

ST. PATRICK PRIDE



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Welcome to the Great Adventure

As I begin my first year at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, it has been such a welcoming experience. The staff and faculty have taught me so much about this school and embraced me with open arms. The students have been very respectful and have taken the time to introduce themselves and be gracious to me. Now it's time to get to know all of you, the family of these awesome students!

St. Patrick has a long tradition of family and community involvement. I noticed this right away. St. Patrick is committed to providing a solid foundation in every curricular area, with a specific emphasis on building our faith. The choice of theme for this school year is based on the Great Adventure of our faith and I noticed by the end of the first day of school the students understood what this theme means to us.

I am blessed to be chosen to be your principal and I promise to do my best for the well-being of your children that you have put in our care.

God Bless,
Mrs. Deb O'Shea

Lunchroom Information

After experiencing my first week in our lunchroom, I have some recommendations and guidelines for families.

- Pop and energy drinks are not permitted.
- Microwavable food needs to be pre-heated or defrosted at home as much as possible so the students can share the use of the microwaves without losing much needed eating time in the lunchroom.

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This newsletter will be sent home to all **Oldest Only** students this week. Since we are trying to go green, the teachers and I will help disseminate how the future newsletters will get to you. This newsletter will also be posted on the website, under "School" and then "Parent Newsletter."

- Please send any silverware and/or paper plates needed for any packed lunches.
- We are highly encouraging students to take home any food from their packed lunches that they don't want. We want students to talk to their parents when they don't like the food in their lunches.

Protecting Youth Workshop

On Thursday, Sept. 29th at 6:30 p.m. St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School is hosting a Protecting Youth Workshop for any of you who need this class fulfillment. Upon completion, any person who has taken the class will have the certificate that will be good for five years before needing renewal. If you are volunteering in your child's classroom or driving for field trips, this class is necessary. There are classes offered all over the diocese throughout the year, but we are offering this one as a convenience to you for a close location. The class takes two hours and it will be in the Holy Family Center. You do not have to pre-



register; just show up that evening. If you cannot attend this particular class, please check the diocesan website's calendar for the other Protecting Youth classes. Go to www.toledodiocese.org and click on "Find a School" at the bottom of the home page and then click on "Calendar" and find another location to sign up for the class.

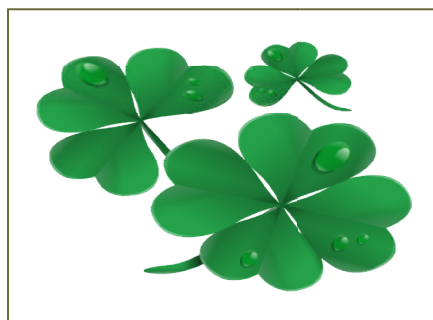
Dress Code

The dress code for St. Pat's has not changed from previous years. We sincerely hope that everyone understands the dress code, but if you do not, I welcome your questions in the office.

It is our hope to have this year's Parent Handbook sent home in the Friday mailing as soon as possible! The company is compiling it at this time. As soon as it is delivered to the school, we will send it home to the families.

Mrs. McEwen

I'd like to welcome Mrs. McEwen to her new Assistant Principal position at St. Pat's this year. After twelve years teaching Jr. High Social Studies, she has returned to the office as Assistant Principal. She and I spent most of July getting to know each other and deciding how we shall handle the every day happenings. For your information, she will be in charge of our accreditation process and anything that has to do with curriculum and testing. She will share the responsibilities of discipline with me.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

For the safety of the children... Drive slowly through the parking lot. The speed limit is 5 miles per hour.

All drivers dropping off or picking up PreK students must enter from Heatherdowns and exit onto Eastgate.

Stay out of the cone-marked bus lane which is next to the curb. Do not park next to the fence. It interrupts the flow of traffic.

If you are picking up a PreK student, you may park in the Eastgate parking lot after entering from Heatherdowns. Drivers picking up PreK students should be here by 2:45 to pick up their child/ren through the Eastgate door. We hope to have that hallway cleared by 3:00 when K-8 children will be dismissed through the Narthex. If you are picking up another child that is not in PreK, you will have to walk to the Narthex and out the main doors. All K-8 students have to leave through the main doors.

