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PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

***Celebrating over 100 Years
of Educating God's Children
Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community***

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The policies and procedures set forth by this handbook can be amended at the discretion of the St. Patrick's School administration, in coordination with the pastor, in order to meet the needs of the St. Patrick's School Community.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL **POLICY AGREEMENT FORM**

2026-2027

Please sign one agreement form listing each student. Please return to school by September 14, 2026.

We have read and agree to abide by all the policies as stated in the handbook. This includes the following individual policies as well.

- **Student iPad/ Chromebook use and behavior Policy**
- **Student Technology Use and Behavior Policy**
- **Student Photo and Video Release Policy**

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Parent (s) Signature

St. Patrick's School Philosophy Statement

Based on the belief that God has created humanity as a fitting vessel for divine life and has given that divine life to human-kind most fully in the person of Jesus Christ, we affirm that the human person must be challenged and enabled to grow to wholeness through relationship to Jesus Christ and other persons.

It is in the atmosphere enlivened by the Gospel spirit of justice and charity that the child will be drawn to know himself/herself as an intelligent, creative, responsive, responsible, and loving being whose potential for greatness goes beyond himself or herself. It is in the Christian Community of the school that he/she will know himself/herself and other persons as fragile, sensitive, joyful, playful, and worthy of respect. Children need one another; the gift of self to others leads to a true knowledge of self.

The curriculum of St. Patrick's School encompasses this philosophy and seeks the education of the whole child. The goals of our curriculum seek to recognize and meet the individual needs of all students through academic challenge, development of leadership, individual creativity, and Christian responsibility. All aspects of the curriculum are ultimately directed to God and how the child learns to love and respect life, beauty, and his/her physical growth. The educational process leads young people to choose Christian values, since the person of Christ is the model they come to know as the perfection of all that is human. Through the development of self-discipline, self-motivation, and self-reflection, students learn critical thinking, and prophetic decision making, thereby becoming prepared to cope with life. Ultimately, students will be able to immerse themselves completely in life and bring new hope for the future in the imitation of Lord Jesus.

St. Patrick's School Mission Statement

Our students, the adult Catholics of the 21st Century, will possess the skills, attitudes and values necessary to be contributing members of society. Because of their deep reverence for all of God's creations, students will share their gifts and talents in promoting a sense of respect, dignity, and equality for all especially for the poor and needy. Their strong belief in the providential love of God will enable them to face the challenges and responsibilities associated with this complex technological age.

Diocesan Notice

St. Patrick School is operated in full accord with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church (the "Church"), subject first and foremost and at all times to the Church's moral, ethical, canonical and religious precepts as interpreted by the parish pastor, subject to the Diocesan Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre (the "Diocesan Bishop") and applied by the school administration. The Diocesan Bishop is the final arbiter of the interpretation and application of such precepts to all aspects of school life. These precepts shall be the guiding principles and law upon which the entire life of the school shall be understood.

PRAYER TO ST. PATRICK

O great Apostle of Ireland, glorious St. Patrick, to whom under God, so many are indebted for the most precious of all treasures, the great gift of Faith, receive our fervent thanks for the zeal and charity, which have been to thousands the source of blessings so invaluable.
Ask for all who dwell in this land and the land of Thy labors,
the precious light of Faith, and beg for us on whom its glorious rays have long since beamed the grace to regulate our lives by its sacred maxims.

Faculty/Staff Extensions

Addeo	278	Mayer	297
Allegretti	254	McFaul	271
Berin	203	Mottola	286
Borum	237	Mundy	273
Carvano	274	Nachtrab	282
Christensen	262	Napoli	249
Forte	266	Neugbauer	309
Fries	267	Ozimkowski	251
Hansen	275	Patane	257
Hahn	268	Perrone	279
Haran	290	Policaro	298
TBA 5-1	265	Powell	308
Henrickson	301	Qualliotine	272
Herr	250	Riley	289
Spateri	300	Rosa	259
Karman	208	Salerno	287
LaMar	270	Sanginario	305
Lee	280	Shannon	253
Lennon	277	Signorile	263
Leonard	311	Spanish	302
Maintenance	285	Spero	276
Malkiewicz	255	TBA	281
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Margan	252	Varous	256
Marro	264	Welch	329
		Wyer	269

St. Patrick's School Policies and Procedures

School Hours:

School is in session from 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

No student will be dismissed between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

NOTICE MUST BE SENT in the morning to your child's teacher, if you intend to pick up your child early.

The school office is open from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Nursery 2 Year Old Program 3 day or 5 day

AM Session 8:15 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.

PM Session 11:45 a.m.- 2:15 p.m.

Nursery 3 Year Old Program 5 Day Program

8:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Pre-K 4 Year Old Program 5 Full Days

8:20 a.m.- 1:40 p.m.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures:

Bus transportation is provided for most of our students. If the need arises and you have to drive your child/children to school, please enter the school yard through the top entrance and follow the buses down and drop off your child/children near the building. Please do not get out of your car to open the door; your child/children must let themselves out of the car. Please do not park in the school yard and walk your child/children into the school. This causes confusion and walking through the line of buses and cars is dangerous to you and your child/children.

If you need to come to school during the day, please park in the upper part of the yard, or in the church parking lot. Please do not park in the lower part of the yard, as that is needed for playtime, fire drills etc. Also, please do not move the gates from the entrance to the school yard.

