

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
March 18, 2025

Exciting News- School Expansion!

At the *Cheers for 20 Years* Gala on Saturday evening, it was announced that with the full support of the School Advisory Board, Msgr. Parry, and the Catholic Schools Office, we hope to expand our school building in the upcoming years. This multi-year and multi-million dollar project will be just under 5000 square feet and connect to the existing school building off the west side (as the children refer to it the walker door). It will be home to a STEM/science lab that can serve as a hub for hands-on experiments and projects, fostering critical thinking and creativity. This comprehensive space with improved technology and collaborative spaces will allow our students to engage in project-based learning and equip our students for their bright STEM futures! We will create a music and art studio with ample storage space that will inspire creativity, enrich students' learning, and provide an outlet for expression. Our current art and music rooms are in the parish center, bringing it back to this building will enhance security and allow for easier movement for students and teachers. Bringing these classes under one roof is indeed critical to creating a more unified, secure, and nurturing environment for our students. Additionally, we have plans to add a resource suite that will ensure that all students receive the support they need, while a designated learning space will be available to our students in the advanced reading and math groups so that those ready for more rigorous coursework can challenge themselves. These flexible learning environments will support small group instruction and specialized learning, allowing our students to thrive in an environment tailored to meet their academic needs! I believe these spaces will significantly enhance the educational experience for all students.

The funds raised at the gala will allow us to move forward with the initial stages of this project, including the launch of an official capital campaign. I pray for the success of a fruitful campaign in time that will help bring this vision to life. We will share information as we continue to meet the requirements of the ADW to launch this campaign. Expect to receive more updates this summer and as we move into the next school year.

Finding Nemo Jr. – Tickets on Sale This Week!

Finding Nemo Jr. tickets go on sale THIS WEEK! Tickets are \$12 each and show times are as follows: Friday, April 4th & Saturday, April 5th at 7 pm; Sunday, April 6th at 2 pm. General ticket sales begin on **Wednesday, March 19th at 5 pm**. An email will be sent out with the link to purchase your tickets. If you have any questions about ticketing, please contact our ticket coordinator, Lori Beecher (poohetmoi@aol.com).

Last Call for Your Families' Brick in the Commemorative Brick Garden

If you have not yet purchased a brick for our 20th Anniversary Commemorative Brick Garden, this is truly your last chance!! We are completing phase 2 in early summer, and the final bricks will be ordered by April 1st to ensure they will be ready for early summer work. Please see the attached brick order form, complete the second page of the brochure, and submit payment. Remember to honor a teacher, submit a meaningful message to our community, or highlight your child's graduation year!

March-April Service Project

The kindergarten and 4th 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 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 can participate and which country your family will represent.

Spring Uniform

Beginning on 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 ordering 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 free in-house exchange if that is helpful.

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

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 (4th graders), famous trailblazers from around the world (5th graders), and famous replicas of landmarks/statues/art (6th 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!

Spring Intramural Soccer:

Registration for the spring intramural soccer session is now open. This is a program for boys and girls from PreK-2nd grade. Practices will be on Thursday evenings, and game sessions on Saturday mornings at Flower Valley ES from the end of March through the end of May. The registration link is here: <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106212>

We are also looking for coaches and a new program director to take over. Please reach out to stpatrickintrasoccer@gmail.com for more info and to volunteer. See you on the field this spring!

Lenten Reflection: Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be the “spring cleaning” of our souls. Spring cleaning takes planning, preparation, and work, but once it is complete, it feels so good. When we empty the excess from our home, clear the clutter, organize the closets, and wipe surfaces clean, we feel refreshed. Our homes and lives take on a new joy, light, and energy. Don’t we need that same refresh on our internal selves? Have we let the dust build-up, the dirt and grime, and could use a clearing of that which weighs us down? We should approach the opportunity of this Sacrament with the same sincerity as our spring cleaning: plan for it and set aside the time to go; prepare our minds and hearts to truly examine where we are in need of God’s intervention; and, then we roll up our sleeves and show up for our Sacramental healing. **Let’s invite that same feeling of joy, lightness, and energy into our souls by getting to Confession this Lenten season.**

St. Patrick’s Parish times of Confession:

- Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm (March 24, 31, and April 7)
- Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm
- Good Friday (April 18, following 12 noon Stations)

A few inspiring words on Confession:

- Fr. Mike Schmitz https://youtu.be/YiVjwLUO9Sc?si=RpwyXee_C6p-PsaJ

The Upcoming Weeks:

Thursday, March 20th	Noon Dismissal; Aftercare Available until 6:00 p.m.; End of 3 rd Quarter
Friday, March 21 st	No School; Pastor’s Holiday
Monday, March 24 th	No School; Principal’s Holiday!
Thursday, March 27 th	2 nd Grade Field Trip
Friday, March 28 th	Report Card Distribution Grades 1-8
Friday, April 4 th	Spring Musical 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 5 th	Spring Musical 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 6 th	Spring Musical 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 10th	International Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 11 th	Living Stations 2:00 p.m.
Monday, April 14 th	Calleva Trip 6 th & 7 th Graders

Tuesday, April 15 th	Wax Museum 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 17 th	Noon Dismissal; Easter Holiday Begins
Friday, April 18 th - April 25 th	Easter Holiday
Monday, April 28 th	Classes Resume
Tuesday, April 29 th	4 th Grade Field Trip 8 th Grade Field Trip