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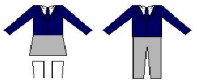
Notes from St. Patrick School Office weeks of August 16 & August 20, 2018

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! Referring a new family to St. Patrick School is worth \$500 toward next year's tuition. Please submit a green Referral Form to receive the \$500 credit. There is space available in most grades for new students. Thank you for selecting St. Patrick School for your children.

Welcome returning Faculty Member: It is with great pleasure that we welcome the return of Mr. Blackburn as our Junior High School Language Arts teacher for grades 6, 7, & 8 and sixth grade homeroom. He is licensed to teach Jr. High Language Arts. Mr. Blackburn attended Holy Family Grade School, St. Teresa High School, and graduated from Millikin University with a Bachelor of Science degree and a major in Elementary Education. He is currently pursuing his Masters Degree in Education.



School Uniforms: Dark forest green shirts for grades K to 5 are available for purchase in the school office for \$10.00 or \$14.00 with school logo. Hunter green shirts are also available online at Walmart.com. Order from the Uniform Shop "Uniform Nation" shirts in Hunter Green. The cost is \$8.94.



Character Counts: A nationwide program is beginning its fourth year assisting children in developing a set of core values that they can build on throughout their lives, guiding behavior and attitudes. This program will strengthen students, families, and our community through character education using the six "building blocks" of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.



Hot Lunch Program: St. Patrick School participates in the Free and Reduced State & Federal program. Applications are included in this week's folder. Please return form ASAP!



Technology Update: We now have the following computer programs: Quia, FastDirect, Brain Pop, Spelling City, and various apps. Each teacher as well as each student in grades Kindergarten through Grade 8 has an iPad. Our goal is to continue expanding the iPad technology.



Open House Mark your calendar and join us for Pre-k through 8th grade Open House Tuesday, September 4, 2018 from 6:30pm until about 7:30pm for all families. Father John will meet and greet our school families at St. Patrick Church and the Home & School Board will talk about volunteering and special projects. Teachers will meet with families in classrooms. Registration for Athletics will be available in the cafeteria. The evening concludes with refreshments after classroom visitation.





Attending a Protecting God's Children class - Anyone who volunteers must attend the Protecting God's Children class. Holy Family has two classes scheduled, one on August 18 at 8:30am and one on August 23 at 6:30pm. St. James has classes scheduled on September 6 at 6:30pm and September 27 at 6:30pm.

Curriculum Update Spanish is taught in grades K to 8. Students are guided through practical lessons in beginning Spanish so those who have little or no previous Spanish will experience the thrill of success with a second language. If you speak Spanish and can volunteer, please call the school office 423-4351.



Volunteers Needed - Fill the 20hr requirement.

Door Greeter 7:30 to 8:10am

Playground Supervisor 11:00am to 12:40pm

Library Helpers

Bingo Workers Mondays 5pm Macon County Fairgrounds. Earn \$40 per night toward tuition or volunteer hours.

Thanks for recycling ink cartridges, laser cartridges, & cell phones. We collect all year.

Decatur Celebration Our thanks to all who either parked at the St. Patrick Church parking lots or worked parking cars.

Food Drive



Food Drive – October 6, 2018 We will begin collecting food the first week of September for this community effort. 10 donated cans equals 1 volunteer hour.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 7

1st day to collect 10 cans for the WSOY Food Drive

September 4

Open House 6:30pm meet in St. Patrick Church

September 9

Grandparents' Day, Sunday

Monday, August 13, 2018

✠ BINGO at Macon County Fairgrounds 5:00pm

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

✠ Faculty/Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

✠ Faculty Retreat

✠ Family Meet & Greet 1:30 to 3:00, Meet teacher and bring supplies to the classroom

Thursday, August 16, 2018


✠ First Day of School 7:45am arrival to 2:50pm for all grades Kindergarten to Grade 8, Pre-K 3 ½ day, 8:00 to 11:30am and Pre K4 8:00am to 2:45pm.

✠ "Boo Hoo" Breakfast 7:30am in cafeteria

✠ Prayer Service 2:30pm

✠ Butterbraid sale begins for Choir trip


Monday, August 20, 2018

 BINGO at Macon County Fairgrounds 5pm – Earn volunteer hours & tuition credit!


Tuesday, August 21, 2018

 All school Mass at 8:00am

Thursday, August 23, 2018

 8:00 Mass, grades 3,4,5 in attendance

Friday, August 24, 2018

 Fire Drill