

St. Patrick's School
Tuesday Notes
April 8, 2025

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, 10:15-11:30 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 ensures that the faith is taught in a complete, systematic, and consistent way in all parish and Catholic school programs. The ARK test aligns with 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 Archdiocese of Washington Catholic schools each spring.

Students in grades 3-7 will take the annual test this week during their scheduled religion classes.

8th Grade after the Easter holiday.

Yearbook Photos- Needed! Last Call!!!

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!

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

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 THIS Friday, April 11th.

Junior High Night

The 8th grade is excited to host this year's Junior High Night for St. Patrick's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students **on Friday, May 2nd, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM** in the school cafeteria. It will be a fun night with a DJ, dancing, and plenty of food and drinks. This year's theme is *Hollywood Vibes and VIPs*, so come dressed to impress, whether in a party dress or a smart T-shirt and shades. In the coming days, you will receive an Evite. Once you have replied, please send \$5 per family to the main office in an envelope marked "Junior High Night" with your family name or via Venmo @Elizabeth-VanDersarl -- 202-212-9360.

The Jubilee Year 2025

While Lent is a time focused on sacrifice and uniting our sorrows and difficulties to the Lord's; Easter, in contrast, is a time of joyful celebration. Now, as we are nearing the end of Lent, we can begin to ponder the ways that we will celebrate in faith, beyond partaking in whatever treats, technology, or anything else you may have been sacrificing during these past weeks of Lent.

Many of us, as Catholics, may be unfamiliar with the Jubilee Year and what it means. The Jubilee Year is a special time, typically celebrated every 25 years, and it is rooted in the Old Testament as a year of release and restoration. Pope Francis declared this year to be themed "Pilgrims of Hope" and a special time of renewing faith and deepening our relationship to God. Consider taking the opportunity to embrace this invitation to deepen our faith. What a beautiful way to bring fulfillment and peace to the year ahead.

Interested in learning more? See below a few options to explore to know more about this special year.

https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/podcasts/the-biblical-roots-of-the-jubilee-year?srltid=AfmBOorJpQDO5epuWdJ_OGaze3epp3s7oAOanodwF8ovXoDaeZTGrM

<https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

James Gist- Basketball Clinic

Looking for feedback! Parents, would like James to have another clinic during spring break or the students' next day off from school? We will provide this clinic to both boys and girls in 2nd-8th grades. Responses can be directed to Mr. Brooks at saintpatrickshoops@gmail.com. All we need from the parents for now is if they are interested, how many kids they would like to participate, and if they would prefer a spring break day or the next day off of school. Thank you.

The Upcoming Weeks:

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

Thursday, May 1 st	Principal for a Day- Mason Graham!!
Friday, May 2 nd	Junior High Night (grades 6-8) 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6 th	MAP Testing 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 8 th	5 th Grade Field Trip 8 th Grade Field Trip- Spanish Class Only
Friday, May 9 th	MAP Testing 10:15- 11:30 a.m.
Monday, May 12 th	8 th Grade Field Trip
Tuesday, May 13 th	Library Theatre 2:00 p.m. Grade 3 12:30 Dismissal 8 th Grade Only Confirmation 4:30 p.m. 8 th Grade
Wednesday, May 14 th	MAP Testing 11:00 a.m-12:30 p.m.