

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
January 21, 2025

Reenrollment for the 2025-2026 SY

All families should have received an email (one per student) for reenrollment for the 2025-2026 SY. All families will be asked to pay a \$500 deposit which will be applied to tuition for the '25-'26 year. This deposit can be made by credit card, even for those not using FACTS for tuition collection.

Parent Speaker

Dr. Jonathan Dalton, Licensed Psychologist and Director of the Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Change, will join us on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Dalton visited us about 8 years ago and was terrific and incredibly informative! He is visiting with us again to address the increase in anxiety we are seeing in our children. He shared his greatest talking points are:

- The current levels of anxiety in children and adolescents are 5 to 8 times the levels seen during the Great Depression and WWII.
- Compassionate and dedicated parents can accidentally worsen their children's anxiety by trying to make them more comfortable.
- There are evidence-based, but counterintuitive, parenting strategies that are effective in reducing their children's anxiety. These strategies will be reviewed during this talk.

Please plan to join us, whether for your own child(ren) or a friend's child, we all need to be educated, empowered, and prepared in how to support our anxious children!

Book Fair!

Our Annual Book Fair kicks off this Sunday in the school cafeteria. Join us before or after morning masses for donuts, coffee and a wonderful selection of books for your favorite readers. The Book Fair will also be open Monday through Wednesday during lunch and after school.

Sun 1/26 - 8:30am to 12:00pm

Mon 1/27 through Wed 1/29 - lunch and 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Feel free to contact Trish Leonette, trishkleonette@gmail.com, with any questions about the sale.

National Catholic Schools' Week

January 26th-January 31st marks the annual National Catholic Schools Week Celebration. This year's theme is "Let your Light Shine".

Monday, Jan. 27- Serving our Community; Prayer Service

P.J. Day: Wear your comfy pajamas. Slippers are ok to wear in school, but students must arrive in sneakers.

St. Patrick's "Souper" Bowl: Help engage in a little school wide competition...which class can bring in the most soup by Friday?! Cans will be donated to local food banks. Reigning champ's current 3rd grade last year collected 808 cans!

Tuesday, Jan. 28- Spirt Day

St. Pat's Spirit: Wear your favorite Shamrock Spirit gear to school!

Wednesday, Jan. 29- Parent Appreciation Day

Regular uniform

Plan to join us for Mass at 9:10 a.m.

Buddy Read with cookies and milk- 10:15-11:00 a.m. All students should bring in their favorite picture book or two to share with their buddy!

Light Homework Night to make our parents smile! And dinner out!

Restaurant Night at Mamma Lucia- Support St. Pat's and No Cooking!!

Thursday, Jan. 30- Student Appreciation Day

Favorite Day: Wear your favorite color, sports team, or musical artist who or what is your favorite?!

Surprises for our students!

No Homework Night and no tests

Friday, Jan. 31- Teacher Appreciation Day

Regular uniform

Open House for Prospective Families 9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Restaurant Night!

Join us at Mamma Lucia's in Olney on Wednesday, January 29th from 4pm-9pm for restaurant night to celebrate Catholic Schools Week! Whether you're gathering a group to dine in or juggling a busy night with sports and opting for carryout, St. Pat's will receive 20% of the proceeds! Don't forget to mention St. Patrick's fundraiser when ordering. See attached flyer for more information!

Shamrock Bingo Night - Friday, January 31st!

Please join the HSA and 3rd Grade Class for Badger Bingo Night on Friday, January 31st from 6:30 - 8 pm in the school cafeteria.

This is a free family event and pizza and dessert will be provided.

Please consider donating gently used books and any other items you have lying around to help fill the prize table. Donations can be sent into the front office with the label 'Bingo.'

Kindly RSVP by Tuesday, January 28th so we can get a headcount and plan accordingly!

<https://evite.me/zSgPkxKUpU>

Please contact Whitney Greaney if you have any questions (whitneycgreaney@gmail.com).

Open House Volunteers

Our next Open House will be held on Friday, January 31st. If you are available to give tours to prospective parents from 9am-11am, please contact Miss Short. Don't forget to spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors to join us!

Calendar Change- Super Bowl Monday!

We will have a 2-hour delay on Monday, February 10th, so all our super bowl fans can catch up on sleep. Drop-off will begin at 9:55 a.m. and all students are expected in their classrooms by 10:15 a.m.

Read-A-Thon

Our annual pre-book fair read-a-thon has kicked off! See attached with reading logs and other helpful information. Let the reading competition begin!

Log minutes and submit week one minute sheet this Friday (1/24).

Week 2 begins this Friday (1/24) and ends next Friday (1/31).

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 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 Please consider helping out if you can. Together we can make this a fun and educational day for our children!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNqXrmluiXHAYAutb8dmWUoIDeL4X2Qy1rnnW2rDpRewzUMQg/viewform?usp=sf_link

MAP Testing Schedule

Thursday, January 23rd 10:15-11:45 Reading
 Make-up's only during CSW
 Tuesday, February 4th 8:30-10:00 LA
 Wednesday, February 5 10:15-11:45 Math

Chess Club

Updated dates. Please see attached.

Rockville Catholic Summer Program

Registration opens in February for our parish summer camp, the Rockville Catholic Summer Program! Each year, RCSP hosts 1,500+ campers, ages 4-14, for 7 weeks of sports, crafts, LEGO robotics, tree house building, Minecraft and more! Our prices are the lowest in the area and our staff is the best! Visit www.rockvillecatholicsummer.com to learn more! Contact rockvillecatholicsummer@gmail.com with any questions.

Summer Camp at Georgetown Visitation

Visitation is offering a new two week-long summer camp opportunity for rising 6th to 8th grade girls at the end of June, **Camp Visi**. If you have a daughter or know a family whose daughter might enjoy working with Visitation faculty and coaches to explore athletics, STEM, the arts, and leadership, feel free to share this link with them <https://www.visi.org/academics/summercourses/camp>.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, January 23 rd	MAP Reading Test 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Friday, January 24 th	PK Open House 9:00 a.m. Report Card Distribution
Sunday, January 26 th	National Catholic Schools Weeks Begins Book Fair
Friday, January 31 st	Open House for Prospective Students K-Grade 8 at 9:00 a.m. BINGO Night 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 11th	Guest Parent Speaker, Dr. Dalton 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 14 th	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 17 th	No School; Presidents' Day Holiday
Friday, February 28 th	No School; ADW Required PDD