



# Shamrock Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

**Tuesday, Aug. 30:** Early Dismissal Day

**Thursday, Sept. 1:** First School Mass  
(Proper mass attire)

## Early Dismissal Day

**Early Dismissal Days** this year will generally be held on the **last Tuesday** of each month (with a few exceptions) with students being released at **1:30 p.m.** Any students not picked up by 1:45 p.m. on these days will be sent to After Hours Care. There will be **no** early dismissal days on Wednesdays this year.

## Prayer Request

Please keep Mrs. Jamie Hill, our third grade teacher, in your prayers as she continues her treatment for cancer.

## Handbook News

Please read your Parent/Student Handbook from **cover to cover** and **return** your Handbook Signature pages if you have not already done so. Each student **must** have one on file.

## First School Mass

The first school mass for this year will be held **Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 8:10 a.m. in St. Patrick Church.** Girls are to wear jumpers with white Peter Pan collar blouses, and boys are to wear long pants with white or green school polo shirts.

## Internet Agreements

If you have not yet returned your child's Internet Agreement please do so prior to **Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Each student in the school **must** have one on file.

**MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON  
BACK**

## Insurance Cards

Our Diocesan Office has informed us that each student **must** have a copy of proof of insurance on file in the office. Please stop by the office any time this week and leave us a copy of your insurance card (front and back) or allow us to make a copy for you.

## Pre-School Dismissal

It has been decided to continue dismissing pre-school students from their classroom in the afternoons for the remainder of the school year. Students must be picked up by their parents or other authorized adult.

## Front Door Hours

The front door of the school will be opened each morning beginning at **7:15 a.m.** (when a staff member is on duty). The door will be locked at **3:30 p.m.** in the afternoon. Anyone arriving after 3:30 p.m. will need to enter through the cafeteria door.

## Uniform Policy

Uniform shirts need to be **tucked in prior to entering** the school building each day.

If you have any doubts or questions regarding proper school attire, including jewelry and shoes, please refer to the Parent / Student Handbook.

## St. Patrick School Choir

Choir practice for second through sixth graders for the 2011-2012 school year will begin **Thursday, September 8, 2011.** Please sign and return the **enclosed form** giving your child permission to participate in this activity.

### **Shamrock Newsletters / Green Folders**

Please contact the school office if you would be available to **volunteer** Tuesday mornings, for approximately one hour following announcements, to stuff our weekly green folders.

The **Shamrock Newsletters and Green Folders** are primary sources of weekly communication to parents from the school. Please take time each Tuesday to read the information in the green folders. Keep what needs to be kept, sign any papers that need signing, place them back inside the folder, sign the sheet on the front cover, slip it back into the slot, and return the folder to the classroom teacher Wednesday morning.

### **Home Language Survey**

If you have not yet returned the Home Language Survey sent home last week, please do so **tomorrow**. Each student needs to have one on file.

### **Speech and Hearing Testing**

Meridian Public School nurses will conduct Speech and Hearing Testing for Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **After School Sports Coach**

If you would be interested in coaching non-competitive, after school sports, one afternoon per week, please contact the school office. Some sports might include soccer, basketball, volleyball, etc.

### **School Store Closeout Sale**

All items currently in stock in the School Store are available for the low price of **\$.50 each** to make room for new merchandise.

### **Rainy Day Pick Up**

If you are parking to pick up your child on rainy days, we ask that you come inside the cafeteria or Family Life Center landing once the doors are open following the final bell. If you are staying in your vehicle to pick up your child, follow traffic through the circular drive, and a staff member will deliver your child to you.

### **Contacting Teachers**

If you need to contact your child's teacher, please send a note, an e-mail, or call the school office and leave a message at the office to schedule an appointment. Please do not interrupt teachers either before or after school when they are with their students.



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.