If your child/children is/are going home with another parent, please send in a note to the teacher. Jr. High students who are walking into town must provide a note as well.

Attendance Policy

The New York State Educational Law states that absence from school for the following reasons is excusable: personal sickness, death or sickness in the family, impassable roads or weather making travel unsafe, religious observance, quarantine, approved educational trips, required presence in court, attendance at organized clinics and remedial health treatment. Absence for any other reason is unexcused and must be so marked on the pupil's official record.

A vacation when school is in session is considered an unexcused absence. Medical appointments should be scheduled after school hours. If your child will not be in attendance at school on a specific day, you must phone the school office between 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. at (631)385-3322 x 252/253.

When your child is ill, please arrange to obtain the homework assignments from a responsible classmate or contact your child's teacher to arrange for pickup from security. After dismissal at 2:00 p.m., the books and assignments may be picked up at security until 3:30pm.

After absences, your child must return to school with a note and the reason for the absence. If the note is not sent, it will be considered an unexcused absence, as mandated by NYS. This note, signed by the parent, gives the date(s) and the reason for the absence.

Excessive Absence Policy:

The DRVC Department of Education has instituted an absence policy that If a child is absent 12 or more times throughout the academic year there will be an academic review to ensure all requirements of the grade level have been met.

Lateness:

A student who arrives after the 7:40 a.m. bell is late. All students must report first to the main office if they arrive after this time. A late pass will be issued, and it will be recorded on PowerSchool and the report card.

Allergy Procedures

- During registration, if a parent indicates his/her child has a history of allergies, the school nurse will request that the parent provide further documentation from the student's healthcare provider. The school nurse will check all new entrants and Kindergarten registration packets/ Health History Forms for medical information and contact parents if additional health/medical information is required.
- Parents are given a copy of the: Food Allergy Action Plan. This needs to be completed IN FULL- signed by BOTH physician and parent. EpiPen's and antihistamines prescribed by the physician are to be delivered to the school nurse by an ADULT (no medications brought in by a student will be accepted). The medication should be placed in a CLEAR zip lock bag with the child's name and class written on the bag. Please be sure to check all expiration dates.
- When all required documentation and medication is collected, an Individual Health Care Plan will be completed on the student and kept in the health office.
- All teachers and aides will be instructed of the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis - actions to take, and use of an EpiPen. A record will be kept of staff members attending.

St. Patrick's School is an allergy aware school.
Please do not send snacks/lunches that contain
peanut products

School Notices

All St. Patrick's School buildings are in compliance with the NY State asbestos law (AHERA).

All sinks in the St. Patrick's School buildings have been labeled as non-potable water.

Communicable Diseases

In order to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, children should be kept out of school for the following symptoms:

1. Fever within the previous 48 hours
2. Enlarged glands
3. Vomiting or diarrhea within the previous 24 hours
4. Red or purulent eyes
5. Head lice-please contact the nurse.

Some communicable diseases must be reported to the Health Department. Please inform the school if your child has a contagious disease. A form letter will be sent informing the parents of their child's possible exposure to this disease. The infected child will not be identified. COVID-19 Procedures should be strictly adhered to with regard to DOH and NYS isolation and quarantine requirements when applicable.

Illness or Injury

If your child needs to go home during the school day due to illness or injury, every attempt will be made to contact the parent. Please keep the emergency card in the nurse's office up-to-date. In the event that you cannot be reached, the alternate contact will be called. Please be sure these people live locally. Any student who is too ill or fatigued to follow the school program should not come to school that day. Students who become ill during school hours are to request permission from their class teacher to visit the Health Office. After consultation, the school nurse will phone the parents. Students who are mildly indisposed will return to class; those not able to attend class will return home accompanied by a parent or guardian or designated emergency person, upon request of pick up by the nurse, promptly to ensure the well-being of that child and the rest of the school community. If your child is feeling ill in the morning, please do not send them to school.

Bus Transportation: Kindergarten–8th Grade

Transportation to and from school is provided by the district of residence for grades K through 8th. In order to maintain safety and punctuality for all students who ride the buses between school and home, we solicit the cooperation of all parents in helping their children understand and observe the following rules of good bus conduct:

- Be at the bus stop on time.
- Respect private property at and near your bus stop.
- Go directly to your seat; put on seatbelt and remain seated until the bus stops.
- Do not put books and other items in the aisle of the bus.
- Do not throw anything out of the bus.
- Recognize the authority of the bus driver; do not distract them.
- Keep hands, arms, and head inside the bus.
- Avoid shouting, pushing, shoving, and other types of disruptive behavior.
- Do not touch any part of the bus as it pulls away from you.
- Do not yell or scream on the bus.
- Do not get out of your seat until the bus has stopped at your bus stop.
- Walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus when the driver is holding traffic for you to cross.
- Face the traffic when walking to and from your bus stop.
- No student is allowed to ride any other bus whether in their own district or another district.

****The school, school district, and bus companies reserve the right to suspend a student from riding a school bus for disorderly or disrespectful conduct. Further information about transportation may be obtained from the Transportation Department of the school district of residence. ****

School Closure/Delay Notification

The announcement of school closings/delays because of weather conditions or other emergencies will be communicated through School Messenger & the school app.

