







St. Patrick's School  
Tuesday Notes  
March 11, 2025

Cheers to 20 Years Gala

The **Cheers to 20 Years Gala** is almost here, and we can't wait to celebrate with you! As we count down to this special evening, here are a few key reminders:

-  **Dress Code:** Cocktail attire
-  **Registration:** Open from 6:30 – 7:15 PM
-  **Tech Tip:** Bring your cell phone fully charged
-  **Most Importantly:** Get ready for an unforgettable night!

We are looking for volunteers to assist us at the **Cheers to 20 Years Gala**! If you're available, we'd love your help with:

-  **Registration:** 5:30 – 7:30 PM
-  **Checkout:** 9:30 – 11:30 PM

You do **not** need to be a ticketed guest to volunteer. If you're interested, please sign up using the link below:

[Register Here](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We'll see you soon!

The Future Is Now!

From skyscrapers, to golf swings to lessons on breathing, St. Patrick's 1st Career Day was a big success! Yesterday morning our students had a chance to THINK AHEAD, DREAM BIG and IMAGINE what they could be in the future.

Thanks to our outstanding keynote speaker, Brandon Guyer, they also had time to think about concrete steps they can take now, "where their feet are" in the present, to get started on their journeys. His message about the importance of mindset—whether for a test, a game, or any life challenge—was motivating and memorable.

Hopefully each of us can take some time today to listen to the exciting things our children learned and see the sparks that have been ignited. This day would not have been possible without a great deal of assistance. We would like to give a special thank you to the following folks for all their help in making this day possible.

- Ms. Ali, for support with copying and organizing all the materials for speakers and students.
- All the St. Patrick's faculty and staff for supporting this event and for helping to manage the children and the learning throughout the day
- Parent volunteers who came today to help manage the flow of visitors to our school and to direct children throughout the day.
- Ray McKelvey, Jackson Lloyd, Ellie McKelvey, Makayla Spranklin, Rachel Stone, and Molly Swanda for checking in our visitors and guiding them to their locations
- All of the parents, friends, St. Pat's Alum and community members who came to share their expertise with our students.
- Finally, A HUGE THANK YOU to the Career Day committee! They have worked for months to bring this day to fruition! Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Spranklin, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. McKelvey, Mrs. Swanda, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Ballengee

Support "Finding Nemo, Jr." through Personal and Business Ads!

We're thrilled to invite you to celebrate our underwater adventure! Finding Nemo, Jr. is coming to life, and we're offering a special opportunity to place personal messages or business ads in the program. These messages and ads will help us make waves of support for our amazing students! Please fill out the form link below to place your personal message or business advertisement. All payments (Venmo or check) are due by Wednesday, March 12th.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfasakRVIOSMUWxGF0hY61xB-vpmOVwldMR2ssUY1cmolBTA/viewform?usp=mail\\_form\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfasakRVIOSMUWxGF0hY61xB-vpmOVwldMR2ssUY1cmolBTA/viewform?usp=mail_form_link)

Finding Nemo Jr. – Save the Date!

Finding Nemo Jr. tickets go on sale SOON! Tickets are \$12 each and show times are as follows: Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. General ticket sales begin on **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**. If you have any questions about ticketing, please contact our ticket coordinator, Lori Beecher ([poohetmoi@aol.com](mailto:poohetmoi@aol.com)).

March-April Service Project

With kindergarten's help, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade hopes to prepare 200 bagged lunches for the men utilizing the services from the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Emergency Shelter and the men and women at The New Leaf Shelter. The New Leaf is a low-barrier, 30 bed emergency shelter serving homeless adults in the Rockville area. Although it operates year-round, the "winter" months bring an increase in need. The kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will make sandwiches, and other classes will provide fruit and decorate the lunch bags. The schedule to support by sending in apples or oranges is as follows. Thank you in advance for your support.

Tuesday, March 18th: grades pre-K and 6

Tuesday, March 25th : grades 1 and 8

Tuesday, April 1st: grades 3 and 7

Tuesday, April 8th : grades pre-K and 2

Tuesday, April 15th : grades 1 and 3

International Night

Please save the date for our first International Night to be held on Thursday, April 10th from 5:30-7:70 p.m.

