

St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
February 4, 2025

Parent Speaker

Dr. Jonathan Dalton, Licensed Psychologist and Director of the Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Change, will join us on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Dalton is visiting with us to address the increase in anxiety we are seeing in our children.

Cheers to 20 Years Anniversary Gala

Join us as we raise a glass to **20 incredible years** at our **Cheers to 20 Years Anniversary Gala on March 15, 2025** in the Parish Center. This unforgettable evening will be filled with elegance, entertainment, and celebration as we honor two decades of achievements.

🌟 **Live Music** – Dance the night away with "Nightlife," a sensational live band!

🌟 **Gourmet Catering** – Indulge in a delectable menu by **To Your Taste**.

🌟 **Full Bar** – Sip on handcrafted cocktails and premium drinks.

🌟 **Silent & Live Auction** – Bid on exclusive items and experiences.

🌟 **Dress Code** – Cocktail attire encouraged.

🔔 **Tickets Are Going Fast!** 🔔

We're thrilled to announce that **50% of tickets for the Cheers to 20 Years Anniversary Gala are already sold!** Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable evening—secure your spot before it's too late!

Don't miss this milestone celebration—reserve your spot now!

Visit: <https://onecau.se/spscheers>

"Soup"er Bowl Results

The winners obviously are the men, women, and children who will receive the outpouring of love and generosity. A tremendous result in one short week... **3,835 cans of soup/boxes of cereal!!** Grateful and proud to make deliveries this week to local food pantries.

**3<sup>rd</sup> place- 5<sup>th</sup> grade 302 cans**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 409 cans**

**1<sup>st</sup> place- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 1,600 cans**

We have worked with 4 local organizations who support the fight to end homelessness and food banks who provide much needed help to families. The Montgomery County Coalition for Homeless Emergency Shelter received almost all the Cup of Noodles, the other canned foods were divided to support Nourish Now, Manna Food Center, and St. Jude's food pantries, and almost all the cereal went to New Leaf Shelter with Deacon and Mrs. Sulley's help.

Reminder Super Bowl Monday!

We will have a 2-hour delay on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

<p>Week two results are in! Congratulations to:</p> <p>PK: Ryland Jacques – 480 minutes  K: Hannah Rackiewicz-404 minutes  1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Beau Boynton – 450 minutes  2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Delaney Boyle – 1,110 minutes  3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Grafton Butts- 840 minutes  4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Caroline O’Neil – 1501 minutes  5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Shannon Boyle – 1715 minutes  6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Declan Cramp- 1623 minutes  7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Thomas Beecher – 1260 minutes  8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ruki Lara – 2007 minutes</p> <p>A school-wide total of 56,237 minutes with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class leading with most minutes read this week with 12,320 minutes and 100 % participation (the only class to do so!).</p>	<p>Final Results:</p> <p>PK: Ryland Jacques – 960 minutes  K: Hannah Rackiewicz-873 minutes  1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Mason Butler– 638 minutes  2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Delaney Boyle – 1,810 minutes  3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Addie Armstrong- 1920minutes  4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Lincoln Cramp – 2553 minutes  5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Shannon Boyle – 2720 minutes  6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Declan Cramp- 2741 minutes  7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Thomas Beecher – 2015 minutes  8 Grade: Ruki Lara – 3187 minutes</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> place: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- 14, 717 minutes</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place: 6<sup>th</sup> grade- 14,874 minutes</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> place: 4<sup>th</sup> grade</b> with 100% participation both weeks and a total of 20,767 minutes  Our school total after two weeks is 107,866.</p>
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MAP Testing Schedule- Grades 2-8

Wednesday, February 5 10:15-11:45 Language Arts

Financial Aid for the 2025-2026 School Year

As St. Patrick’s has always done, we will be as generous as we possibly can by providing tuition assistance to families. Please be mindful and respectful that tuition assistance should be reserved for those who may not otherwise be able to attend St. Patrick’s School without financial assistance. The applications for financial aid should be submitted no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please place the application and required documents in an envelope noted attention Miss Short. The application can be found on the school webpage. Please remember to be eligible for St. Patrick’s financial aid, you had to apply through the ADW for financial assistance (deadline is February 21).

Valentine’s Day- Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

If your child is making Valentines for his/her classmates, please make sure Valentines are made for the whole class or all the boys/ girls in the class (and don’t forget the teacher!). Valentine’s Day is a “low-key” celebration. The children are allowed to accessorize their uniforms with red and pink.

February Service Project

We are asking every child to bring in a full-size candy bar of their choice (Starburst, M&M, Kit-Kat, etc.) by Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Each candy bar should also be accompanied with a homemade Valentine! These Valentines will be delivered to SOME and Shepherds Table to distribute to the seniors and children who utilize the services through each organization. The valentine can be made to “New Friend” and signed by child’s first name and age. Please do not include last names, St. Patrick’s School, or grade level.

First Day of School 2025-2026

Although not yet approved by The Catholic Schools Office, but no reason to believe it won't be, the first day for kindergarten-grade 8 will be: Monday August 25th all dismiss at noon.  
 The first day for Pre-kindergarten will be: Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> (PK only dismiss at noon).  
 This early start date should give us a full two weeks at Christmas time (last day 12/19 and returning 1/5).

Carpool Reminder

If your child(ren) has not come out and you see most other children have loaded up, please roll down your window and alert the closest teacher. We cannot always see inside cars, especially bigger SUVs or cars with 3<sup>rd</sup> rows and tinted windows.

Haircuts & Nail Polish

Boys- a reminder that the uniform expectation is above the ears and off the collar.  
 Girls- As stated in the handbook, only clear nail polish is allowed and only blue leggings long enough for the white sock to go over the bottom of the legging.  
 Parents of Junior High girls, please check the length of those skirts and gym shorts! Boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older must have a belt!  
 Your help and support with proper uniform guidelines would be appreciated during the school months. The philosophy of a school uniform is to unify us and for the children to focus on what is important (their schoolwork) while removing the temptation to focus on trends. This allows us to recognize the gifts each of our children bring to the classroom and not the outward appearances of classmates.

Chess Club

Updated dates. Please see attached.

The Upcoming Weeks:

Monday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	2 Hour Delay- <b>Enjoy the Super Bowl!</b>
Tuesday, February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Guest Parent Speaker, Dr. Dalton 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Presidents' Day Holiday
Friday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	No School; ADW Required PDD
Monday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field trip
Wednesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday; Lent Begins
Friday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Faculty Retreat
Monday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Career Day 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cheers to 20 Years- Anniversary Gala
Thursday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.; End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Friday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	No School; Pastor's Holiday
Monday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	No School; Principal's Holiday!
Friday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Report Card Distribution Grades 1-8