School Messenger is an automated phone/email notification system utilized to send messages regarding important school notices. Please make the office aware of ANY phone or email changes.

Delayed Opening Procedure

All district schools will open two hours later than the regular opening time and school buses will begin their bus runs two hours later than normal for Kindergarten - 8th Grade. Pre-K will drop their children at 10:20 a.m. Lunch will be served for Pre-K-8th Grade. Dismissal times will remain the same. The two or three-year-old program will not be in session on these days.

Emergency Closing:

A card is on file for each family. It provides the name and telephone number of an available person to be contacted if there is an early school closing. Parents are responsible for updating this information with the main office.

St. Patrick's School Health Services

Physical Examinations & immunizations

All New York State public school students must have a health exam when they enter school as a new entrant and in Pre-K or Kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. These examinations must be completed on the approved NYSED Student Health Examination Form for School for the health exam.

New York State Public Health Law Section 2164 requires a physician's certificate to prove that your child is adequately immunized. School immunization rules and regulations have been changed so that New York State immunization requirements are consistent with the most current childhood and adolescent immunization recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Your child's(ren's) most current immunization record must be presented at the start of school.

Medications

When it is necessary for your child to take medication in school, the nurse will be happy to store and dispense the medication. State law prohibits the nurse to do this without written permission from the parent and a doctor's written order. The medication should be in its original container. In order to avoid serious problems, we will enforce that medication not be put in children's lunch boxes or carried in their pockets. Medications can be easily lost and picked up by another child who might decide to try them. Permission slips are in the Health Office and must be renewed annually and/or when there is a prescription change.

Students who are deemed responsible and old enough may carry and self-administer medication and inhalers. A form is available online or in the nurse's office, and needs to be completed by your physician. Over-the-counter drugs will be administered only with a parent and physician's permission slip on file. All medication must be taken home by the parent at the end of the school year. Medication should not be transported daily to and from school. Parents should ask the pharmacist for two containers; one to remain at home and one at school. Requests for use of herbal remedies, dietary supplements, and natural products will not be administered by the school nurse. These guidelines are based on existing state law and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Tuition Assistance

The Diocese of Rockville Centre provides tuition assistance to those families who qualify. Please access the Tomorrow's Hope website at www.TomorrowsHopeFoundation.org. The applications are posted in January. There is no deadline; awards are granted to those applicants in need at a first come, first serve basis. If for any reason additional tuition assistance is needed, please make an appointment to speak with Msgr. Camp.

Refund Policy

Refund requests will be considered on an individual basis. All refund requests must be made in writing to Dr. Hearney, Principal of St. Patrick's School.

St. Patrick's School fee payments (milk, registration, and tuition deposit) are non – refundable.

Late Payment Policy

If the Tuition Deposit has not been paid by April 1st of the current school year, your child(ren)'s placement on the September roster will not be held.

If any tuition, fees and/or fines from the current school year have not been paid in full by May 1st, final report cards will be withheld and your child's (ren)'s place for the academic year will be lost, and no school records will be released.

All tuition payments for the next school year (May, June & July) are to be made in a timely manner. If tuition payments are not current on August 1st of that year, your child(ren)'s name(s) will not appear on the class roster.

Any questions regarding tuition, please contact Terri Riley at (631)385-3322 x289 or email tuition@stpathunt.org.

Student Technology Use and Behavior Policy

St. Patrick's School has established a technology network with access to the Internet for its students. This network has been established for limited educational purposes only. By agreeing to this policy the students and the parents and/or guardians of the students fully agree to the following:

There is **NO RIGHT TO PRIVACY** when using the school's technology resources. Administration, faculty, and other authorized persons have the right to review any and all material saved, transmitted, accessed, or momentarily in use by the student in accord with the policy set by the school's administration.

There is **NO ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH** when using the school's technology resources, which is viewed by the administration as a limited educational forum; and student behavior is expected to conform to values consistent with the Catholic faith both inside and outside the school setting.

All access to the school's technology resources will be permitted only under the authorization of a member of the school staff.

The student agrees that all information transmitted through the use of the school's technology resources (including e-mail, G-Suite (Google) apps, web page publication, or other Internet postings) will be sent, received, or posted only under the authorization of a member of the school's staff with the explicit permission of that staff member.

The student agrees to stop using any and all of the school's technology resources whenever requested to do so by a member of staff or other authorized person.

The student agrees never to transmit via the school's technology or personal technology resources the personal information (name, age, gender, address, phone number, e-mail address and the like) of themselves as well as that of any other person.

The student agrees never to arrange for a meeting with any person at any time using the technology resources.

The student agrees to notify a staff member immediately if they are asked for personal information, views inappropriate materials, or in any other way feels violated, harassed, uncomfortable, or accosted through the school's technology resources.

The student agrees never to access, transmit, or retransmit material which promotes violence or advocates destruction of property, including, but not limited to, access to information concerning weapons, the manufacture of destructive devices, such as explosives, fireworks, smoke bombs, incendiary devices, and the like.

The student agrees never to access, transmit, or retransmit any information containing sexually oriented material, which means any pictures or writings that are intended to stimulate erotic feelings by the description or portrayal of sexual activity or nude human form.

