

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
December 10, 2024

Christmas Giving

This is the only service project that we ask for 100% participation because we have made a commitment to these families.

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

FACTS Updates 2025-2026 Sy

FACTS will now offer the option to pay all school tuition by credit card or establish an account to submit banking information for monthly automatic withdrawal. There are fees associated with creating accounts.

- Credit Card fees of 2.95% will be passed on to parents using credit card payments for school tuition.
- There are no added fees if a family chooses automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account.
- FACTS for tuition payments (annual fee per family account).  
yearly or semesterly payment options=\$20 fee  
10 or 12 month payment options= \$50 fee

Families who wish to avoid the fees associated with creating a FACTS account for tuition payment must contact Miss Short by January 3rd. The default setting is for FACTS to assist with your tuition collection.

Santa Shop Is Coming to Town THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, December 12 and 13!!

Santa's Secret Shop is a beloved tradition here at St. Pat's where every student has the opportunity to shop for all of their loved ones in one place and for a very low cost to you! The shop runs on Holiday Cheer and VOLUNTEERS! It takes many hands to ensure that shoppers of all ages can find their gifts, calculate their purchases, and check out in a timely manner. Our youngest students require one-to-one assistance while our older students shop independently with minimal adult support. We have attached a Sign-Up Genius that reflects when certain classes will be shopping and how many volunteers are needed for each slot. NOTE: not all of the slots are the same amount of time (as some classes need more time than others). Additionally, volunteers are needed for setting up the shop and for taking down the shop. I hope that you consider helping out this year. If you've done it in the past, you know how joyful it is. If you haven't, we can guarantee a fun and memorable experience.

Sign up to help our shoppers here: [Santa Shop Volunteer Sign Up](#)

We still need lots of help Thursday afternoon (1-2:45pm) and Friday morning (especially for pre-K at 9:30!)

Envelopes are coming home today! Please fill out, place money to be spent in the envelope, and send it back by Thursday.

Any questions please contact Brittany Duignan ([brittany.duignan@gmail.com](mailto:brittany.duignan@gmail.com)) or Kelly Hass ([kellyshass1@gmail.com](mailto:kellyshass1@gmail.com)).

Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30- 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:30- 3<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30- Kindergarten

9:30- PK

11:00- 5<sup>th</sup>  
11:45- 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30-  
1:20- 8<sup>th</sup>  
2:05- 7<sup>th</sup>

10:30- 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:30- 4<sup>th</sup>

### Annual Christmas Pageant

The annual Christmas Pageant will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. Students will need to be in classrooms at 6:00 p.m. In preparation for costumes the following base layers are needed. Costume questions email Mrs. Swanda ([gina.swanda@stpatrickadw.org](mailto:gina.swanda@stpatrickadw.org))

**Kindergarten:** Dark colored long pants, dark colored long sleeve shirt, school shoes

**First Grade:** Khaki or white bottoms, white tops, school shoes

**Second Grade:** Please wait for Mrs. Silk's instructions

**Third Grade:** Khaki or brown bottoms, jewel tone tops (emerald, ruby, sapphire, etc.), school shoes

**Fourth Grade:** Dark colored long pants, plain T-shirt (they will wear a robe over this), school shoes

**Fifth Grade:** Khaki or brown bottoms, white tops, school shoes

**Sixth Grade:** Neutral color bottoms (black, brown, khaki) and white/cream top – dressy clothes please, no athletic clothing. School will provide a scarf

**Seventh Grade:** Dark dressy clothes (black, brown, navy blue) – no athletic clothing. School will provide a scarf.

**Eighth Grade:** Boys: Black Pants, white button shirts, Christmas tie/bowtie. Girls all black (nice dresses/skirts). No leggings.

Students will be dismissed from the church for the evening.

### From the Catholic Identify and Service Committee of the School Advisory Board

#### **Advent 2024**

*(With our apology, this was intended for last week's Tuesday Notes)*

Can you remember the way that you prepared your heart and home to welcome the child or children that you now send to St. Patrick's school? Similarly, the Advent Season is a time for us to prepare our hearts and homes to welcome Christ.

*"The Season of Advent is like springtime in nature,  
when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy.  
Advent is also meant to do this to us – to refresh us and to make us healthy,  
to be able to receive Jesus in whatever form He may come to us."*

Mother Teresa

There are so many great Advent resources just a click away. Try:

[Resource and activities for families](#) from Loyola Press

[Complete Guide to Advent](#) from Hallow

See the attachment for a simple homemade Advent Wreath idea. Follow [these instructions](#) for an Advent Calendar craft, or print this [Advent Calendar of Giving](#) which suggests something your child/family can get each day during advent to then donate to a local charity/food bank at Christmas. Consider using a daily devotional during Advent. Here are some options: [Advent Devotional For Kids](#), [for Women](#), [for Men](#), [for Adults](#). (They can send a download for use until your hardcopy arrives.)

Looking for Online resources?

[Hallow 3 Free Month Offer includes Advent Prayer Challenge](#)

[Dynamic Catholic Best Advent Ever Daily Emails](#)

**Advent Week Two - PEACE!**

It’s not too late to embrace the season of Advent, the season of preparation and waiting. Don’t worry, God made His list and checked it twice, you are on His list and He won’t miss your house or anyone in it. The theme of this week is PEACE. In John’s gospel we are assured of the deep abiding peace that comes from above.

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

John 14:27

This doesn’t mean hardships and sorrows won’t visit our lives. But it does mean that God will give us peace *within* all circumstances. Advent offers the gift of peace this week. It’s yours to unwrap! **Be at peace. Put down your To Do List. Take a break from scrolling, streaming and shopping. Stop striving. Be At Peace**

Eventually everything will get done and it will be good enough. If you still have little ones at home, pull them close, read a Christmas story. If you have older ones, grab a favorite carryout dinner and picnic in front of your Christmas tree. As often as you are able to this week (it can even be in the carpool line), treat yourself to a few minutes of quiet time allowing the Holy Spirit to fill you with **the peace that the world cannot give.**

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The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, December 12 and Friday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Secret Santa Shop
Saturday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast with Santa 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Pageant 6:30 p.m.
Friday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal: Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m., Christmas Holiday Begins
Monday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup> -Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Holiday
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year’s Day Holiday
Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Classes Resume