

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
November 5, 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. 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 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!

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

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.

Junior High parents: Mr. Falatko and Mrs. Cockrell will share the library. Mrs. Scango will be in the testing room off of the faculty room, and Senora Pappa will be in Spanish classroom (second classroom on the right).

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 next 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) or Christina Grantham (cgrantham9@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Holiday Giving/ Greg Gannon

As we prepare for the Holidays and in support of GGCFD, please see the recommended list of food donations. All food items need be brought to school by Friday, November 15th. Your participation to support the Parish Thanksgiving outreach is appreciated.

PK and Kindergarten: (2) Pasta or Rice
1st Grade: Tomato Sauce (no glass)
2nd Grade: Cereal (preferably healthy!)
3rd Grade: (2) Canned tuna/chicken
4th Grade: (2) Canned soup
5th Grade: Peanut Butter (no glass)
6th and 7th: Jelly (no glass)
8th Grade: (2) Canned Fruits/Vegetables

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

Consider 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 or 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!

Empowering Our Students with Scripture

Fr. John Patrick continues to encourage our children to spend more time with the Word of God and for them to memorize the bible verses that he shares. Here is the verse that Fr. John Patrick shared during last week's school mass.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise."

Ephesians 6:1-2

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! **Deadline to register is Thursday, November 14th: [Trivia Night 2024!](#)**

Career Day

Mark your calendars for St. Patrick's first-ever Career Day on March 10, 2025! The planning committee is looking for individuals from a variety of careers to participate and help make this day a success for our children. There will be opportunities to present to students, host a table as part of a Career Expo, or do both! If you or someone you know has an interesting career and would like to be part of this inaugural effort for our children, please complete the google form below. Questions can be directed to Brigid McKelvey at dunmaryb@gmail.com

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNqXrmluiXHyaUtb8dmWUoIDeL4X2Qy1rnnW2rDpRewzUMQg/viewform?usp=sf_link

The Career Day Committee

Finding Nemo, Jr. Auditions

Mrs. Fecko and Mrs. Swanda are very excited about this year's spring musical - *Finding Nemo, Jr!* Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate. Fifth grade students received a handout last week with all the important information they need to know about signing up (no audition needed.)

Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade can get information packets from Mrs. Fecko in the science room. Once a student returns the signed contract form, he or she will receive a link to sign up for auditions as well as the audition materials. Auditions will be held **THIS Saturday, November 9** in the school cafeteria. Please email: shamrocktheatre@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. We look forward to another great show!

Spirit Wear

Spirit wear is now proudly displayed in the front lobby! When you're at school for conferences, open house, or just stopping by, take a moment to check it out. It's the perfect way to show off your school pride and see what's new—don't miss it!

Congratulations to our CYO U12 Girls Soccer Champions!

Let's congratulate our U12 Girls Soccer team for winning St. Patrick's first City Division Title for CYO Soccer! In an overtime nail biter, they secured the victory with the only goal of the game! Congratulations girls!

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 field trips, or CYO soccer, Cross Country or any other event, please send your photos to Crystal.Schmidtlein@stpatrickadw.org. Thank you!

The Upcoming Weeks:

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