The student agrees never to use inappropriate, obscene, profane, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language. The student agrees never to post false information or engage in personal, prejudicial, or discriminatory attacks. Student behavior is expected to conform to values consistent with the Catholic faith.

The student agrees never to harass and or bully another person by use of any technology resources. Harassment is defined as any action that distresses or annoys another person. The student agrees to stop immediately any and all behavior that is construed by another as unwelcome. Harassment includes acts of cyberbullying. The student agrees never to participate in acts of cyberbullying against another person.

The student agrees never to use any of the school's technology resources to plagiarize (i.e. AI). Plagiarism is defined as taking the idea or writing of others and presenting them as one's own.

The student agrees to respect the right of intellectual property of other people and to respect all copyright laws. The student agrees that if they are unsure whether copyright law is being respected, they will bring this question immediately to the attention of a staff member.

The student agrees never to participate in illegal activity using the technology resources. The school will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through the school's resources.

The school will not be held responsible for the actions of a student who is in violation of any of the terms of this policy. This responsibility is extended to, but not limited to: loss of data or interruptions of service, the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the school's system, or any financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the school's technology resources.

The school reserves the right to establish rules and regulations regarding the use of the school's technology resources, and behavior is expected to conform to values consistent with the Catholic faith both inside and outside the school setting.

A student found in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, temporary removal from the school's system, permanent removal from the system, or other appropriate disciplinary action in accord with the rules and regulations of the school, including suspension or expulsion, and /or legal action.

The student agrees to use their G-Suite for Education (Google) account for educational purposes only.

The student agrees not to share their password with another student.

The student agrees not to use another student or staff member's account for any reason.

The student agrees not to use school technology resources (including the network and student accounts) for unauthorized purposes.

The student agrees not to use his/her G-Suite for Education account for non-school related use or communication.

St. Patrick's School Tuition

2026-2027

ALL TUITION PAYMENTS AND FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

All families are required to participate in the FACTS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

There are three tuition payment options through FACTS Tuition Management Program, *Annually, Semi-Annually or 10 Monthly Payments*

If you are interested in paying annually or semi-annually, please email Mrs. Riley at tuition@stpathunt.org.

GRADES K-8:

One Child	941.00	Monthly
Two Children	1598.00	Monthly
Three Children	2116.00	Monthly
Four Children	2632.00	Monthly

PRE-K FULL DAYS WITH SIBLINGS K-8:

Two Children	1745.00	Monthly
Three Children	2348.00	Monthly

PRE-K WITHOUT SIBLINGS K-8:

One Child 5 days	1006.00	Monthly
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K-8TH GRADE TUITION DEPOSIT:

400.00 PER CHILD NON REFUNDABLE

NURSERY SCHOOL:

3 year old's 5 days	921.00	Monthly
2 year old's 3 days	443.00	Monthly
2 year old's 5 days	700.00	Monthly

PRE-K & NURSERY TUITION DEPOSIT

300.00 PER CHILD NON REFUNDABLE

\$125 NEW REGISTRANT NON REFUNDABLE FEE FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS

Milk Fee: (Please pay by separate check)

St. Patrick's School Parents

Mother's Guild

Mission Statement: St. Patrick's School always strives to embrace the rich traditions of our school while also evolving to stay current with the wants and needs of our school community. It is in this spirit that the Mother's Guild was created. The Parent Association is an all-inclusive organization, of which each and every St. Patrick parent and guardian is a member, to help build and enrich the school community. Our community is guided by our faith to serve and in doing so we set a positive example for our children.

The Mother's Guild has been created to support and guide the Parent Association, oversee school volunteer efforts, oversee fundraising efforts and service events, communicating with parents, teachers and administration and promoting school events. The Mother's will work with the administration, school board and parish to help enhance our school and community with fundraising and service efforts. The Guild does NOT set policy nor is it involved in any manner of the decision-making as it relates to staffing, curriculum, school rules and procedures.

2026-2027 Mother's Guild

President: Samantha Girardi: smorello89@gmail.com

Vice President: Danielle Nawrocki: dannimiller20@gmail.com

Secretary: Erin Kessler: ekesslermc@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sarah Sobocienski: sjclune21@yahoo.com

Father's Guild

Mission Statement: The St. Patrick's School Father's Guild strives to make a positive difference in the lives of our children as examples of leadership, faith, and excellence as we promote their spiritual growth, academic and social well-being, and vocational preparedness within the St. Patrick's School Community.

The Father's Guild pledges to continue enhancing our involvement, whenever needed, to further promote a supportive educational community, where each person, regardless of their position, is viewed as important to the proper functioning of the Father's Guild and instrumental in the development of our children. Everyone is respected, every idea valued, and everyone's labor is appreciated.

2026-2027 Fathers Guild

President: Fred Corsentino: fcorsentinojr@gmail.com

Vice President Jason Stephens: jasonpaulstephens@gmail.com

Social Networking - Student behavior is expected to conform to values consistent with the Catholic faith, both inside and outside the school setting, relating to the use of and participation in social networking.

