

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
October 29, 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](http://www.socialawakening.org) or <https://youtu.be/xdvNpsiggFk>

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> graders from three neighboring Catholic Schools to join us and their parents later in the evening. See attached.

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 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

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

If you can assist as a tour guide on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Patrick_s_School)  
Parents who would like Mrs. Wicks/Mrs. Fieni/Ms. Costello to join meetings with the homeroom teacher should create a group conference by choosing the same time on all sign-ups and notify teachers.

### Used Uniform-Giveaway

Mrs. Mitchell reports a great overstock of used uniforms, a table will be set up on Monday during parent conference hours for those parents who would like to come by for any freebies. Please take what you need!

### Register Now - St. Pat's Sip and Shop 2024

Start your holiday shopping early at St. Pat's Annual Sip and Shop which takes place on Thursday, November 14th from 7pm to 10pm!

We have a wide variety of 45+ vendors selling jewelry, personalized items, clothing, hostess gifts, artwork, holiday decorations and much more to make your shopping experience super easy – this is an event you won't want to miss!

While admission is free, we still encourage pre-registering ahead of time to let us know that you're coming and allow for swift check-in! We will have food trucks, specialty spirits from local vendors, and much more!

To register for this event, go to: <https://onecau.se/sipshop24>

Don't forget to enter the Bling Raffle to win a stunning piece of jewelry from Boone & Sons! Purchase your raffle tickets here: <https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/sf-001C000001aGvXVIA0/events/vevt:59b06d02-5fcd-4a9e-a706-f9a9f2402685/shop/raffle>

If you have any questions, please email Karen Boone ([karen.waskewich@gmail.com](mailto:karen.waskewich@gmail.com)) or Christina Grantham ([cgrantham9@yahoo.com](mailto:cgrantham9@yahoo.com)).

We look forward to seeing you there!

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Miss Short will share more with students this week!

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Trivia Night

[Registration for Trivia Night is now open!](#) 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! You can arrange a team of 8 or we can pair you with other parents. Don't miss this fun night for us adults! Click here to register: [Trivia Night 2024](#).

#### Empowering Our Students with Scripture

Our cheerful parish priest Fr. John Patrick has been teaching the students Bible passages during morning assembly and school Masses. He has encouraged them to memorize these passages and spend more time with the Word of God. Fr. JP's joyful spirit has been a gift to our community and many students have all four verses memorized! We share them here so that you can ask your son/daughter about them and maybe write them in your heart too.

1. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" – Philippians 4:13
2. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. – John 14:6
3. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven,\* but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. – Matthew 7:21
4. "The Father and I are one." - John 10:30

#### The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Party & Annual Parade 1:20-3:00 p.m.
Friday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:10 Mass- All Saints' Day Noon Dismissal; End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Open House for Prospective Parents Kindergarten- Grade 8 Noon Dismissal; Parent Conferences Virtual Only
Sunday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	PK Open House for Prospective parents 9:00 a.m.
Monday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Parent & Teacher Conferences In-Person Only
Tuesday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 Field Trip
Thursday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sip & Shop Details to Come
Saturday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive Trivia Night Details to come on both!
Monday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 HSPT Registration Closes
Tuesday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Holiday Begins