

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
November 19, 2024

"CHEERS TO 20 YEARS" ANNIVERSARY GALA

St. Patrick's is thrilled to announce the "Cheers to 20 Years" Anniversary Gala to be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025. This event will honor 20 years of excellence in education and reconnect our community by celebrating our successes with both current and alumni families. Join us as we transform the Parish Center into a glorious ballroom with Live music, delicious food and an exciting Live auction. This is an occasion you will not want to miss. Gather your friends and family and prepare celebrate 20 years of St. Pat's! Tickets available in January.

Gala Committee Needs Your Help

The Gala committee is looking for donations to help round out our Live auction. Can you help? If you have access to any of the items below OR have an idea for a great live auction item, please contact Sara Antonucci- saranooch@yahoo.com. Thank you for helping make our Gala a great success.

- Live Concert Tickets (for shows after May 2025)
- Hotel Rooms or TimeShare condos
- Major League Sporting Events (games after May 2025)
- Beach Homes, Vacation Homes, Extended Stay Homes, (available after May 2025 with availability options)
- Could you (and friends) host a party?
- Other Experiences for adults or children

Save the Date-Breakfast with Santa

St. Patrick's 6th Grade Class Invites you to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14th from 9:00-11:00 am. Advance registration is required to attend this event. Please join us for a delicious breakfast, visit with Santa, fun crafts, and activities! Photos with Santa will be available from George Allan for a fee (cash or check), and you may also bring your own camera. Stay tuned for registration information!

Christmas Giving

The school will support the parish sponsored Christmas giving program this year, as we have done for nearly 20 years now! This huge parish undertaking supports hundreds of local families, the school is humbled by this opportunity to support our great parish initiative.

Upon our return from Thanksgiving break, every child will receive a mailing label in their assignment pad or on an index card. Listed is either a child's name, gender, and age OR a gift card to Target, Giant, or Safeway AND a food item. Please purchase an appropriate new gift or gift card to send to the family. I know we ask for a lot to help our neighbors both near and far, but together we are teaching a valuable lesson to our children about serving others in need and giving so generously at this exciting time of year. This is the only service project that we ask for 100% participation because we have made a commitment to these families. I will speak to the children at morning assembly in the upcoming days and ask that they help brainstorm ideas with you and contribute either by their own money/by doing an extra chore around the house to "earn" the gift, or even by shopping with you. Hopefully, this will allow them to truly understand the great spirit of giving!

We ask that all gifts be wrapped and labeled with just the recipient's name. All gifts and food items are due by **Wednesday, December 11th**.

If you are not able to participate for any reason, please e-mail me. I will take care of supplying the gift/gift card for your child and allow them the opportunity to bring it in to his/her classroom to contribute to the collection. Thank you in advance for your participation and generosity!

Thank You for Helping to Make Thanksgiving Special

800 bags of love and hope were assembled on Sunday by school families. These gifts will be picked up Saturday by our neighbors who need a little extra support this Thanksgiving. Thank you for contributing in recent weeks by providing canned food, cereal, etc., and thank you to those who participated in the Greg Gannon Food Drive and assembly of the 800 bags. By doing our part and giving a little, hundreds will have a beautiful Thanksgiving this year and have pantries with a few more options for their families. Looks like we collected 18,500 food items this weekend!!

If there is a 7th or 8th grader who is still in need of FIA hours and available to help this Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to distribute the assembled bags, please email Mrs. Ludwig. Ideally, this student would be able to utilize his/her Spanish language skills and greet folks and offer directions as needed.

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Re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year

Believe it or not it is time to think about the next school year! Shortly after we return from the Christmas holiday, parents with students in PK-grade 7 will be asked to reenroll through FACTS, The ADW has transitioned all our schools from TADS to FACTS.

FACTS will now offer the option to pay all school tuition on credit cards or establish an account to submit banking information for monthly automatic withdrawal. There are fees associated with creating accounts and naturally the credit card fees will be passed onto families, but for some I believe this is a pleasing option! These fees range from \$20-\$50 annually depending on whether you choose annual, semesterly, or monthly tuition payments.

To avoid the added fees, Mrs. Ali and I are happy to continue to work with families to collect tuition by way of cash/check (yearly or semesterly) or EFT through our parish bookkeeper as we always have. The decision on how to make tuition payments next year will be left to families. I will continue to share additional information through December, please watch for FACTS Updates.

Inclement Weather

A reminder that we follow Montgomery County Public Schools regarding inclement weather (it will come!). Please follow MCPS for all closing and delays. If MCPS is previously scheduled to be closed and we are scheduled to have school, please watch for an announcement from the Archdiocese of Washington Schools or Rediker Emergency Alert System.

Regarding aftercare: Please note if MCPS has an early closing, we will not offer aftercare. The wording is tricky sometimes. Please watch **School Based Day Cares**. We fall under this category, not private daycares.

Hot Lunch Help

[Please sign-up if available to help!](#)

Coming Soon: Advent

Hooray, the excitement for the holiday season is already upon us. Beginning next week, look here in Tuesday Notes for suggestions about how to spend the Advent season preparing for the joy of the Christmas Season.

Thank you and Congratulations to October Saves

Hieu Albright, 8th grader, has surpassed his fundraising goal and raised \$3,900 for cancer research and patient support. Thank you to all those who generously donated to this important cause. Because of these efforts, he was the 9th highest fundraiser in the DMV area and earned tickets to watch the Caps play this Thursday and go onto the ice to present a check with the other top 10 fundraisers during intermission. He will also meet the Caps goalies after the game. Again, thank you for your support of *October Saves*.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Tuesday, November 26 th	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
Wednesday, December 4 th	HSPT for Grade 8
Monday, December 9 th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (celebrated) 9:10 Mass
Thursday, December 12 and Friday, December 13 th	Secret Santa Shop- Details to Come
Saturday, December 14 th	Breakfast with Santa 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 18 th	Christmas Pageant 6:30 p.m.
Friday, December 20 th	Noon Dismissal: Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m., Christmas Holiday Begins
Monday, December 23 rd -Tuesday, December 31 st	Christmas Holiday
Wednesday, January 1 st	New Year's Day Holiday
Thursday, January 2 nd	Classes Resume