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Parent Memo: September 4 , 2020

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

The masks! Oh, the masks! The kids are doing a great job with wearing them and keeping them on. We so appreciate their efforts in this regard. Please check your child's mask, and if it keeps slipping off his/her nose while the child is talking or even just resting there, then the mask is the wrong size and adjustments need to be made. It's annoying to the children to have to keep pulling up the mask all day.

We'd really appreciate your assistance in this matter. Have a fun and relaxing Labor Day Weekend!

In Service,

Ms. Laura

labbo@stpatschoolnc.org

REMINDERS – DROP OFF AND DISMISSAL

- If you need to stop and buckle the children into car seats at dismissal time, please pull over into the PreK lot and do so. Then the line behind you is not held up. We'll make sure any siblings can find the car also.
- Have your child masked and ready to get out when you pull up in the drop-off line
- Please enter and exit through the openings marked with the ENTRANCE and EXIT signs. The signs are not just decorations.

CALLING IN SICK

Please understand that if your children stay home from school because they are “sick,” that triggers our Covid protocol. If a child is absent, we have to call home and find out the reason for the absence. If the child is noted as “sick” and has ANY of the symptoms of Covid (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, unexplained fatigue), then the child has to stay out of school for 10 days OR until a negative Covid test can be obtained OR a medical diagnosis obtained from a physician stating an alternative reason why the child is experiencing symptoms. Therefore, if your child is not really sick, please don't call them in sick. Just be honest. If you keep them home for the day because you felt like letting them sleep in, just tell us that. We don't encourage that on a regular basis, of course, but we realize that everyone takes a day off every now and then. Please don't say they are sick unless they really are sick.

TEMPORARY OFFICE CLOSINGS (3:05 – 3:20 pm)

Because of the new dismissal procedures, we are finding it necessary to close the office for 15 minutes during the dismissal time. We have communications coming in from the church lot and the school lot, via various walkie-talkies, trying to call and dismiss all the children. Also, groups of students are moving to designated areas swiftly and safely. The office is unable to address

“customers” during this short time frame, nor can we have multiple people standing and waiting to be served in that small office space. If you need to access the office during this time, we respectfully ask that you wait outside or in the airlock area until the children are dismissed, and then we can address whatever needs you have. Students who have been dismissed but discover they need to get back into their classrooms to retrieve something will have to wait until dismissal is over in order to get back into the class. We apologize for the very brief inconvenience.

USED UNIFORMS

If you would like to come look through our store for used uniforms, please call the school and make an appointment to do so.

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.

SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

We always appreciate the support we receive from our parents and parish. There are ways to support us without doing anything other than the things you always do. Our school is registered with **PUBLIX** supermarket and with **HARRIS TEETER** for their school give-back programs. If you shop at these stores, a portion of the sale is donated to our school. You just have to go to the supermarket customer service desk and tell them you’d like to link your purchases to the school. If you have been doing it in the past, you may have to renew every year.

Also, if you are an Amazon shopper, you can open an **AMAZON SMILE** account and designate that you want St. Patrick Catholic Church to receive cash donations from Amazon based on your purchases. (although you link the account to the church, the donations go to the school) There is no difference in an Amazon Smile account from your regular Amazon account. You only log in with Smile.Amazon.com instead of Amazon.com. All your history and Prime benefits are still there. Just by logging in under Smile.Amazon.com, it triggers their donation system. Feel free to share this information with family and friends. We can receive from anyone linked to our school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 04 – 12:15 dismissal

Sept 07 – No School – Labor Day

Sept 18 – Spirit Dress Down Day

Sept 25 – No School – Diocesan teacher workday



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: _____



Music Ministry Opportunities

The following after school opportunities are run by the parish rather than the school. If interested, please contact Anne Rogers at anner@stpatnc.org or by calling (910) 323 2410 ext 113

COVID-19 has caused some significant changes to how the music ministry will serve the parish this year due to the need to largely suspend choral singing but it's still possible to get involved. Here's how!

Youth Music (formerly Choristers) Grades 3 through 8

Tuesdays 5pm and 6pm – Church Gathering Space



Rather than being a solely singing group, we'd love to have young people come and join us to play handchimes this year. Students will practice music reading and rhythm skills and learn to work together as a team while 'ringing' hymns. For safety the sessions will be kept to 45 minutes with masks required and proper social distancing. At the end of each session, weather permitting, we will go outside, spread well out, and sing for 5 to 10 minutes to keep our voices in good shape. *More singing will be introduced as science and common sense allow.* If there is enough interest, the goal will be to have 2 groups, one at 5pm and another

at 6pm. Please call or email so we can discuss this with you and work it out together.

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Handbell Choirs - adults and youth grade 6 and up

Preparatory/Intermediate - Thursdays 3.30pm, 5.30pm (schedule to be confirmed)

Advanced - Thursdays 7pm

No experience necessary to join!! This is a GREAT way to get involved and learn more about reading music. The bells can add a lot of joy and festivity to our liturgical celebrations and players report that attending can often help release a lot of stress. Our handbell choirs will continue as before with the addition of social distancing. To accomplish this, rehearsals will be held in the church. All musicians and singers are encouraged to consider handbells as an option this year! Please call or email for more information. We'd love to tell you more!!



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