We hope to dismiss K-8 riders at 3:05 through the Narthex doors. If you are picking up a child in K-8, you will get out of the parking lot easier if you park by the playground or you park facing the playground. It is safer if you get out of your car to meet and walk with your child, rather than calling them to come to the car. Do not enter the building at dismissal time to pick up your child. It interrupts the flow of traffic. Wait for your child outside. Do not encourage your child to exit out any other door.

The teachers have shown the children how dismissal is to flow and will encourage them to cross at the crosswalk, so please uphold what the teacher has told the children. Encourage your child to walk and stay off the grass. Be sure to let anyone who is picking up your child know our procedures. If you need to pick up your child early, please let the teacher know and you can pick your child up at the nurse's office.

The operable time to arrive at school is between 8:10 and 8:25 in the mornings. After 8:30 the students are marked tardy. If you arrive between 8 and 8:10, please come to the Early Rooms. Early Room for the Seton Hall students (PreK-3) is down in the cafeteria. Early Room for Neumann Hall students (4-8) is in the gym. Students are not allowed to be in the hallways before 8:10.

Thanks for helping us keep all of our students safe this year!

Dear Parents:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to share with your child in the Physical Education program at St. Pat's.

I invite you to visit our Physical Education classes, where you will see your child participating in a quality program consisting of developmentally appropriate activities that create maximum opportunities for development of skills, knowledge, health-related fitness and ultimately, the confidence to enjoy an active healthy lifestyle.

I encourage you to participate in your child's physical development and fitness. Children need a minimum of at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day and what better way than playing together. You might go for a walk, take a bike ride or toss a ball. It is important for your child to see you being physically active role models.

For safety and comfort, please assist your child in following the Physical Education Dress Code as listed below. I look forward to working with your child.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pat Galvin

Physical Education Dress Code - Kindergarten

Athletic Shoes, Any comfortable clothing that allows free movement

Physical Education Dress Code - Grades One & Two

Athletic Shoes, Shorts (Students will wear school uniform shirt)

Students in first and second grade who wear school uniform shorts/skortts to school during Aug. & Sept or May & June may wear them for Physical Education class.

Physical Education Dress Code: Grades Three - Eight

Athletic Shoes, Shorts, T-shirt

T-shirts must have a sleeve and an appropriate logo.

If a student wears tights to school, she must take them off for class and will need a pair of socks.

On special dress days (jeans day or dress up day), students will change clothes for Phys. Ed. class.

Physical Education Progress Report:

Participates, Cooperates, Shows Effort
Comes Prepared for class

Evaluation for Grades 1& 2: Good, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement, Unsatisfactory

Evaluation for Grades 3 - 8: Outstanding, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement, Unsatisfactory

Grades 7 & 8 will also receive an overall letter grade based on Participation, Knowledge & Preparation

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Physical Education Schedule 2011 - 2012

Grade	Class Days	Preparation for Class
Kindergarten	Wednesday	Athletic Shoes
Grade 1	Wednesday and Friday	Athletic Shoes and Shorts
Grade 2	Wednesday and Friday	Athletic Shoes and Shorts
Grade 3	Tuesday and Thursday	Athletic Shoes, Shorts and T shirt
Grade 4	Tuesday and Thursday	Athletic Shoes, Shorts and T shirt
Grade 5	Tuesday and Thursday	Athletic Shoes, Shorts and T shirt
Grade 6	Monday	Athletic Shoes, Shorts and T shirt
Grade 7	Monday	Athletic Shoes, Shorts and T shirt
Grade 8	Monday	Athletic Shoes, Shorts and T shirt

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Congrats!

Congratulations to the Akpanudo family. They have welcomed baby #4 Akan to their family on 8/23/11. The newborn weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Akan has an older brother, Eti, in Mrs. Davidson's kindergarten class.

We also welcome to the Phil and Tricia Dzierwa family baby #3, Blake Edward, born on 8/8/11. Blake weighed 8 lbs and 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. His older brothers are Adam in Mrs. Reusch's kindergarten class and Zachary in Sr. Ann-Marie's first grade class.

Do you have any "great news" to share with the school families? Please let me know and I would love to put that news in this newsletter.

The Great Adventure is with our Lord!

Mrs. Deb O'Shea