



THE LEPRECHAUN LOOKOUT

St. Patrick School Official Newsletter

St. Patrick School Mission Statement:

St. Patrick School provides a quality Catholic elementary education for all students entrusted to our care by developing every aspect of the child: mind, body, and spirit. In building a relationship with Jesus and one another, we are called to spread the Gospel message of love, unity and truth. We are a vital part of our parish community and the presence and ministry of the Augustinian Order enrich us.

Fulfilling Our Mission

During these unprecedented times, we rely on our mission to remind us who we are, why we exist, what are purpose is, and most importantly, help guide us when the future is unclear. St. Patrick School is first and foremost a Catholic school. We are not a public school. We are not a charter school. We are not a private school. We are a Catholic school charged with educating the whole child in Mind, Body, and Spirit. We develop the intellect, build community, and foster faith. As we head into the 4th quarter, our mission will continue to guide us to ensure we serve all students entrusted to our care to the best of our ability. As always, we recognize parents as the primary educators of their children and will continue to move forward in partnership with you to fulfill our mission.

Get Your FACTS Straight! (We almost went with “Just the FACTS, Ma’am” but thought it was too subtle.)

Please remember, if you are planning to apply for financial assistance for the following school year, it must be completed on FACTS, our school wide tuition collection system, not TADS. TADS, although it can be easily confused with FACTS, is the diocesan system for applying for scholarships. We use FACTS do determine eligibility for financial assistance for St. Patrick School.

St. Patrick School Book Club

Ms. Callahan is hosting a special Book Club for all grades and their families. This is a great opportunity to share a learning experience as a school community. Please see the enclosed flyer for more info. This is open not only to students, but to older siblings, parents, and other family members who wish to participate. Read the book at home and get a chance to have a live Q&A with the author. For more info, please feel free to contact Ms. Callahan at misscallahan@stpatrickssd.com.

2nd Grade 1st Holy Communion Postponed

2nd grade 1st Holy Communion and Reconciliation have been postponed until next school year. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 15 at 9:30am in the Church. More information will be coming from Mrs. Cesena about completing the sacramental preparation.



8th Grade Graduation

Our 8th Grade graduation is scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 4, at 6:00PM. Clearly, the event is in question due to the current health crisis, but it has not yet been cancelled. The Diocese of San Diego has yet to make a determination on the remainder of the school year as there remains some hope that social distancing guidelines will be sufficiently eased to safely allow gatherings by that time. But, in the likely event we will have to postpone graduation, we'd like to give you as much time as possible to plan ahead. In the event we do not return this school year, we are tentatively scheduling an alternate 8th Grade graduation date for Thursday, July 23, at 6:00PM in the church. This alternate date is hopeful as this situation remains very fluid. This late summer date was chosen as it gives us the greatest leeway considering faculty and church availability along with pending high school start dates in early-to-mid-August.

While it is extremely disappointing that our 8th grade students have been short-changed on their full 8th grade experience, our top priority remains keeping our students, families, and faculty as safe as possible. We are currently considering alternative formats for other 8th grade activities like the 7th/8th grade luncheon, Kinder Buddy lunch, 8th grade farewell and awards assembly. We will do our best to recognize their achievements and celebrate the culmination of their elementary education at St. Patrick School. You will receive more information as the decisions are made. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

3rd Quarter Awards

Awards recognizing students for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship will be presented via recorded video by Mr. Valdivia next Wednesday, April 29. Awards may be picked up during the homework pick-up hour between 1:00-2:00 in the school parking lot.

3rd Quarter Report Cards

3rd Quarter Report Cards for grades 4-8 are now available online through Gradelink. To view the report card, please login and select "grades". Once in the grades tab, there is a link to "download report card". Please click this to view and/or print the report card. If you would prefer a paper copy, please email me with this request and we will make a paper copy available to pick up during our Wednesday pick up time. If you have other children in grades K-3, report cards will be printed and available in the Wednesday packet.