

SEPTEMBER 6, 2019



# THE LEPRECHAUN LOOKOUT

*St. Patrick School Official Newsletter*

## This Week's Announcements:

### **St. Pat's Tailgate Party**

All St. Pat's families are welcome! Please join us for football, friends, and fun at the Saints Football Catholic Schools Night this Friday at Mesa College. Come watch the #2 ranked Saints take on Loyola High School (Los Angeles). Kickoff is at 7:30, the gates open at 6:30, and the Tailgate Party starts at 5:00 in the parking lot north of the home team entrance. Look for the green St. Pat's canopy. This is a potluck event. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. All students wearing their St. Patrick green get free admission. We want to see a Green Wave in the stands!

### **Family Survey**

Next week the Lookout will contain a link to complete an online survey entitled "Improving Student Learning for Catholic Schools." It must be completed by parents as part of our school's self-study as we prepare for our accreditation renewal process next year. We ask that each family take the time to read and answer honestly and thoughtfully. We value your feedback and hope to receive 100% participation from our families. Thank you for your time and consideration.

### *Important Dates:*

- 9/5 Fall Festival Committee Meeting 6:00 PM
- 9/6 8th Grade Parent Meeting 3:15 Room 8
- 9/9 STAR Testing Begins
- 9/13 Student Council Special Election
- 9/20 Minimum Day 12:00 PM Dismissal
- 9/20 Fall Festival Kick-Off 5:30-8:00 PM
- 9/25 Picture Day



### **"Festival" Box Tops Contest**

Remember to submit your clipped, UNEXPIRED Box Tops in an envelope or baggie with your child's first and last name and grade. For your chance to win, submit them by October 1st. For every 10 clipped, unexpired Box Tops you submit, your name will go into a drawing to win \$10 in Festival Tickets! The winner will be announced in the October 10th bulletin. If you have questions, please email: Christina Sardina at [mrs.ces83@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.ces83@gmail.com) or Kristen Vicino at [kcandersonvicino@gmail.com](mailto:kcandersonvicino@gmail.com)

## **Catholic High Schools' Open House Schedule**

**Mater Dei** - October 20th -  
10am - 1pm

**Our Lady of Peace** - November 3rd -  
1pm - 4pm

**Cathedral Catholic** - November 16th -  
10am - 1pm

**St. Augustine** - November 3 -  
11am - 2pm

# STAR TESTING

St. Patrick School and the Diocese of San Diego will participate in the on-line standardized testing program STAR Assessment by Renaissance Learning September 10-21. This test is administered in two parts to test student knowledge in math and reading. Students in Kinder take just one test to assess Early Literacy.

Students use iPads to take the test and the testing program is customized to each student's grade level and personal performance, adjusting as the test is administered. These tests consist of 35 questions and take approximately 30 minutes to administer. Test results will be available to teachers immediately and will be distributed to parents in early November.

We will administer these tests two additional times during the school year, which allows us to track students progress.

A few reminders that may be helpful during the testing period:

- Students should arrive well rested and on-time;
- Short of emergencies, dental or doctor appointments **should not be** scheduled for morning times during this two-week testing period September 10-21

## Gradelink Reminder

Parents, please remember to create your user profiles so you can login to Gradelink. For parents with children in grades 4-8 this is a great way to follow up on their homework assignments, tests, and monitor their progress. Please take a minute to ensure your e-mail address has been correctly entered so as to not miss any important announcements.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Please be sure to take care of the following important items: *Last week in your envelopes were emergency cards and disaster release forms. If you have not already sent them in to the office, please do so ASAP. These forms, when completed contain important information the school needs to be prepared to deal with unexpected emergencies. It is vital that the forms be completed accurately. If you have any questions regarding the information requested, please contact Mrs. Cross, 619-297-1314. If you at anytime during the school year, you move, change your phone number, or wish to make changes to the emergency information you supplied the school in the fall, please contact the office immediately.*

## CELL PHONES

Reminder: Students are not to use their cell phones before or after school, in day care or on campus. This includes texting and games. If a student does use his/her phone, it will be taken away from the student and a parent will need to pick the phone up from the school office.

## DAYCARE NEWS - IMPORTANT

Mark your calendars - Friday, September 20th is our annual Festival Cook-out! This will utilize the majority of our school yard AND it's a Half Day so Daycare will walk to the Park! **Only those students for whom we have a current "Daycare Registration" form AND a green Daycare "Walk to the Park" permission slip (enclosed today), may be in Daycare on that day.** The Daycare Registration form contains vital information regarding allergies, emergency contacts and who you have authorized to sign your child(ren) out of Daycare. This form went home last week but it is also available in the school office, from our Daycare staff, or on the school's website.

## PARENT CONTRACT - Get them it today!

### **\$35 Late fee for 19-20 Parent Contract -**

Even after our "FINAL" request last week there are still a few families who have not yet returned the 2019-20 Parent Contract. If we still don't have yours - another is enclosed. If it is not returned by Monday, September 9, you will be charged a \$35 late fee each month it remains missing.

## FACTS INFORMATION

Be sure to log in to your FACTS account to monitor your extra charges (like Daycare, Sports, Field Trips, etc.) 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](mailto:lisa.stpats@gmail.com)



## BOOKKEEPER NOTES

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 late fee
- Returned payments will incur a \$30 FACTS processing fee

## Parent Involvement Program (PIP) & Festival Hours:

Every family is required to complete 40 volunteer hours each school year, 12 of these PIP hours need to be done for our Parish Fall Festival (October 12-13), **AND 6 of these 12 need to be physically done during the Friday through Monday (October 11-14) of Festival weekend.** That means you may not do all your 12 Festival PIP hours by baking, making handmade items or bringing in fruit for the chummy booth, though we still greatly need and appreciate your donations. It takes many **physical** volunteer hours to put on this annual fundraising event and school parents are a vital part of our Festival's success. Working at the Fall Festival is a fun way to fulfill your PIP obligation while helping our parish community. Visit the school website ([www.stpatrickssd.com/fall-festival](http://www.stpatrickssd.com/fall-festival)) to sign up today!

Your 2019-20 PIP record sheet is included in today's family envelope, please use this YELLOW sheet to keep track of your volunteer hours, ensuring proper credit. Remember our bookkeeper depends on specific PIP details in order to give you proper credit.

## ST. PATRICK SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

St. Patrick's School provides a quality Catholic elementary education for all students entrusted to our care, developing every aspect of the child: mind, body, and spirit. We support parents as primary educators of their children. We are called to spread the Gospel message of love, unity and reconciliation. Essential to our mission is building a relationship with Jesus and one another. St. Patrick's School is a vital part of our parish community and is enriched by the presence and ministry of the Augustinian Order. Their values of truth, community, and love guide us in the fulfillment of our mission.