



# Shamrock Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 31-Feb. 6:** Catholic Schools Week  
**Feb. 1 – Feb. 4:** Open House 8:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
**Feb. 3:** CSW Service Project Items Due  
**Feb. 5:** Science Fair Awards Given 8:00 a.m.  
**Feb. 8:** Regional Science Fair Forms Due  
**Feb. 10:** Early Dismissal  
**Feb. 15:** Early Dismissal / Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences  
**Feb. 24:** Early Dismissal

## Regional Science Fair Registration

All students who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in the school science fair will find their packets for the Regional Science Fair in the green folders today. ***Please return all completed forms and \$10.00 registration fee no later than Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.***

## Catholic Schools Week Highlights

### Open House:

Catholic schools across the country are celebrating Catholic Schools Week through February 6<sup>th</sup>. **OPEN HOUSE** for *parishioners* and the *general public* will be held from **8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, allowing interested families an opportunity to tour the school. The national theme this year is ***“Knowledge, Faith, Discipline, Morals .... Dividends for Life.”*** We encourage you to invite a family member, friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come and see how we can help them ***prepare their child for life.***

### Service Project Due

Please turn in items for our CSW Service Project by **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. These items will be sent to two of our parents currently serving in Iraq and will be distributed to their respective troops.

## Free Dress Day / Ball Games

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> will be Free Dress Day and Basketball (PK-3 thru K) and Dodgeball Game (1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>) Day. Ice cream sundaes will be served to the students. See flyer enclosed in green folder.

## Science Fair Awards

St. Patrick School Science Fair Awards will be presented to the winners on **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** during the morning prayer and announcements. The winners are: **Class I: Behavioral and Social Sciences:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jacob Partridge; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Judson Moore; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Christian Fraga. **Biochemistry:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mason Daniels. **Botany:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jordyn Pinkston. **Chemistry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jonah Delaney; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cameron Bowman; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – David Schultz; Honorable Mention – Jeremy Hill. **Earth, Space and Environmental Sciences:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Cassandra Klutz; **Engineering, Computers, and Math:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Clay Shumate. **Physics:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Grace Taylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jeremy Corley; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Stella Cummings. **Class II: Behavioral and Social Sciences:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Madeleine Hodge; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jenna Graupman; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Annakatharine Rowland; Honorable Mention – Kaylee Zettler. **Biochemistry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Grace Perry; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Malik Gale; Honorable Mention – Trey Posey. **Botany:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kyra Johnson. **Chemistry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Madison Gordon; Honorable Mention – Kaitlyn Caffey. **Earth, Space, and Environmental Sciences:** Honorable Mention – Alli Lopez. **Engineering, Computers, and Math:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chelsea Grissett; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – James Snowden. **Microbiology:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rose Albert; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – John Graupman. **Physics:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Zachary Crain; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Virginia Pressly; Honorable Mention – Andres Alonso.

**MORE IMPORTANT NEWS ON BACK**

### **Dinner / Music / Dancing**

An evening of Beatles Music, featuring the band *Rubber Soul*, along with a *Valentine Dinner and Dance* will be held in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$15.00 for general admission, \$25.00 for reserved seating and can be purchased in the school office. Proceeds will benefit St. Patrick School.

### **Early Dismissal**

Early Dismissal will be held 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, Monday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>**, and Wednesday, **February 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Black History Month Ceremony**

Following the 8:10 a.m. children's liturgy on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we will conduct a ceremony recognizing holy men and women (saints) of African heritage. Feel free to join us for this mass, as well as any of our weekly celebrations.

### **Free Dress Day**

**NO TYPE OF BOOTS** are allowed on Free Dress Day. Students are to wear the same type of footwear as a normal school day.

### **Discussing Student Matters**

It is important that we remind parents, guardians, grandparents, relatives and close family friends, to re-read the section in the Parent /Student Handbook entitled "Non-Custodial Parent", found on page 27, regarding communication of student information to parties other than custodial parents and legal guardians. Also, please note the section entitled "Communication" found on page 25 regarding parent-teacher communications. This policy is an effort to keep a clear line of communication between parents and teachers. Please follow the recommendations that are listed. We ask that all parents take a moment to re-read both these sections

If your child's school progress needs to be discussed with someone other than the custodial parent, please send a note with your permission. Thank you.

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.

### **Meridian Museum of Art**

The Meridian Museum of Art School of Art is holding registration for classes which will run twelve weeks from February 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> for children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. The classes will be held from 4:15 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration forms are available in the school office.

### **Long Sleeves and Outer Wear**

**PLEASE** send your child to school dressed for the weather. We take the students outside each day unless the conditions are totally unsuitable to do so. ***Remember:*** Long sleeve shirts are **not** allowed under short sleeve polos or blouses.

### **Labels for Education**

Winn-Dixie is committed to helping schools earn extra *Labels for Education* points by offering great deals between **January 13<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Also, each time our parents purchase *five (5) Campbell products* in a single visit during these dates, they will earn 100 additional points. Just bring your ***Bonus Point Certificate*** and place in the receptacle in the lobby.

### **Lost and Found**

**PLEASE** take a moment to verify that your child has his or her own outer wear. If you see that the item belongs to someone else, please return it to the school office as soon as possible. This won't take long, and you might help someone (or yourself) find a missing item. The lost and found box is located in the Resource Room adjacent to the cafeteria. If you need to look – just ask at the office.

***Please take a moment to mark your child's outer wear with his/her name to help locate it should it be misplaced. Thank you.***

### **Piano Lessons**

Mrs. Peggy Joyce Johnson, our music teacher, has some limited spaces available for private piano lessons. These lessons are given in the music room, but are **not** part of St. Patrick School's curriculum. Please conduct all piano lesson business through Mrs. Johnson and not the school office. Please contact her by sending a note or call (601) 527-4330 if you are interested.