- Any technology use or use of social networking sites to display any wording or images of any student engaged in any activity which, in the sole discretion of the school administration, is inappropriate, crude, vulgar, or a violation of values consistent with the Catholic faith, or is illegal in any respect, will be subject to disciplinary action, including, without limitation, suspension, expulsion and/or legal action.
- Any technology use by any student, in school or at home, which includes viewing or distributing any images, wording, messages or inappropriate material which are, in the sole discretion of the school administration, obscene, harassing, racist/ bullying inflammatory, malicious, fraudulent or libelous will be subject to disciplinary action, including, without limitation, suspension, expulsion and/or legal action.

Artificial Intelligence - Natural Language Processing Tools - The Department of Education (DOE) and schools of the Diocese of Rockville Centre recognize that technology in our global society is ever-changing. Students are expected to use their own knowledge and skills to complete their schoolwork. When students use resources for informational purposes to support their learning, they are expected to give credit to the original source (i.e. bibliographies, quotations, footnotes, etc.) To promote academic integrity and ethical use of technology, students are not permitted to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools to complete their schoolwork except as outlined below.

Students may use AI and NLP tools if they receive prior consent from their teacher for specific lessons, assignments, or activities in the instances stated below:

- **Research:** students may use AI/NLP tools to learn how to quickly and efficiently research topics and learn how to create search prompts provided students acknowledge use of the AI / NLP tools if any of the information returned is included in their completed assignments.
- **Data Analysis:** students may use AI/NLP tools for assistance in interpreting data provided students acknowledge the use of such tools when completing and turning in assignments.
- **Accessibility:** AI/NLP tools may be used by students to help them access and understand written materials in special circumstances.

The DOE acknowledges that, at the principal's discretion, teachers may use AI / NLP tools with their students for additional purposes.

It is important that students recognize that AI/NLP tools do not always return factually accurate information, and it is the responsibility of the student to verify information is correct before including such information in their schoolwork.

It is expected that students will use AI/NLP tools in an ethical manner and that teachers will discuss such with students prior to use of AI/NLP tools

in the classroom. Use of AI/NLP tools by students is expected to conform to values consistent with the Catholic faith, both inside and outside the school setting.

Parents/guardians are expected to monitor their child's use of all technology. Parents/guardians understand that their use of any technology belonging to the school is held to the same standards in this agreement as their child.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of this acceptable use policy and I have discussed it with my child/children, who also agree(s) to the foregoing terms. I understand this policy applies to usage of school technology resources both at home and at school.

Student iPad/Chromebook Use and Behavior Policy

St. Patrick's School (the "school") is providing an iPad/Chromebook with access to the Internet. The device is being provided for and is limited to educational purposes only. By agreeing to this policy I fully agree to the following:

There is NO RIGHT TO PRIVACY when using the school's iPad/Chromebook. Administration, faculty, and other authorized persons have the right to review any and all material saved, transmitted, accessed, or momentarily in use by the student in accord with the policy set by the school's administration.

There is NO ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH when using the school's iPad/Chromebook, which is viewed by the administration as a limited educational forum; and student behavior is expected to conform to values consistent with the Catholic faith both inside and outside the school setting.

I agree that all information transmitted through the use of the school's iPad/Chromebook (e-mail, web page publication, or other Internet postings) will be sent or received with the explicit permission of a member of the school's staff.

I agree not to use the iPad/Chromebook to record, transmit or post photos or video of a person or persons on the school campus. Nor can any images, audio and/or video recorded at school be transmitted or posted at any time without being reviewed by and with the permission of a member of the school's staff.

I agree never to access, transmit, or retransmit material which promotes violence or advocates destruction of property, is sexually oriented, or discriminatory in nature or conduct which is offensive to the principles of the Roman Catholic Church.

Social Networking – I will not use the iPad/Chromebook for social networking except with the express intent of educational purposes and not without the explicit permission of a member of the school's staff.

The school reserves the right to establish rules and regulations regarding the use of the school's iPad/Chromebook, and behavior is expected to conform to values consistent with the Catholic faith both inside and outside the school setting.

A student found in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, temporary removal of the school's iPad/Chromebook, permanent removal of the school's iPad/Chromebook, or other appropriate disciplinary action in accord with the rules and regulations of the school, including suspension or expulsion, and /or legal action.

St. Patrick's School Board

Each Board member is able to serve a total of (2) three-year terms consecutively. The number of Board members can vary between as low as six members and as many as twelve members at the discretion of Monsignor Camp and Dr. Hearney

schoolboard@stpathunt.org

President - Andrew Rainone:

Vice President: Erin Callahan

Michael Foranoce:

Erin Callahan:

Liz Fitzpatrick:

Frank Garvey:

Genevieve Hamory:

Christina Kost:

Maureen Meyer::

Brian Palmieri:

Marco Palmieri:

Elizabeth Squilace:

Courtney Wehrum:

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Parent Involvement at St. Patrick's School

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The conferences are scheduled in December and March upon completion of the first and second trimester of the school year. These conferences provide the opportunity for parents and teachers to share the child's educational growth, experiences, attitudes, concerns, and successes. Individual conferences may be requested by communicating with the grade or subject teacher so that a mutually convenient appointment may be arranged. Second trimester conferences are held at the discretion of the teacher and/or a parent request.

Visitors

We ask that all visitors report to the Parish Center Security Door and sign in. No parents are permitted to visit a classroom without a teacher's prior knowledge. Please come to the Parish Center when picking up or dropping off your child for any reason. If you are meeting with a teacher after school, please wait until the last bus has been called and then proceed to the classroom. All visitors will be asked to provide ID when picking up a student and prior to entering the school.

