

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
October 8, 2024

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.

[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, please ask your child to see me!

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.

2025-2026 Admissions and Open Houses

Believe it or not, it is already time to start thinking about admissions for next year. We have very few or no spaces in some grades. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our community, please invite them to one of our open houses and encourage them to begin the application process as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted starting November 8th and acceptances will be finalized in January.

If you have a little one who is ready to join us in kindergarten or prekindergarten next year, please email Mrs. Ali so that we can determine how many spots are available for new families. Applications for current families with younger siblings will open on November 8th as well.

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.

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.

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"

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!

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

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 16, 2024! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! And much more information to come!

This parish wide service project is one that our 4-year-olds and beyond can get excited about. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate. We are looking to get as many students involved as possible and show great support for charities who aid in the food insecurity in Montgomery County.

This marks St. Patrick's 12th year of participation in this annual food drive collecting canned food for pantries serving the poorest neighborhoods in the D.C. Metro area. Since our inception, we have collected more than 120,000 cans!

Stay tuned for additional details!

After School Club

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 Sale

Our Charleston Wrap sale is officially underway! Check out some of this year's items on display outside the school office. With over 2,500 gift ideas, including unique and top quality gift wrap, gourmet kitchen essentials, personalized gifts & more, friends and family can check off their holiday shopping list while supporting St. Patrick's School! The sale is only live through 10/18, so please be sure to register and help spread the word. If you are having any technical issues with registration or placing orders, please contact Charleston Wrap Customer Support at 1-866-395-2926. For general questions, contact Trish Leonette at trishkleonette@gmail.com. Thank you for your support and happy shopping!

BLAZE: a Ministry of Walking with Purpose

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.” - St. Catherine of Siena

Have you ever felt like you needed somewhere to turn in the middle of a rough day? Have you ever thought that the world's ideas of beauty might not be what really matters most? Do you sometimes wonder if you really matter personally to God? If you answered yes, then come check out BLAZE!

BLAZE is a ministry for tween/teen girls created by Walking with Purpose, “to speak truth into the hearts of girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth and beauty.” St. Patrick's is running a club based on BLAZE that will meet once a month during school lunch, open to all girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. We'll gather to look at truths found in the Bible and lived by the Saints, while reflecting how these lessons of life and love matter for us now. This will be a safe, confidential space, where girls can be their authentic selves and celebrate God's love for them (while enjoying some fun games, videos, and music along the way!)

Location: St. Patrick's

Time: Fridays during lunch, 12:30-1:20pm

First Meeting: Friday, October 25

Register by Tuesday, October 22!

Please fill out this online registration form. We are asking for families to contribute \$25 to help cover the cost of supplies. If this poses a financial hardship, just let us know. Please send a check payable to St. Patrick School, with BLAZE in the memo line.

Questions? Contact the BLAZE Coordinators, Elizabeth Hoffmann and Gina Swanda, at: BLAZEstpatrick@gmail.com. Also feel free to text or call Elizabeth at (630) 605-7773.

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>.

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 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.
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