

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
April 1, 2025

8th Grade Final High School Decisions

Academy of the Holy Cross: Fiona Creel, Chloe Cruz, Greta Veith

Avalon School: Lucas Barreto

Bullis School: Hieu Albright

DeMatha Catholic High School: Evan TerHaar

Georgetown Preparatory: Auden Lombardo

Georgetown Visitation: Kate Schmidlein

Gonzaga College High School: Bryce Madigan, Billy Maurano

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Ava Brooks, James Dyer, Andrea Figallo, Collin Finnegan, Lily Fitzpatrick, Ruki Lara, Alexandra Lee, Jackson Lloyd, Caden Lowman, Gabriela Orellana, Ashely Osuri, Isabella Steyer, Molly Wessling, Andi Windlan

Richard Montgomery High School: Ray McKelvey

St. Johns College High School: JJ Stringer

Congratulations to the newest members of the Class of 2029!!!

Finding Nemo Jr – April 4th – 6th

It's your last chance to get tickets [here](#) to this weekend's performances of *Finding Nemo Jr* ! Show times are as follows: Friday April 4th & Saturday April 5th at 7pm; Sunday April 6th at 2pm.

If you have any questions about ticketing, please contact our Box Office Manager, Lori Beecher (poohetmoi@aol.com).

Finding Nemo Jr. Candygram and Concession Sales (cash only)

You can show your support to an actor by purchasing a Candygram for them. Candygrams will be available for purchase (\$2 each - cash only) during each show once doors open or during intermission. Don't miss this chance to make someone's night extra special!

During intermissions, *just keep swimming* to the concessions for a tasty treat! Items will range from \$1-\$4 and only cash will be accepted.

Enjoy the show and thank you for your support!

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 TODAY 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!

MAP Testing

We would be incredibly grateful if students in grades 2-8 were here without interruption (doctors/dentist appointments, etc.) on the days and times listed below. This will really help with

completing the tests within the allotted time frame with few to no make-up testing sessions needed. There are a lot of field trips and other activities in the upcoming weeks, so it would be helpful if we could avoid chasing down students to complete tests.

Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 6th 8:30-10:00 a.m.: Reading

Friday, May 9th, 10:15-11:45 a.m. Language Arts

Wednesday, May 14th 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Math

Faith Knowledge- ARK Testing

This required ADW standardized test is an instrument for ensuring that the faith is taught in a complete, systematic, and consistent way in all parish and Catholic school programs. The ARK test is aligned to the Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization Standards and Curriculum and measures what students know, understand, and can do at each grade level.

The ARK is administered online in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Washington each spring. Students in grades 3-7 will take the annual test next week during their scheduled religion classes. 8th Grade after the Easter holiday.

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, 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 have Thailand, Italy, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Nicaragua, Bolivia, El Salvador, Ireland, Chile, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Philippines, Peru, Kenya, Nigeria, Armenia, Argentina, Sri Lanka). We would love to include 5 or 6 more families! Can you help add to that list!

Please contact Miss Short if you can participate and which country your family will represent.

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!

Yearbook

Every family is given one yearbook from our Home and School Association. If you would like additional copies, please complete the attached order form and return it with payment.

Field Day

Our annual Field Day will be held on Friday, May 23rd. Thanks to our HSA and fundraising efforts, students in PK-Grade 8 will be given a field day t-shirt to wear with their St. Patrick's gym shorts. Please see the attached order form to help us make sure that your child gets the best size for him/her. Please return all order forms by Friday, April 11th.

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 4/3 thru 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!

Volunteering for Summer Camp

Volunteer applications are open for the Rockville Catholic Summer Program, St. Patrick's 7 week summer camp. Rising 8th graders through graduating seniors in high school are invited to apply to volunteer serving our campers. Volunteers can earn service hours while helping staff run sports, STEM & arts and crafts based camps and more! Integral to our volunteer's day is daily Mass, theology formation and afternoon prayer. Apply online at <https://www.rockvillecatholicsummer.com/volunteering>.

Lent - Just two more weeks!

There are only 16 days to Holy Thursday. Hopefully we are fasting from bad habits and attitudes that steal our joy and replacing them with life-giving habits that increase our joy. Two great habits to consider adding into our life this Lent are:

- Confession. Yes, we are mentioning it again. Why? Because it is a sure fire way to regain your joy. Don't we all feel better when we apologize to a loved one and they say, *I forgive you*. As an added bonus to receiving total forgiveness *from God*, in confession we also receive great strength to help us to avoid our bad habits. For more convincing about heading to Confession read or watch: [why do we have confession](#) or [encouragement to go](#) or [why and how to confess](#). Then plan to go this Saturday at 4:00-5:00 or next Monday 6:30-7:30.

- Stations of the Cross. For an explanation of this powerful devotion check out [this great resource at Dynamic Catholic](#). Our children will attend the stations in the church this Friday at 2:30. Next Friday the 11th, the 2nd grade will be acting out the stations at 2pm. You are invited to come for Stations before carpool on these last two weeks of Lent.

The Upcoming Weeks:

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 10 th	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