



Shamrock Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

- Sep. 1: Homeroom Parent Meeting – 8:15 a.m.
- Sep. 7: No School – Labor Day
- Sep. 8: No School – Diocesan Teachers' Meeting
- Sep. 9: Early Dismissal Day
- Sep. 18: Progress Reports Go Home
- Sep. 22: 5th Grade Parent Lunch
- Sep. 23: Early Dismissal Day

Homeroom Parent Meeting

There will be a Homeroom Parent Meeting **Tuesday, September 1st, at 8:15 a.m.** in the school cafeteria.

Cookie Dough and Cinnamon Rolls Fund Raiser

Our Cookie Dough and Cinnamon Rolls Fund Raiser **will continue** until **September 9th** when all **order forms and money are due**. Our **48-hour contest** was successful and Kindergarten student *Megan Heggie* was the *winner* of the **\$50.00 prize** for the most merchandise sold up to that point (**65 items for a total of \$820.00**). However we still have **NINE more days to MAKE THIS THE BEST FUND RAISER EVER!!** As our representative Mr. Davis said, *“it takes teamwork.”*

School Store

The *School Store* will continue the **CLOSEOUT SALE** until all items have been sold. Everything in the store is selling for **\$.50 – that's right, just fifty cents** – until all merchandise is gone!

5th Grade Parents

Mark your calendar – *Fifth grade Parent Lunch Day* will be held **Tuesday, September 22nd**. Reservations will be sent home next week.

First Grade Free Dress Day

For having the highest percentage of parents in attendance at the PSA Open House / Orientation, the first grade class will be treated to a Free Dress Day on **Friday, September 4th**.

Early Dismissal Days

Wednesday, September 9th and Wednesday, September 23rd are Early Dismissal Days. School will **dismiss at 1:30 p.m.** Students not picked up by 1:45 p.m. will be sent to After Hours Care.

Mass Schedule

Our weekly liturgical celebrations are held each **Thursday at 8:10 a.m.** in **St. Patrick Church**. Parents are invited to join us. Girls are to wear jumpers and boys uniform pants.

SchoolReach Program

A test of the SchoolReach Program will be conducted on **Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:00 p.m.** Please be sure that the information you provided on the SchoolReach data sheet is accurate. It will be important that you notify us whether or not you receive our announcement at all points of contact that you listed on the SchoolReach Contact form. It will be important that you **notify us immediately** regarding any errors or changes. Thank you.

Please **carefully read the SchoolReach letter** which was given to you at Registration. It explains the program in detail.

Choir News

The St. Patrick School Choir will practice each **Thursday after school from 2:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.** and is open to second through sixth grade students. Choir members will be dismissed in the circular drive at 4:00 p.m. Those students not picked up at that time will be sent to After Hours Care. Registration forms are available in the school office.

Liturgical Dancers

Mrs. Carol Merrill will work with our liturgical dancers again this year. All girls in grades second through sixth are welcome to be a part of this special ministry. Registration forms are available in the school office.

Sports News

Mrs. Joan Albert, our after school sports coach, is looking for volunteers to help with the **soccer** program beginning in September. *No prior knowledge of soccer is necessary.*

Dismissal

If you choose to park in the church parking lot and walk across Davis Street to pick up your child in the afternoon, please wait until all of the students in the class are seated in the circular drive. **Be sure the teacher is aware** that you are there to pick up your child before leaving with your child.

If you choose to stay in the pick up line, please **remain in your vehicle**, and one of the teachers will place your child in the back seat of your vehicle at one of the two entrances of the circular drive.

Be In Class on Time

Mornings are hectic for everyone, especially for parents of small children. However, we ask that all our parents **make every effort** to get their children to school in plenty of time **to be in their classrooms** before the second bell rings at **8:00 a.m.** each morning. This helps **eliminate stress** and makes for a more **enjoyable and productive** day! Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

Here are some ways that you can earn your volunteer hours: (1) Homeroom Parent or Parent Helper. (2) Advisory Council Committee such as Technology, Building and Grounds, Publicity, etc. (3) School Committees such as Irish Fest, Fall Fest, Book Fair, and more. (4.) Weeding the garden at the front entrance to the school. (5) Stuffing green folders on Monday mornings. *Thank you to those who have already contacted the school.*

Student Handbook

It is **very important** that parents and students are **familiar** with the contents of the **Parent / Student Handbooks**. Please take time to read it thoroughly and refer to it as needed. A **school calendar** is located on the **third page**. Make a copy for your fridge, office, and car.

Piano

Mrs. Peggy Joyce Johnson is accepting new students for piano lessons for this school year. If you are interested in these lessons for your child, please contact Mrs. Johnson at (601) 527-4330. Lessons for adults are also available.

Easy Fund Raising

Please remember to turn in Campbell's Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education, and My Coke Rewards codes to help our school earn FREE points towards equipment, or to actually receive FREE cash refunds. We also collect used printer cartridges and used cell phones. Your support of these fund raisers is appreciated – just **save labels from items you already purchase**.

EXTRA, EXTRA!! From September 9th through September 29th, Winn Dixie is offering **100 additional Bonus Points** to customers who purchase five (5) Campbell's items in a single shopping trip. We ask that you please turn in the certificates you receive to the school office for the school to receive these extra credit points. Thank you.

Teacher Snacks

The Staff wishes to *thank* the PSA for the delicious snacks they provided during the month of August. The September snacks will be provided by the 3rd grade parents. Please know that these treats are greatly appreciated!



In accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, there will be no discrimination on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, or handicapping condition in regards to student enrollment or staff employment.