



THE LEPRECHAUN LOOKOUT

St. Patrick School Official Newsletter

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our students and families! The St. Patrick Family is complete now that all grades have returned safely to campus. Thank you all for your patience and understanding to get to this point. However, there is a “but,” and in this case it happens to be a big one. Our goal is not to open and return to school, our goal is to remain open by keeping our community as healthy and safe as possible. In order to do this, it will take an entire team effort working toward this goal. If keeping our students and faculty safe is our priority, families must be vigilant about observing our four pillars of safety both at school and at home. They include (1) Physical distancing, (2) Health screening and preventative hygiene, this includes wearing facial coverings, (3) Sanitizing and disinfecting, and (4) communication with the school. Every parent, every teacher, and every student working every day to make sure everyone is safe. It is our duty and obligation to each other as a school community.

Volunteers Needed:

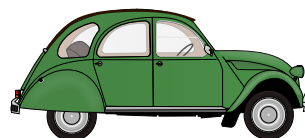
If you are interested in lending a helping hand, we are looking for a few parent volunteers to help supervise the afternoon lunch recess between 11:45 am and 1:10 pm and to assist directing traffic and students during the afternoon pick-up from 2:45pm-3:20. Your help is greatly appreciated. All parent volunteers must complete the Diocesan on-line background screening through CMG Connect at <https://sandiego.cmgconnect.org/>

For more information, please call or stop by the school office.



Let's Talk About Afternoon Pick-up:

How about that line of traffic clogging up 30th Street at the end of the school day? We realize it was the first day back for all our students and there is a learning curve for parents picking up for the first time just like last week. Now that parents have seen it once, the process should be a little smoother. With a few minor adjustments and reminders, I think we can help clear things up, make pick-up safer, quicker, and less congested. For starters, we will have our 7th grade classes packed and ready to go by 2:50pm, waiting in the parking lot just, like the kindergarten class, so they don't have to make that long walk from the hall. Please remember to pull forward as much as possible allowing other cars to enter the parking lot behind you. In today's Family Envelope you will receive a bright yellow tag with your student's last name on it. Please place it in the front window of your car so staff can more quickly identify you as you enter the lot. Most importantly, though please try to adhere to our staggered pick-up times. Last names A-L from 2:50-3:05 and M-Z from 3:05 to 3:20 if possible. When everyone arrives at the same time traffic backs up. Spreading out arrivals helps keep cars moving smoothly and safely, plus you're not waiting in line for 10-15 minutes. We can do this!



Family Envelopes

This week marks our first family envelope being sent home. Please make sure to read through it carefully and complete all forms to be returned to school with your child the next day. The envelope includes an Emergency Contact form, Daycare Registration form, school garden permission slip, media release form and more which must be kept on file. While we are trying to limit the use of family envelopes this year in an effort to minimize transmitting objects between the school and home, we must have these hard copies in the school office. When possible, we will be sending information electronically or posting it on our school web page and social media sites.

COVID-19 Symptom Decision Tree

Please read through this form carefully. It describes guidelines St. Patrick School will strictly follow in accordance to the San Diego County Office of Education's protocols for reopening schools. This year we anticipate that many students will be missing an increased number of school days due to "normal" cold and flu-like symptoms that may present themselves as potential COVID-19 cases. Students who exhibit any of the following symptoms must stay home from school for at least 10 days or may return after 3 days with negative COVID-19 test results. Symptoms include: fever (greater than 100 degrees), runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, headache, body aches, and poor feeding or appetite.

For more info please check out this link: <https://covid-19.sdcoe.net/Reopening-Plan/Decision-Tree> Again, it is all our responsibility to ensure the safety of all our community members.



FACTS INFORMATION: (IMPORTANT)

Be sure to log in to your FACTS account to monitor your account as the year flies by! If you have questions you can reach out to the helpful FACTS customer service staff at 866-412-4637 or to our bookkeeper, Mrs. Lisa Huch Laughter at 619-297-1314 (#2) or lisa.stpats@gmail.com.

BOOKKEEPER NOTES: (IMPORTANT)

Keeping your tuition account current is very important. The school operates with a very tight cash flow. Delinquent accounts inhibit the school from fulfilling, in a timely manner, our financial obligations.

- Tuition as well as ALL other charges are to be paid through FACTS Management
- Families whose accounts are unpaid 30 days after an invoice is due will be charged a \$35 FACTS late fee
- Returned payments will incur a \$30 FACTS processing fee each attempt

DAYCARE: (IMPORTANT)

- Morning Daycare: 7:00-7:45am ~
Afternoon Daycare: 3:00-6:00pm
- Grace period allows all cars at dismissal to pick up students. No grace period if you pick up after 3:20-30
- We require that a 20-21 "Daycare Registration" form be on file for EVERY student in Daycare
 - This form contains vital information regarding allergies, emergency contacts and who you have authorized to sign your child/ren out of Daycare
 - Students will not be signed into Daycare beginning next Monday, September 14 unless a completed form is submitted
 - For your convenience one is included in today's envelope.

DAYCARE RULES & POLICIES: (IMPORTANT)

To help us . . . help your children have a safe, productive and enjoyable experience in our before and after school "Daycare" program it is important for you and them to know and follow the Daycare Rules & Policies. A flyer with this information, the rates for 2020-21 and our Daycare Phone number, is included in today's envelope. Please keep it for reference throughout the year. It is also available on our school website.