AUGUST 22, 2019

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Faith In Learning

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Upcoming Events

Aug. 29-Back to School Night
Aug. 30-School Mass 8:30am
Sept. 2 - Labor Day - No School
Sept. 6-7 - Eucharistic Congress
Sept. 13 - School Mass 8:30am
Sept. 15 - Back to School Festival

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Patrick Catholic School Community, through the teachings of Jesus Christ, is committed to sharing the Good News of the Gospel and to encouraging the growth of each individual student spiritually, academically, emotionally, socially, and physically.

The St. Patrick **BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15th from 2:30-5:30pm. Come join the fun with meltdown moving obstacles, grandprix obstacle course, dual slide, carnival games, our famous cake walk and much more. And something new this year...some of our teachers will be in a dunk tank! See flyer for more information or contact Sarah Phillips at saysayphillips@hotmail.com or Kathy Quinn at kathygquinn@gmail.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL TICKETS are on sale now. Advance tickets are 3 tickets for $1. Checks can be made payable to St. Patrick PTO and sent to the office through backpack mail in an envelope clearly labeled BTS Festival Ticket Order c/o Katie Swanson. The last day to order advance tickets is Wed. Sept. 11th. Tickets can be purchased at the festival for 50 cents each, See flyer for more information.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT will be held on Thurs. Aug. 29th from 6-7:30pm. More information to follow.

The **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM** is changing. No more clipping from packages - just scan! You can download the new app that will allow you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly earn money for our school. You can still send Box Tops you have collected to the school. See flyer for more information.

Over the Chessboard **CHESS CLUB** will begin enrolling for the Fall semester on Wed. Aug. 28th at 7pm on their website. Registration is first come-first served. This after school program is open to all 1st-5th grader of any ability level. See flyer for more information.

The Connick School will be offering **IRISH DANCING** as an after school program again this fall. Classes will be held on Thursdays starting 9/5. See flyer for registration information,

Next Step Ed will be offering **PIANO AND GUITAR LESSONS** for St. Patrick students after school this Fall. Instrument rentals are included and scholarships are available. See flyer for more information or click here to visit their website to learn more.

SPAA Fall **SOCCER** is now registering. Registration will close soon. See flyer for information on registration and to volunteer as a coach for your child's team. Click here to sign up today! https://secure.sportability.com/spx/Leagues/League.asp?LgID=47335

This school year, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools will begin offering **SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY** to eligible students in the student's school setting by contracted and licensed providers to facilitate easy access to services. Services will include regular consultation with the student's teacher. See attached flyer for more information.

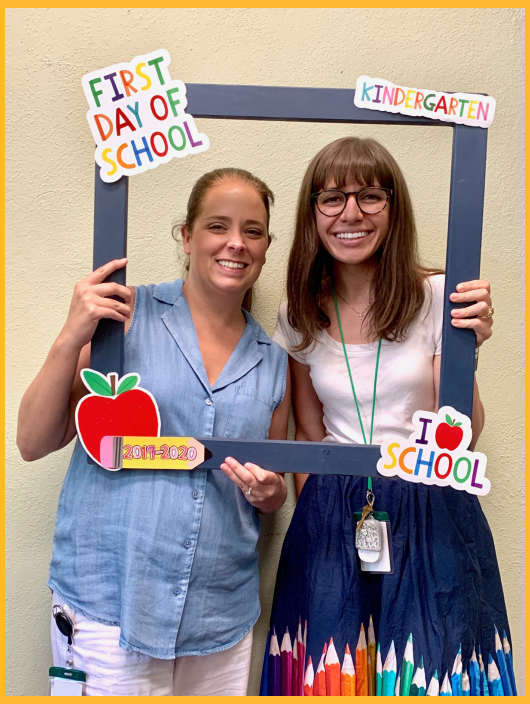
DRAMA KIDS after school program is now enrolling for the year. Classes will be held on Fridays from 3-4pm begining Sept. 13th with a performance in the Spring. See flyer for more information. Click here to register today. https://dramakids.com/concord-charlotte-north-nc/

Check out our new **ST. PAT SPOTLIGHT** page!.

St. Pat Spotlight

Kindergarten

KA - Mrs. Honeycutt



KB - Mrs. Hubbard

What's your favorite thing about teaching kindergarten?

Mrs. Honeycutt: I love teaching kindergarten because it's very rewarding to instill a love of learning into young minds and hearts.

