



# St. Patrick School

Where the *light* burns bright.

## Dates to Remember

September 25, 2020

10/1 School Mass Grade 1

10/8 School Mass Grade 4

10/2 School Mass Grade 7

10/9 **STUDENT HOLIDAY**—Faculty In-Service

10/5 K thru 8—Progress Reports Issued

**CAUTION—If you see students and teachers walking from one building to the other crossing Channing Ave. at Roberts Road or in the crosswalk on Channing, please be sure to come to a complete stop and wait for the students to cross the street. Please drive slowly and cautiously when picking up or dropping off your child. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**WINTER UNIFORM** will be in effect October 12 for all students. Gym uniform will be permitted on gym days only. Proper school sanctioned shoes are required. Boys are exempt from wearing ties, since they are wearing face masks.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**—Every October, we remember Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. St Francis' Feast Day is October 4th. For many households, a pet can be a true companion. The bond between a person and pet is like no other relationship. St Francis, a Friar who wore a brown robe and white cord, often prayed and welcomed animals to his company. Usually the Blessing of Pets is held outdoors, but this year at St Patrick School, we would like to remember our pets with a photo collage. Students are invited to bring in a photo of their pet for our hallway so we can view and enjoy our beloved pets! Please send in a photo, and include the child's name and homeroom on the back so we can return to you.

**PLEASE REVIEW—LATE DROP-OFF, EARLY PICK-UP, ETC.**—Visitors to school will be restricted. Parents will not be permitted in areas occupied by children.

**Parents** who are dropping off materials for their children must leave them in the bin clearly labeled with the child's name. We have an In-Box, an Out Box, and a Forgotten Items or miscellaneous items Box. The Bins are checked frequently and emptied.

**Parents** who need to pick up children early for an appointment are to pull up on Channing Ave, sit by the traffic cones, and call the office 610-644-5797 to alert us that you are outside waiting. Ms. O'Donnell or Mrs. Adams will escort the child from the office to the waiting parent on Channing Ave. The Parent remains outside by their car visible to accept their child from the building.

**Parents** who need to bring a child in late in the morning must follow the same procedure. When you have arrived at SPS, either park and walk the child to the door, or call/email ahead to say your child is coming to the door. The child (or parent) will buzz the main door for entry. Ms. O'Donnell or Mrs. Adams will permit the child to enter the main door using the access, the child will then sign-in at the office, receive a pass, and proceed to the classroom. Parent does not enter- child only.

**SPS SPIRITWEAR**—Order your SPS Spiritwear. All orders must be received by October 9, 2020. Youth and Adult sizes are available. Please send your order in an envelope labeled Spiritwear to the main office. Be sure to include your payment. [CLICK HERE](#) for the order form.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lily Lexer and Kaitlin Wilkin who placed second in the Philadelphia Young Playwrights Competition. After three months of working on their script, with many drafts, revisions, and edits, they submitted their play, *The Plane Named Electra: An Emelia Earheart Story*. They were chosen from almost 350 submissions from students in 37 different schools. Way to go, girls!!

**LOST AND FOUND-** If your child is missing any personal items, please have them check the Lost and Found bin located in the gym hallway in the main building. **PLEASE label all of your child's belongings.**

**EUCCHARISTIC DAY OF PRAYER-** Saturday, October 10 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul and the Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel in Philadelphia from Noon to 6:30 pm. Visit [cathedralphila.org/eucharist](http://cathedralphila.org/eucharist) for more information.

**REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCE-** Please review the Absence/Tardy/Early Dismissal procedure [HERE](#).

**USED UNIFORM REQUEST FORM 2020-** Due to Covid 19 restrictions, parents are not permitted to shop in person at the Uniform Exchange. Beginning October 1, if you would like used uniform items, please complete **this form** and return to Mrs. Dilenno or Mrs. Wilkin at the emails listed.



**SPS FACE MASKS FOR SALE**—\$10.00 each. Going fast!! Inventory is low, so purchase now!! Available in small, medium, and large. Small fits PreK and K. Medium and Large are similar size, and fit Children to Adults. Specify which color/style and size you prefer, child's name and HR teacher. Send cash /check to SPS in an envelope to Mrs. Adams, Main Office. Masks will be promptly delivered to your child's HR teacher to send home.