

Happy New Year Lower School Families!

The school is entering the second half of the year and the time seems to be racing by! There are so many special occasions and events still in store for us this year. Just browse the update below for more information. We look forward to sharing the joy of each day with you and your children.

Best wishes,

Jan White

Christian Unity Celebration – Please join us on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 8:15 a.m. in the school's theater for our Christian Unity Celebration. We will recognize invited guests (priests, pastors, ministers) as our spiritual partners in faith. A continental breakfast reception and tour of our facility will follow.

A Warm Heart Will Keep Others From the Cold –Through January 21, the school will continue to collect new adult white athletic socks and adult hats and gloves to help the homeless community members with visit the NEST program.

Evenings at Saint Patrick – It is time again for adults to come back to school with over one hundred class offerings over a six week period. If you have not already enrolled in one of our many classes, please act now! Remember, your enrollment means fun for you and support for over 30% of our student body needing financial aid. An Evenings Catalog and information about our student challenge program to promote Evenings will be sent home with your child.

Parent Collaborations are individually scheduled for Wednesday, January 19. Please contact your child(ren)'s teacher if you would like to collaborate on this day or at another mutually agreeable time.

Hundredth Day of School – January 29th is our 100th day of school. The children will participate in activities that help to conceptualize the size of 100 by weighing, measuring, counting, grouping, etc. For fun reading about the hundredth day, visit the following website for stories on the topic <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/100th-day-of-school/kids-books/>

Admissions Application Deadline – Parents who wish to apply for a sibling need to do so by January 31st, 2011. Follow this link to apply: <http://vista-survey.com/survey/v2/survey.dsb?ID=8167969393> or contact Jamye Brown for more information. 213-0847 or jbrown@stpcs.org

Snapshots - Know someone who would like to hear our story? Invite them to attend a Snapshot informational tour of the school. Snapshot dates can be found at http://www.stpcs.org/tour_stpcs.html or contact Jamye Brown for more information. 213-0847 or jbrown@stpcs.org

Catholic Schools' Week - "Catholic Schools: A+ for America" is the theme for Catholic Schools week 2011 and we will celebrate the fact that Catholic schools are an added value ("a plus") for the nation. Saint Patrick Catholic School will kick-off the week with a special piano concert performed by Chris Kypros on January 30 at 2:30 p.m. Further information will be forthcoming.

Athletic News and Updates – A Pep Rally is scheduled for February 4 at 11:45-12:10. Come help us celebrate Catholic Schools' Week and honor our friend, *Big Blue*. The Winter Awards Night is scheduled for Midget Basketball Teams on February 23 and Junior Teams on March 2nd, both at 6:30 p.m. Athletes should meet in the gym dressed in their sports uniform for team pictures. After pictures, students will change to their school uniforms for the awards and enjoy dessert. For information about a **Cheer Tumbling Class** for rising 2nd through 8th grade students, please see the *attachment*.

Ballet Registration for Spring Semester – Ballet classes are back! Whether you are experienced in ballet or putting on your ballet slippers for the first time, this class is perfect for you! For all ballet class information and registration, see the *attachment*. For questions, please contact Lisa McCarty at 423-4037 or lmccarty@evolv-design.com

Catholic Advocacy Day – On January 27, members of our student government, the Celtic Council, will participate in Catholic Advocacy Day in Richmond, Virginia, sponsored by the Virginia Catholic Conference. Catholic Advocacy Day provides participants a wonderful opportunity for face-to-face visits with legislators and for dialogue with them about vital respect-life, social-justice, and education issues championed by the Conference on behalf of the Virginia bishops. To learn more about issues in front of legislation, visit <http://www.vacatholic.org/>.

Yearbook – A special early bird price of \$36 and the option for personalization of yearbooks will be available only through January 23. Yearbooks may be ordered anytime, however, on line at www.jostenyearbooks.com or by printing and submitting the *attached order form* to the front office. Also, if you have great photos of school and community events for possible consideration in the yearbook, please see the *attachment* on how to submit photos online by February 25.

