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Parent Memo: September 11 , 2020

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

Thank you very much for helping us keep the school clean and safe for your children (and our teachers). Please remember that children are required to wear cloth face coverings, and they can also wear plastic screens but as an addition to the cloth, not as a replacement for it. Cloth is required because it is durable and can be washed. It is recommended that cloth face masks be washed every day, so it's a good idea to stock up on them. The facemasks with the adjustable straps seem to be working best for the kids because one-size-does-NOT-fit all. Being able to adjust the straps keeps the child from having to pull the mask up all day. The NCDHHS just re-issued the "mask in schools" mandate this week, so looks like they're not going away any time soon. Stay safe and have a great weekend!

In Service,

Ms. Laura

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STAFF/FACULTY CHANGES

St Patrick School is sad to say goodbye to **Mrs. Claudia Floyd**, our Spanish teacher who served us for a little over 3 years. Mrs. Floyd has found a full-time post at another school. We wish her the best of success and hope she comes back to visit us often.

Ms. **Valeria Mercado-Vazquez** will be assuming the part-time Spanish teaching position. Ms. Mercado is a graduate of Fayetteville State University with a degree in Spanish Teaching, K-12. She has most recently been working as a Teaching Assistant at our school and has also been an active leader in our parish Life Teen Youth program. She will continue to assist with the PreK students two days during the week and then teach Spanish during the regular Spanish schedule of 3 days per week.

To fill the PreK Teaching Assistant hours that became vacant when Ms. Mercado moved to the Spanish position, we warmly welcome **Mrs. Connie McGill** who began working part-time in the PreK this week.

ABSENT OR TARDY

Please be reminded to contact the office if your child is going to be absent or tardy. Because of our Covid protocol, we have to call the parents of all absent children. Some may have appointments in the morning and plan to be tardy, but we don't know that until they arrive. We would greatly appreciate a call or email, so that we don't have to bother you by contacting you if your child is not here.

Also please note that if your child is an online student and does not register as “online” when school starts, that the child is also logged as absent or tardy, as the case may be. The school will also call to ascertain the reason of the child’s absence. Our online class system allows the teacher to see who is attending, who is offline, or who is logged in but “away” from the computer. Attendance online is just as important as attendance in class. If your online student is going to be absent or tardy, please email the office or the teacher as well.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th. All students must wear their regular school uniforms on this day. PE uniforms cannot be worn on this day. These are the pictures that appear in the yearbook. Please note that arrangements will be made for online students to be pictured in the yearbook as well. Information to come about that.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held virtually this year and conducted after the first trimester interim reports are released. Please look for scheduling information to be sent home soon. Also, make sure that you can log into your Microsoft TEAMS account because all conferences will be held over Teams video. Your log in information has previously been sent as well as tutorials on how to use Teams.

LUNCH DROP OFF

Please be reminded that all students need to come to school with their lunches OR parents need to purchase their child’s lunch online through www.MyHotLunchbox.com. If a student or parent forgets a lunchbox **every now and then**, it is fine to drop it off in the airlock area, but we definitely want to avoid parents dropping off restaurant lunches every day. Also, please be reminded again that we will not accept lunches delivered by restaurant delivery drivers. It causes random traffic in the school office during lunchtime. Only parents/guardians will be allowed to deliver a missed lunch, and you can drop it off in the front airlock area on the drop off table. Make sure it is labeled with your child’s name, so it gets to the right child.

The SHAMROCK!

Below, you will see the reservation form to send your child a special message on a special day by painting the SHAM-ROCK. The kids always get the biggest kick out of it. Instructions below.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 18 – Spirit Dress Down Day

Sept 25 – No School – Diocesan teacher workday

Oct 1 – 12:15 dismissal – Parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon/evening

Oct 2 – No School – Parent/teacher conferences



SHAMROCK SIGN UP

We are sure you have all noticed the large rock in front of the school. We are happy to announce our new addition to the school. The Saint Patrick Catholic School "ShamROCK". The Saint Patrick Catholic School "ShamROCK" is a great way to celebrate birthdays, show your team spirit, congratulate your student for their accomplishments, well wishes, show your appreciation for a teacher or staff! It is a great way to spread positive messages and increase excitement in our school.

Please complete this form to reserve your day. The money raised from the Shamrock will be used by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to enrich the Catholic education experience

Cost:

\$20 per school day

\$80 per week

RULES

- Reservations **MUST** be made to paint the rock through the submission of this form and sign-up genius application. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis. No refunds will be given. If you cannot paint due to bad weather, you may reschedule your reservation to another open date.
- Please use this form to submit your payment cash or check to St. Patrick Catholic School PTO. Payments should be submitted to the school office within 5 business days after reserving a date. If payment is not received within 5 days of making your reservation, your reservation will be cancelled.
- All supplies and materials needed are your responsibility. No trash or supplies are to be left after you paint. You are responsible for any damage that you cause to surrounding property when painting.
- The rock may not be painted during school hours.
- You may begin painting the rock at 4:00 pm the day before your reserved date. Your reservation will expire at 4:00 pm on your reservation date.
- The painting may not contain profanity, discriminatory remarks, obscenities, bullying, nudity, political innuendo or drug related depictions. Paintings must be in accordance with Saint Patrick Catholic School's Student Code of Conduct.
- St. Patrick Catholic School reserves the right to paint over anything deemed inappropriate.

My signature below confirms that I have read and understand the rules for painting the Shamrock.

Name: _____ Reservation Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cell Phone # _____ Email: _____

-----School use only-----

Funds received: _____ Date(s) Scheduled: _____