VIRTUS Program:

VIRTUS is a Diocese of Rockville Centre program designed to increase public awareness about how to further protect God's children. This program is required of all adults who are responsible for children in a school setting. This includes parents/caregivers who volunteer for class trips, lunch duty, and any other volunteer task in which an adult is giving supervisory responsibilities over children. Information is available on the school website and the DRVC website at www.DRVC.org.

VIRTUS training also requires a background check to be conducted through DRVC Virtus office.

Photo and Video Release Agreement (Parent Copy)

I hereby grant permission, without reservation, to St. Patrick's School and to the Diocese of Rockville Centre and DRVC Department of Education, and to those authorized by St. Patrick's School, the Diocese of Rockville Centre and DRVC Department of Education, to take photographs and to make recordings of my child or children (names outlined below), and to use them in original or modified form in all media now or hereafter known, with or without name or information, solely for the promotion, public education, and/or fundraising activities of St. Patrick's School. I understand and agree that I am entitled to receive no compensation for the above. I release St. Patrick's School, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the DRVC Department of Education, its officers, directors, agents, employees, independent contractors, licensees and assignees from all claims that I now have or in the future may have, relating to the above. I further agree that St. Patrick's School, will be the sole owner of all tangible and intangible rights in the abovementioned photographs and recordings, with full power of disposition.

St. Patrick's School, including faculty and staff may take appropriate pictures of faculty, staff, and students during school functions, events, field trips, and other school happenings. These pictures/videos may be posted online by St. Patrick School using the St. Patrick School website, app and/or St. Patrick School Social Media to display students' work, promote the school and engage parents and the community. Student-created content (pictures, videos, documents) may also be uploaded to the web throughout the year. These pictures, videos, and documents are not to be manipulated or used for inappropriate means by any member of the St. Patrick School community. Because these pictures/videos are online, they may be accessible to any and all persons who visit these sites. A student's name will never be used in any picture/video unless the parents are notified and permission granted.

If you wish for St. Patrick School not to use your child's image on the school website, you must notify the school in writing to socialmedia@stpathunt.org.

Without notification, St. Patrick School is granted the right to use and post photos, videos, and documents.

DRVC Policy Prohibiting Sexual and Other Harassment

The Education Department of the Diocese of Rockville Centre and all schools within the Diocese are committed to a work and learning environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity, free from all forms of discrimination. Sexual harassment, or other harassment, directed at a student's or an employee's race, creed, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, marital status, military status, sexual orientation, disability or any other personal characteristic protected by law is unlawful and has no place in our schools, or our Department, and is strictly prohibited. It is our policy that every employee and student has the right to work and learn free of harassment, sexual or otherwise. This policy applies equally to men and women, boys and girls, persons of the same and opposite sexes, students, employees, administrators, supervisors, co-workers, vendors, and other visitors. Therefore, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that immediate and appropriate corrective action is taken as a response to known or suspected incidents of harassment. If a teacher, student, or other individual believes that the individual has been the subject of harassment in violation of this policy, whether sexual or otherwise, or has observed what the individual believes to be such harassment, the individual is responsible to report the situation directly as noted in the Diocesan complaint procedure.

One of the most common misconceptions and mistakes is to believe that if there is no intent to harass, there is no harassment; the law and Diocesan policy do not address intent. Both prohibit gender-based conduct which is unwelcome and would be offensive to a reasonable person. Severe conduct, or even lesser conduct that occurs repeatedly, or after explicit objection, regardless of intent, violates Diocesan policy.

Prohibited Harassment:

Examples of harassment which may violate this policy include verbal (including improper joking or teasing) or physical conduct that demeans or shows hostility or aversion towards an individual because of these protected attributes and that:

- has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or learning environment as defined by law, or
- has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or educational performance; or
- otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment or educational opportunities.

New York State Tests and Regents Exams

4th Grade English Language Arts: April 7th & 8th, 2027

6th Grade English Language Arts: April 7th & 8th, 2027

4th Grade Math: April 28th & 29th, 2027

6th Grade Math: April 28th & 29th, 2027

5th Grade Science: May 11th, 2027

8th Grade Life Science Biology Regents: June 17th, 2027

8th Grade Algebra1 Regents: June 16th, 2027

TACHS High School Entrance Exam

This exam will be administered online through the TACHS office on **Saturday November 7th**. The purpose of the test is to gain admittance into a Catholic High School. In order to assist parents and students in their choice of high schools, Open House programs are held by the high schools prior to the test.

Registration for this exam can be found on the TACHS website@ tachsinfo.com

Lunch Program Update – September 2026

Beginning in September 2026, we will continue to offer lunch from DiRaimo's Pizza on **Mondays through Wednesdays**.

We are also excited to introduce a new lunch ordering option through the **My Hot Lunchbox** app, which will provide lunch choices on **Thursdays and Fridays**.

Please visit our school website for additional details and instructions on how to order.

Important Safety Reminder:

For the safety of all our students and staff, **outside food delivery services will not be permitted on St. Patrick's School grounds**. This includes deliveries from restaurants and third-party food delivery services. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of our school lunch program!

