



# Shamrock Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 26:** Science Fair Day  
**Jan. 27:** Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.)  
**Jan. 31-Feb. 6:** Catholic Schools Week  
**Jan. 31:** Students attend **11:00 a.m. Mass** in uniform  
**Feb. 1 – Feb. 4:** Open House 8:30 - 3:00 p.m.

## Early Dismissal

Early Dismissal will be held **1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.**

## Science Fair

The St. Patrick School Science Fair will be held tomorrow, **January 26, 2010**. All students in **grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> are required** to participate.

## 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.

## 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.

## Meridian Little Theater

Two of our students, Annakatharine Rowland (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and her sister, Alexandria Rowland, (K) acted in the Meridian Little Theater’s production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They performed over 20 times during the course of the week. This is quite an accomplishment.

## Catholic Schools Week Plans

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup>. Schedules went home last week. Please respond if contacted by your homeroom parents regarding help with the various activities.

*We ask all our students to attend the 11:00 a.m. mass in uniform on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> to kick off Catholic Schools Week.*

## Open House

Along with all Catholic schools across the country, St. Patrick will begin celebrating Catholic Schools Week Sunday January 31<sup>st</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.*

## 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 whose lives are noteworthy. Feel free to join us for this mass, as well as any of our weekly celebrations.

**More News on Back**

### School Reach Clarification

In the future, if you receive a telephone call from (601) 482-6044, St. Patrick School, during the day, please check your phone for a 'message' before you respond to a 'missed call.' We had an experience following the School Reach announcement released at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> regarding school closing the following day due to inclement weather. The office was immediately inundated with phone calls, *at a time when our telephone lines need to be clear*, because parents thought something was wrong with their child. The office usually reserves phone calls to parents during the day to matters regarding injuries, illnesses, or general business. However, there is always a possibility that we may have to release an announcement to all parents regarding weather or other very important news. Please check for messages before calling us. It just might save you undue anxiety. Thank you.

### 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. Head to your local Winn-Dixie stores to take advantage of these offers and check out the weekly advertisements for more details.

### Lost and Found

It's that time of year again. Jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts are being worn, and some are being misplaced. **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.



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.

