk or Treat Halloween Party

SAVE THE DATE: Trunk or Treat Friday Oct. 25, 6:30-8:00. 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! Get excited about this spooktacular event! See flyer for more info and click the link below to order your pizza! Please note, pizza is only available for pre-order and will not be sold at the event.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dmVfRlGdQkj7TtIKQX0Ab4ixCu9xVdAAB8XDDdCldlw/edit>

St. Patrick’s Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive (GGCFD)

Considering participating in this year's drive by registering on our website. The sign up for your territory is based on the order the request is received, so please go to the website and register as soon as possible so we can make the preferred territory assignments. If a Territory Leader is listed for a map you would like to cover, please still sign up and we will connect you with the appropriate Territory Leader. We are trying to cover 100% of our assigned territories this year so if you are able to cover a new section this year or even cover 2 territories we would be very grateful!

Territory maps can be found here: <https://www.gqcf.org/parishes/st-patricks-church/territories/>.

Supply pick up will be Saturday, November 9th from 9:45am-11:00am and after Mass on November 10th. If this doesn’t work for you, please reach out and arrange a time with us. Bags need to be delivered in neighborhoods the following week and collection day is Saturday, November 16, 2024! In addition to picking up your paper bags and flyers, we have ordered new 2024 t-shirts that will also be available for pick up on November 9th.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Prayer Service in the Parish Center the morning of Saturday, November 16th at 8:30am to share in coffee and doughnuts before picking up bags in your assigned territories. Deacon Nalls will have a short prayer service and say a few words along with a recipient from one of our local food banks.

This year we also have limited volunteer opportunities the day of the collection helping to sort in the Gym. If you would like to assist us with sorting, counting and clean-up, please indicate that on the same territory sign-up page in the large box that asks "Is there anything else we need to know?"

On Sunday, November 17th, we are looking for additional volunteers to assemble bags for holiday giving. This is a school only event, so if you were not available to support on Saturday and can Sunday if you simply want to help more, [please sign up here](#).

FIA hours will be available for 7th and 8th grade students. Miss Short will share more with students this week!

Charleston Wrap- "Wrap" Up

We want to thank all the students and families for making this year's Charleston Wrap sale a success! It was a fun way to share a unique shopping opportunity with family, friends, and neighbors and we raised a total of \$5,745 to support our amazing HSA! For any questions regarding order status, please contact Charleston Wrap Customer Service at 1-866-395-2926. If you have other questions, issues or comments related to the sale feel free to contact Trish Leonette - trishkleonette@gmail.com. Thank you!

Winter Uniform

Reminder that boys in grades 5-8 are expected to wear a white button-down shirt and green tie and all girls will change into jumpers or kilts (no more skorts). Girls are allowed to wear blue, white, or green tights or blue leggings with their kilts/jumpers. The first day of winter uniform is Friday, November 1st.

With Gratitude...

Just a note of great gratitude and appreciation to all who donated, volunteered, and shopped at the yard sale. Not only did we reach our goal of \$30,000 but surpassed it (as donations continue to roll in!). I am beyond thrilled to share we have raised \$31,961 for Life Connection Mission. Great things happen when good people come together, and the result is simply remarkable! Thank you for being so incredibly generous and supportive of an organization that holds a very very special place in my heart! I am beyond grateful and so proud to see how the yard sale brings together former teachers and alumni families and our existing families and teachers. I feel blessed to be a part of such a generous community. Thank you!

Trivia Night

Save the date to join us on Saturday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of food, drinks, friends, and an opportunity to share your love of useless knowledge! Gather your teams of 8 now! Don't have a team of 8? No problem! We can pair you with other parents. Look for info on purchasing tickets next week - \$25 per person. Don't miss this fun night for us adults!

Looking for a behind-the-scenes way to be helpful?

St. Patrick's CYO is seeking a new family to oversee the CYO basketball uniforms. For a few years now the Fangmeyers have organized and distributed the uniforms, and they are ready to train a new family. If you are interested in becoming the "uniform family", please reach out to Amanda Fangmeyer

at 301-758-3617 or amandafang10@gmail.com to find out more.

The Upcoming Weeks:

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| 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. |
| Friday, November 1 st | 9:10 Mass- All Saints' Day Noon Dismissal; End of 1 st Quarter; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, November 6 th | Report Card Distribution Grades 1-8 Social Awakening Presentation to JH students 1:30-2:30 pm Parent Session on Social Awakening 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday, November 8 th | Open House for Prospective Parents Kindergarten- Grade 8 Noon Dismissal; Parent Conferences Virtual Only |
| Sunday, November 10 th | PK Open House for Prospective parents 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday, November 11 th | No School; Parent & Teacher Conferences In-Person Only |
| Tuesday, November 12 th | Grade 3 Field Trip |
| Thursday, November 14 th | Sip & Shop Details to Come |
| Saturday, November 16 th | Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive Trivia Night Details to come on both! |
| Monday, November 25 th | Grade 8 HSPT Registration Closes |
| Tuesday, November 26 th | Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Holiday Begins |