Extended Care Plans for February 18 – To plan properly for the next non-school day, Friday February 18, interested parents are asked to complete and return the attached non-school registration form to sjessen@stpcs.org as soon as possible. A minimum of 20 registered students is needed to offer this non-school day service. Please register early! For questions, please contact Sheila Jessen at 440-5500, extension 745 or sjessen@stpcs.org.

Rosary – Consider joining us on Fridays at 2:45 p.m. in the Chapel for the rosary. We continue to have many community members who are in need of our prayers. Please don't hesitate to join in the prayer group and share in God's love.

Principal's Podcast - Have you listened to Steve Hammond's podcasts? Listen to chapel reflections and other Principal Podcasts at http://www.stpcs.org/news/category/principals_corner/ and chat with your family about the weekly Gospel.



Cheer Tumbling Class !!

- **Are you a Cheerleader?**
- **Are you interested in Cheerleading?**
- **Do you just want to tumble like a Cheerleader?**



The STPCS Cheerleading program is working with Tidewater Gymnastics Academy (TGA) to setup a Cheer Tumbling class on **Wednesdays from 1:45-2:45**. This class focuses on fitness and tumbling specific for cheerleading. It is being setup for students currently eligible for cheerleading and those who will be eligible next school year (2nd through 8th). This is a great opportunity for students to learn (or improve) their skills - especially those who are considering joining the cheerleading squad next year.



The cost is the standard pricing for a one-hour class at TGA. You can find out more about all TGA classes and pricing at: <http://www.tidewatergymnasticsacademy.com/>

The class is starting in January. However, enrollment is ongoing and you can join at anytime. Contact Philip Gruccio at grucciofamily@cavtel.net for more information. To learn more about TGA, including policies and procedures, visit their website (above) or call 493-3600 (ask for Joanna or Kevin).



Saint Patrick Catholic School
Dance Registration Form and Class Information

Name of Child _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade and Teacher's name _____

Parent Name (s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Class Registering For

Wednesday Ballet I _____ 1:30 to 2:30 (Kindergarten and 1st grade or teacher permission)

Wednesday Ballet II _____ 2:45 to 3:45 (1st, 2nd or 3rd grade or teacher permission)

Cost: \$25 registration fee plus \$170 tuition for Spring Semester 2011

Classes are limited to ten students each. Acceptance will be on a first come first serve basis. **Completed forms** need to be given to the front desk by **January 12** . Please save this bottom portion for reference.

DO NOT SEND PAYMENT WITH FORM. The school will bill you.

Classes will meet at their designated time on the school theater stage **beginning January 19 and ending May 11. There will also be a year end performance on May 18.** Performance fee is included in the tuition but there will be a modest costume fee.

After class, students will be kept in the theater (with the teacher) or taken to the front office or aftercare if there is no one to pick them up after ten minutes.

There is a dressing room behind the stage where students may change before class. Ballet class attire for girls is a solid colored leotard with no skirt, pink tights and pink ballet shoes. Hair should be in a ponytail or bun. Boys will wear a solid color t-shirt and shorts or sweatpants with black ballet slippers.

All dance shoes are best purchased at a specialty dance store.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. My email address is lmccarty@evolv-design.com. You can also reach me at my home phone 423-4037.

Thank you for your interest and support of the Dance Program and STPCS.

~Lisa McCarty

Image Share



Yearbook It!



Get your pictures in the yearbook!

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them.

Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online—

Log on to: images.jostens.com

Enter Login ID: 400051986

Password: yearbook

- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Image Share".
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

The last day to submit photos is February 25, 2011

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.



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Non-School Day Registration Form for 18 February 2011
Pre-K through 8th Grade Extended Care

Student Information

Name of Child: _____

Grade: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Before Care (6:30-7:30am): Yes _____ No _____ Fee is \$7.00

After Care (7:30am-6pm): Yes _____ No _____ Fee is \$30.00

*Extended Care will be offered if we have a minimum of 20 children registered on the above listed day when school is not in session. For planning purposes, we ask that all registration forms be turned in no later than one week prior to the non-school day you are registering your child(ren) for. Your child(ren)'s reservation for Extended Care on this day will be confirmed via email. **Notification of cancellations is required a minimum of one week prior to the non-school day.** Otherwise, the full amount will be charged to your next tuition statement. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