St. Patrick's School Academic Standards

Homework

Homework is assigned for the purpose of extending student interests and to provide reinforcement of skills developed in the school program. At the same time, it is also a process in which we can encourage the development of responsibility, self-discipline, and the ability to work independently.

Homework is a natural extension of the daily classroom learning process. The natural degree of home study requirements will vary with each grade level, subject area, individual class, and individual learner. Parents are urged to offer proper support and guidance to their children completing homework assignments.

Curriculum

St. Patrick's School follows the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards in conjunction with Diocesan curriculum guidelines. The NYS standards are integrated within the curriculum to meet our high academic standards and the Catholic Identity, which makes St. Patrick's alumni so successful.

Religion is the core of our curriculum, including the teachings of Catholic doctrine, tradition, school liturgies, and prayer services for special occasions.

Departmental programs are in effect in grades 5-8. Continuing developments in reading skills and reading for pleasure, as well as literature appreciation is provided in Kindergarten-8th Grade. Technology is integrated into the curriculum as an interdisciplinary tool in subject areas.

Special Education and Remediation Services

Students who are in need of special educational services for speech, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, etc. can be referred by a parent and/or a teacher to a child study team to develop interventions to assist the student. Educational screening or testing may be appropriate to determine if additional support is needed. If your child receives Special Education Services from Huntington School District, a letter requesting services must be submitted to the District by June 1st each year in order to receive services for the coming school year.

Promotion Policy

A student in grades 1-7 failing two or more major subjects may be retained, unless the child was retained in a previous grade. A student in the 8th grade whose academic records indicate, in March, that there is a possibility that they are in danger of failing two or more major subjects will be subject to an academic review to ensure all requirements of the grade level have been met. Jr. high students who fail any subjects will be required to attend summer school in their local public school district.

Sexual Harassment Prohibited:

Conduct, which constitutes sexual harassment, will not be tolerated. While it is not easy to define precisely what type of conduct could constitute sexual harassment, examples of prohibited behavior include unwelcome sexual advances, imbalance of power, requests for sexual favors; obscene gestures, displaying sexually graphic magazines, calendars, or posters; displaying sexually graphic magazines, calendars, or posters; sending sexually explicit email or voice mail, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, such as uninvited touching of a sexual nature or sexually-related comments. Depending upon the circumstances, the conduct can also include sexual joking, vulgar or offensive conversation or jokes, commenting about another person's physical appearance, conversations about the individuals own or someone else's sex life, teasing or other conduct directed toward a person because of his or her gender, which is sufficiently severe or pervasive to create an uncomfortable and hostile working or learning environment. The forms of harassment listed are examples for clarity and not to be an all-inclusive list.

Complaint Procedure:

Any employee or student who feels he/she is being subjected to or witness to unlawful harassment should immediately speak to the principal or any school administrator or representative of the Diocesan Department of Education with whom the individual feels comfortable. If the teacher or student is unsure of whom to raise an issue of harassment, or if the individual has not received a satisfactory response within seven (7) calendar days after reporting any incident of what they perceived to be harassment, the individual should immediately contact the Superintendent of Schools. Every report of perceived harassment will be promptly and fully investigated and corrective action will be taken where appropriate. Confidentiality will be maintained to the maximum extent possible. In addition, Diocesan policy prohibits any form of retaliation against individuals who report unwelcome conduct or who cooperate in the investigation of such reports in accordance with this policy. The law and Diocesan policy protects these employees from dismissal, demotion, suspension, or negative performance evaluation. Any acts or retaliation should be reported immediately and will be promptly investigated.

School Uniform and Dress Code Policy

The St. Patrick's School Uniform, Grooming, and Dress Code Policy must be strictly adhered to each day. Students are expected to wear complete uniforms. Deviations from the school uniform, gym uniform, or failure to comply with the NUT pass policy will result in an infraction and/or loss of all NUT pass privileges for the school year. All school and gym uniforms must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara.

General Uniform Regulations (Grades K-8)

- Outerwear: Only St. Patrick's School or St. Patrick's Sports sweatshirts and fleeces may be worn in classrooms. No other sweatshirts, jackets, or coats are permitted inside.

- Undergarments: A formal school shirt or gym shirt must be worn at all times, including underneath school sweatshirts.
- N.U.T. Pass Restrictions: NUT passes may not be used on days scheduled for special school events, retreats, Olympic Day, or liturgical celebrations (school Masses).
- N.U.T. Pass Frequency: Kindergarten through Grade 8 students are permitted to use a NUT pass only once per week. Unused passes do not roll over to subsequent weeks. Failure to comply will result in an infraction and the loss of NUT pass privileges for the remainder of the year.
- Jewelry: Girls are permitted to wear only one pair of earrings, positioned on the earlobes. Students may not wear more than one necklace/chain, or more than one bracelet per wrist.
- Hairstyles: Extreme, trendy, or faddish hairstyles are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, shaved or buzzed designs, two-toned hair colors, and unnatural colors (such as purple, green, bright red, or bleached hair). Boys' hair must not reach the collar, ears, or eyebrows, and boys must be clean-shaven (no facial hair is permitted).

Uniform Requirements for Girls

Summer Uniform (Prior to October 15 and After April 15)

Kindergarten to Grade 6

- Green school monogrammed polo shirt with khaki uniform skort, white or black crew socks, and school uniform shoes or black sneakers.

