

St. Patrick School News

February 2012

Mass Schedule

February 3: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grade 4 plans)
February 10: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grades 6-8 plan)
February 17: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grades 6-8 plan)
February 22 (Ash Wednesday): Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grades 6-8 plan)

Early Dismissal and No School Days

February 1: 11:00 a.m. dismissal – No bus at dismissal time, no after school child care
February 8: 2:15 dismissal for Professional Development
February 15: 2:15 dismissal for Professional Development
February 22: 2:15 dismissal for Professional Development
February 24: No School – Conference Comp Day
February 29: 2:15 dismissal for Professional Development

February 1 – 11:00 Dismissal Time

Please remember that there is an 11:00 a.m. dismissal on Wednesday, February 1. This allows our staff the opportunity to celebrate mass with the other schools in our diocese. Cheri Johnson, our preschool lead teacher, will receive an award for 10 years of service to Catholic schools. **There is no bus service at 11:00 and no after school child care.**

Catholic Schools Week (CSW)

This is our week to shine! Please see the attached flyer that outlines each special day of the week. Make sure you read over the flyer so you don't miss any of the fun!

Snack Sacks - This is a fun little way for the staff and students to raise money to donate to charity during Catholic Schools Week. The teachers and staff will, anonymously, put together a Snack Sack for the students to try to win. The Snack Sacks activity is a raffle, where all students are given two tickets to start out with, and then if they would like to purchase more, they may do so. Tickets will be sold for: 1 for 10 cents or 3 for 25 cents. On Friday, the Snack Sack winners will be announced after the basketball. Students may begin to bring money on Monday, January 30, if they would like to purchase more raffle tickets.

Book Fair

St. Patrick School will be hosting its annual book fair from Jan. 29 through Feb. 3 on the stage. If you are not able to attend our events in person, please shop online at www.onlinebookfairs.scholastic.com for yourself or any readers in your life. Studies show that children who read 30 minutes per day score in the top 10% of their class! Support our children and our school today. As an added benefit you get FREE shipping to the school.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 9. Your conference is for the same day of the week and time you had for November conferences. You will be (or have been) notified either via email or a note will be sent home to notify you of your conference time.

Dress Up and Out of Uniform Days

See the Catholic Schools Week flyer for special dress days Jan. 30-Feb. 3

February 3: Dress Up Day – Dress your best for Mass

February 8: Out of Uniform Day – Bring \$1

February 29: Out of Uniform Day – Bring an item for the Perry Food Pantry

Students are always appropriately dressed when in their school uniform. The dress up day and out of uniform days are optional.

Tuition Statements

If you would be willing to receive your tuition statement electronically instead of mailed to you, please contact Mrs. Wuebker at lwuebker@stpatricks-perry-ia.org

This would save us .45 per family per month. We send 45 statements each month so it could help us save approximately \$20 a month. Over the course of the school year, the savings is over \$200. If you prefer to receive your statement in the mail, we are happy to continue doing so.

Notification

We had our first experience this school year with a school delay. We received some very positive feedback from parents who really appreciated the call and we are happy to be able to provide this service to our families. Parents should have received a call from Mrs. Eaton, notifying of the late start. If you did not receive a call, please contact the school and let us know the numbers we should call. Likewise, if someone has received a call and it is not a number that needs notified, please advise us of this.

Reminder: There is no before school care on days we have a late start. There is no breakfast on days we start late. There is no after school child care on days when school dismisses early, due to weather.

Ill Students

Please keep sick children home from school. Not only does the child not feel well and therefore cannot learn well, it spreads the germs to other students and adults. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours (without the use of Tylenol or Motrin) before returning to school.

Daily Starting Time

We have some students who are arriving at school too early. Students who are eating breakfast at school may arrive at 7:45. Other students should not be at school until 7:55. Classes begin at 8:15. Before school child care is available beginning at 7:00 a.m. and each student is charged \$3.00 per day.

Calling All Parents - John Mundy Memorial Basketball Tournament

The annual John Mundy Memorial Basketball Tournament is February 17-19 and will be held in St. Pats gym. This tournament brings many teams, parents and coaches to our school and is a BIG fundraiser for our school. It is also a very fun event to attend because games start Friday evening and last all weekend. It's a great place to spend an afternoon, enjoy some basketball and wonderful food! The famous St. Pats Cinnamon Rolls will be made fresh Saturday morning!

We need Volunteers. Everyone is needed to make this a success! We change shifts every 2 hours so this is not a huge time commitment for anyone. Please contact one of the St. Pats Home & School officers with the time that you're available. We need 2 workers for each shift in the concession stand, and one person taking money at the gate. Please see the attached flyer for more information and phone numbers. We will be contacting each family for help!