Mrs. Hubbard: My favorite thing about teaching kindergarten is witnessing the amazing amount of growth that happens at this age! 5 year olds are so curious and eager to learn. I love listening to them read and reading what they write at the end of the year and thinking back to what we were working on during these first few days of school.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
BACK-TO-SCHOOL FESTIVAL 2019

Sunday, September 15th
2:30pm – 5:30pm

MELTDOWN MOVING OBSTACLES
GRAND PRIX OBSTACLE COURSE
DUAL SLIDE

DUNK TANK, HI STRIKER, BALLOON ARTIST,
FACE PAINTING, HAIR COLOR SPRAY,
FESTIVAL GAMES/PRIZES, FAMOUS CAKE WALK...AND MORE!

HOT DOGS - BURGERS - COTTON CANDY – POPCORN – SNOW CONES

Questions? Sarah Phillips: saysayphillips@hotmail.com or Kathy Quinn: kathygquinn@gmail.com

ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Back To School Festival 2019
Sunday, September 15th
2:30pm – 5:30pm

ADVANCE TICKET SALE: 3 "Festival Fun" Tickets for a $1.00

Make checks payable to: St. Patrick's Catholic School PTO

Please send orders via your child's backpack folder clearly labeled:
"BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL TICKET ORDER" Katie Swanson c/o Nolan Swanson

***Last Day to order advance tickets will be: Wednesday, September 11th**

After September 11th "Festival Fun" tickets can be purchased at the festival for 50 cents each.

Rides (4 Tickets)	Games (2 Tickets)
• Meltdown • Grand Prix Obstacle Course • Dual Slide	• Bottle Ring Toss • Knock Down Cans • Beanbag Toss • Javelin Throw • Plinko • Lucky Ring Toss • Football Throw • Frisbee Throw

Various Tickets

- Cake Walk (4 Tickets)
- Balloon Artist (4 Tickets)
- Dunk Tank (4 Tickets)
- Test Your Strength High Striker (3 Tickets)
- Face Painting (3 Tickets)
- Hair Paint (2 Tickets)

Back To School Festival
Advance Ticket Order Form

Family Name: _____ **Classroom:** _____

Festival Fun Tickets	**Food Tickets**
Tickets @ 3 for $1 (Advance Ticket Sale) **Quantity:** _____ **Amount:** _____	Tickets are $1 each **Quantity:** _____ **Amount:** _____ Drinks - $1 Chips - $1 Popcorn - $1 Snow Cones - $1 Cotton Candy - $1 Hot Dog Meal (includes chips & drink) - $5 Hamburger Meal (includes chips & drink) - $7 Adult Meal (includes chips & drink) - $8

OVER THE CHESSBOARD CHESS CLUB

FALL 2019

ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPENS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th, at 7pm.

REGISTRATION IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.
WWW.OVERTHECHESSBOARD.COM/CLUBS

This semester we welcome 1st – 5th graders of any level to club! Sign-ups are limited to the first 24 students to register. Professional instructor Shawn Pealer will continue our popular and fun club! Kindergartners are welcome in spring as usual.

By the end of this semester, children will know all the basic rules of chess, including all the rules for en passant, promotion, and castling. More advanced students will learn about endgame techniques, opening theory, and practice lots and lots of tactics.

Everyone will learn new vocabulary, improve sportspersonship, study Grandmaster games, and play lots of chess! You can always get better at chess and have fun!

REGISTER: OVERTHECHESSBOARD.COM/CLUBS

Please contact Jessica Prescott at jprescott@overthechessboard.com with any questions.

TOP 5 REASONS TO PLAY CHESS

5. **Chess improves your critical thinking skills.**

4. **You get to go to tournaments with your friends.**

3. **Chess teaches you how to win and lose gracefully.**

2. **Chess helps you be more patient and think about logical consequences.**

1. **It is lots of FUN!**

Tournaments will be open to any students interested who can play a legal game of chess. A schedule will be provided soon.

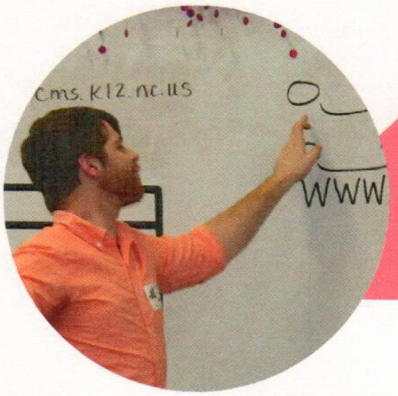
We look forward to another wonderful season!

CONNICK SCHOOL AT ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

BEGINNER IRISH DANCE AFTER SCHOOL

Learn traditional Irish dance, fitness, and fun!

Thursdays Starting 9/5
Email connickschool@gmail.com to reserve your spot
10 Week Session, cost is $100



PIANO & GUITAR CLUBS

ON CAMPUS
ONE HOUR
ONCE A WEEK

CLUBS LIMITED TO 20 STUDENTS. FIRST COME, FIRST TAUGHT.