We have nearly 25 families representing countries and cultures from around the world. We would love to include 5 or 6 more families! Please contact Miss Short if you are able to participate and which country your family will represent.

Spring Uniform

Beginning Monday, March 25th, students can wear spring uniforms. More importantly, right now please check that gym shorts and skirts are an appropriate length for girls. They both need to be at least two inches above the knee.

Here are the links for order new uniforms:

<https://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s3051>

<https://flynnohara.com/>

Please also feel free to send in uniform skirts that no longer fit your daughters, and we can do a little and free in-house exchange if helpful.

#### Draft of School Calendar

Please see attached a draft of the 2025-2026 SY calendar. It has not yet received approval from the Catholic Schools Office, but there is no reason to believe it will not!

#### Yearbook Photos- Needed!

Do you have fantastic photos from this year that you would like us to include in the 2024-2025 yearbook? Whether it's snapshots from the first day of school to classroom parties to CYO basketball, we want them all! Please be sensitive and aware of other children's feelings if you send pictures of events that take place outside of school. Upload them to our shared picture drive using the link below. Folders have been created for events and for each grade. Thank you!

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17CXWbcka15YMDXpM\\_VUahgo1L32LaTfr?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17CXWbcka15YMDXpM_VUahgo1L32LaTfr?usp=drive_link)

Please submit photos sooner rather than later! Please submit all photos by Monday, March 31st.

#### Annual Wax Museum

Please join us on Tuesday, April 15th, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. as a guest at the annual Wax Museum. This great tradition welcomes all parents to tour some of the greatest and most famous Marylanders (4<sup>th</sup> graders), famous trailblazers from around the world (5<sup>th</sup> graders), and famous replicas of landmarks/statues/art (6<sup>th</sup> graders).

Please join us to see our students' great costumes and presentations and please remember it is a museum so shhh!!! The children worked very hard, please refrain from socializing in the St. Patrick's Wax Museum. The wax museum will be held in the gym this year.

Please enter the wax museum (gym) through the side doors facing the school building.

#### Room Parents for the 2025-2026 SY

We are beginning to search for volunteers for next school year. If you are interested in helping by being a room parent, please reach out to [Mrs. Carolyn Richelmi](#). Thank you!

#### Track & Field

Reminder! Practice starts this week on Wednesday and Friday from 5-6. We hold practice on both days so kids with other activities can attend at least one.

On **Wednesdays**, we'll be at **Lake Needwood** at the start of the rock creek trail. There is very large open field we'll use.

[15675 Needwood Lake Cir, Derwood, MD 20855](#)

<https://goo.gl/maps/9Fdcwg8cvHSqcoE79>

On **Fridays**, we'll be at **Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy**, which has an open track on Friday afternoons.

[13300 Arctic Ave, Rockville, MD 20853](#)

<https://goo.gl/maps/Kc2Nrg6LggGTL55e6>

Registration is open on Sports Pilot. The fee is \$50. <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106212>

If you want to try it before registering to see if it is a good fit for your child, you are welcome to attend a few practices before formally registering.

If you have questions or are interested in helping coach (no previous experience needed) please reach out to Mike Hoffmann at [hoffmann.michael.j@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmann.michael.j@gmail.com).

### Lent 2025

Lent activities are happening at St. Patrick's. The sandwich and fruit bags are getting made this week and our children will attend Stations of the Cross this Friday in the church at 2:30 (parents are welcome to join).

How is your first full week of Lent going? Have you made a commitment to do something extra? To give up something that you treasure? Attached to Miss Short's email is the "Lenten Fasting and Feasting" guideline. Print and hang it somewhere in your home so the whole family can get in the Lenten spirit. In addition to previous suggestions, try [LentenAdventure.com](http://LentenAdventure.com) for great family resources or [the Ascension App](#) for excellent podcasts and resources.

### Simple Supper and Stations

Gather for a free simple meal and enrich your Lent by listening to a good speaker.  
5:30 - 7:00 pm Friday Nights in Lent in the Parish Center, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church.

### The Upcoming Weeks:

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!
Thursday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip
Friday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Report Card Distribution Grades 1-8