

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
December 3, 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 to 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](mailto: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 (pre-register/pay using the link below), and you may also bring your own camera. The fee to attend is \$14.00 per person or \$70 for a family of five or more. Children ages 2 and under are free. Register to attend here <https://onecau.se/bws24> by Monday, December 9th.

To schedule your photos with Santa, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/BWSPICS24>. You MUST pre-register in order to have your photo taken with Santa. You will not be able to sign up the day of.

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, and the school is humbled by this opportunity to support our great parish initiative.

Please look for a mailing label in your child's assignment pad or on an index card with information. Listed is either a child's name, gender, and age OR a gift card to Target, Giant, or Safeway. Please purchase an appropriate new gift or gift card to send to the family.

This is the only service project that we ask for 100% participation because we have made a commitment to these families. I spoke to the children at morning assembly today and asked 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 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!

#### FACTS Updates

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. The default setting is for FACTS to assist with your tuition collection.

#### Santa Shop Is Coming to Town 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](#)

For those new to the Santa Shop: the gifts vary in price from as low as \$0.50 to \$10-15/each. The shop only accepts cash, and each child will receive an envelope ahead of time so that the kids can write down who they are shopping for before coming on the day. The little ones get very excited and having the names of whom they are shopping for helps focus them. Please send back whatever amount they will be shopping with, in the envelope, on their assigned shopping day (listed in the sign-up genius). Envelopes will go home early next week!

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>

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>

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

8:30- Kindergarten

9:30- PK

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:** Sunday best Christmas clothes.

Young Family Ministry-This Sunday!

Come join other St. Patrick School and Parish families this *Sunday, December 8th after the 10am mass*. We will meet for fellowship and post-mass refreshments. In conjunction with the **Little Disciples In Action**, we will be making faux stained glass Christmas gifts for our parishioners who receive communion at home and those who reside in nursing homes (approx. 120 people!). Many hands make light work-so bring the whole family, young kids and old, to spread some **joy** this Advent season. There will also be some cookie decorating and Christmas treats. For questions, contact Pat Ward ([patward8@gmail.com](mailto:patward8@gmail.com)) or Su Miller ([Sudarat.infahsaeng@gmail.com](mailto:Sudarat.infahsaeng@gmail.com)). We hope to see some of you there!

Mr. Coe’s Math Study Hall

Now shifted to Thursdays during Spring Musical rehearsals starting this Thursday. Please email Mr. Coe if your child will participate. Mr. Coe, our former JH advanced math teacher, does not charge a fee, so please help us appreciate and respect his time by communicating your child’s attendance. William Coe [billcoe1@verizon.net](mailto:billcoe1@verizon.net).

December 9<sup>th</sup>

This past weekend it was announced this will no longer be the celebrated Holy Day of Obligation. We will not be attending Mass on 12/9 now.

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