RENTAL INCLUDED
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

for schedule & registration visit

NextStepEd.com

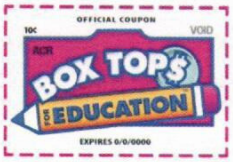
704.879.5731

info@nextsteped.com

Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT

SEE THIS...
SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT

BTFE.COM

PROGRAMS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
PARENTALLY PLACED PRIVATE SCHOOL CHILD FIND

Parents of Parentally Placed Private School Students, grades K-12, can request an evaluation if they suspect their student may have an educational disability. They can contact either the school to which their student would be assigned based on their address if enrolled in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) or they can contact the Exceptional Children (EC) Office. A student may request an evaluation at age 18, the age of majority in the State of North Carolina, because the ability to make educational decisions and procedural safeguards transfers to the student at that time (unless a guardian has been appointed to represent the student).

Upon receipt of the request for evaluation, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team:

- Obtains required enrollment documentation in order to initiate the process.
- Meets with the parent and/or student to discuss concerns, review any previous evaluations or documentation, discuss intervention data, and complete the written referral.
- Obtains written consent if an evaluation is recommended.
- Completes a comprehensive assessment.
- Conducts a conference with the parent and/or student to discuss evaluation results and complete eligibility determination.
- Develops a proposed IEP, if applicable, so the parent and/or student can make an informed decision about services that would be provided if the student enrolls in CMS.

If a student is eligible for the services that the EC Program provides to Parentally Placed Private School Students, then an Individual Services Plan (ISP) is developed, parent consent for services is obtained, and the ISP is implemented.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

The following required information must be submitted to the school IEP Team to begin the process:

- Completed CMS enrollment packet **English** | **Spanish**
- A copy of the student's legal name and date of birth
- Current immunization record
- Two different copies of proof of residence, proof of domicile, residency affidavit or a statement
- of McKinney-Vento status
- Written statement from the private school affirming the student's enrollment (if the student does not reside in Mecklenburg County)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Exceptional Children Website: www.cms.k12.nc.us/CMSDEPARTMENTS/EC
Email: ec@cms.k12.nc.us
4421 Stuart Andrew Boulevard, Suite 500
Charlotte, NC 28217
Phone: 980-343-6960; Fax: 980-343-5433

PARENT RESOURCES

Parent Rights & Responsibilities in Special Education: NC Notice of Procedural Safeguards: Parent Rights
NC Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities: **Amended** - March 2018

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System does not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, national origin, race, ethnic background, color, religion, age or disability in any of its educational or employment programs or activities.

Debbie Mixer
Interim Superintendent of Schools

August 22, 2019

Greetings and Salutations!

One of my favorite childhood books was Charlotte's Web. For me, it represented the ability of very different characters to be appreciated and valued as contributing members of their world. Our world, as schools of the Diocese of Charlotte, also values the contributions of all of our stakeholders – students, parents, teachers, clergy, and staff. Thank you for everything that you do!

As the Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Charlotte, I wanted to share my spiritual vision for the 19-20 school year. Father Winslow, Vicar General and Chancellor, and Father Arnsparger, Vicar of Education, remind us that we are all here to help souls get to Heaven. To move toward this goal, the Catholic Schools Office theme for this year is to Be Christ-like to One Another. By interacting with each other in a way that is Christ-like, we are modeling the actions that follow our words. Our schools exemplify the Catholic Faith which is key to our mission. All of our teachers are being trained in basic catechesis to provide a broader understanding of the Catholic Faith. With all of us working with a common goal in focus, the entire organization moves forward.

It goes without saying that academic excellence is an essential component of our schools. Several schools have implemented STEM programs and maker spaces, new software programs are being explored, and planning for the technological landscape is occurring. Schools may have new computers or creative ways to utilize existing ones. However, there is no substitute for the excellent teaching that goes on in our classrooms. Our teachers continue to expand their professional knowledge and strengthen and enhance their teaching "toolbox".

The other area of focus is continuing assessment of the safety of students and staff at our schools. Over the past year we have worked with various law enforcement agencies in the different regions to assess and address any safety concerns at the schools. We have invested in a diocesan-wide safety preparedness tool that is designed specifically for schools. This is a topic that is continuously being discussed, and in conjunction with the Risk Management Department of the Diocese and the Chancery, we seek to be proactive as well as responsive to ameliorate any situation that may arise.

In closing, I wish you all a school year filled with the life lessons of Charlotte's Web… celebrate life, nurture friendships, appreciate the unique gifts of each person, stay humble, and show compassion. The prophet reminds us in Micah 6: 8: "You have been told…, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." Together we will continue to be "Christ-like to One Another."

Sincerely,

Debbie Mixer
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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