Grades 7 and 8

- Green school monogrammed polo shirt with plaid uniform skort, white or black crew socks, and school uniform shoes.

Winter Uniform (October 15-April 15)

Nursery & Pre-Kindergarten:

- Official St. Patrick's monogrammed gray t-shirt and green shorts, or monogrammed green sweatshirt and sweatpants with sneakers.

Kindergarten to Grade 4:

- Plaid uniform jumper worn with a white Peter Pan collar blouse (short or long sleeve), blue tie, and white or navy crew socks, knee socks, or tights with black rubber soled maryjanes or loafers.

Grades 5 & 6:

- Plaid uniform skirt worn with a white button-down Oxford shirt, navy vest, and white or navy crew socks, knee socks, or tights with black loafers.

- Possession or use of weapons, dangerous items, or substances.
- Violent behavior directed towards another student and/or staff member. This includes but is not limited to verbal, physical, or written threats.

Once a suspension has been served, a conference with the principal, parents, and student will be held to determine further disciplinary action, readmission to school, or expulsion. If a student has received a previous suspension and a repeat offense has occurred, that student may be expelled immediately.

Cell Phone Policy

Possession and/or use of, a cell phone and/or an internet capable watch during school hours or in a school building or on the school bus is prohibited. Students that administration has permitted to bring their cell phones to school will turn the phone off and submit their phones upon entry each day. If you are late, you must hand in your cell phone immediately. Students are responsible to pick them up at the end of the day.

Junior High Discipline Policy Addendum

The following policies are set forth for the Jr. High students, in addition to the previously stated school-wide discipline policies. The Jr. High policies have been developed with the understanding that students in 7th and 8th Grade are preparing to enter high school, where responsibility, moral values, and respect are at the forefront of their educational experiences. Our goal is to instill individual responsibility and awareness of how our words and actions reflect the mission and values of our school and ourselves.

The below circumstances can result in one or more of the following repercussions: contact of parent, infraction, detention, meeting with administration, suspension, or expulsion.

- Any form of Insubordination.
- Failure to comply with classroom policy and procedures.
- Lack of respect for authority and the rights of others.
- Failure to comply with the uniform, grooming, and dress code policies.
- Failure to hand in a N.U.T. pass. If you use a N.U.T. pass on a day that is not allowed (i.e.. School mass, Olympic Day, retreat) an infraction will be given.
- Inappropriate language, disruptive behavior, disrespectful interactions with peers.
- Inappropriate use of technology while on school property or with a school issued device. Cell phones must be turned off and handed in immediately upon arrival in the Junior High building.

The above infraction/detention procedure may be followed through on any violation of the school discipline policy, including but not limited to, the following:

- Disruptive behavior in the classroom, on school property, during a school sanctioned field trip, or on the school bus.
- Failure to adhere to the uniform, grooming, and/or N.U.T. pass policies.
- Use of a N.U.T. pass more than one per week.
- Chewing gum on school property or at a school sanctioned event.
- Use of vulgar language.
- The selling of personal items on school property.
- School and/or gym uniform not worn complete each day.
- Failure to adhere to classroom procedures with regards to homework and preparedness for class. Each teacher will set up their own infraction policy in regard to this matter.

Students can receive a DETENTION(S) for a serious lack of responsibility and disregard of school rules. Anyone who receives three detentions for behavior will be suspended. A conference with the parents will take place to discuss further actions. These situations are including, but not limited to the following examples, where a detention may be issued immediately:

- Disrespect for any member of the faculty, school staff, or lunch parents.
- Physicality among students.
- Bullying words and/or actions.
- Vandalism of school or personal property.
- Not telling the truth (Lying).
- Leaving the school property/grounds.
- Cheating, stealing, and/or forgery. Anyone who cheats on a test will receive a failing grade for that test, along with the issuing of a detention.
- Inappropriate use of a school issued Chromebook or device in violation of the Student iPad/Chromebook Use and Behavior Policy and/or inappropriate use of the school's internet in violation of the Student Technology Use and Behavior Policy.

Suspension and/or expulsion from school may be employed at the discretion of administration for very serious violations. These violations are including, but not limited to, the following:

- Any form of religious, racial, or derogatory statements/slurs.
- Possession or use of illegal drugs, e-cig, vape, and/or alcohol.

Grades 7 & 8:

- Plaid uniform skort worn with a white button-down Oxford shirt, green vest, and white or navy crew socks, knee socks, or tights with black loafers.
- Skirts and Skorts Length: Girls must wear their skirts and skorts at an appropriate, modest length, which must be no shorter than one inch above the knee.

Grades K-8 General Girls' Outerwear:

- Navy school V-neck pullover sweater, St. Patrick's School or Sports sweatshirt, or fleece. School sweatshirts and fleeces may only be worn Oct 15-April 15.

Uniform Requirements for Boys

Summer Uniform (Prior to October 15 and After April 15)

Kindergarten to Grade 4

- Green school monogrammed polo shirt with khaki uniform shorts or green uniform pants, white or black crew socks, and school uniform shoes or black sneakers (black sneakers can only be worn if shorts are worn).

Grades 5 and 6

- Green school monogrammed polo shirt with khaki uniform shorts or khaki uniform pants, white or black crew socks, and school uniform shoes or black sneakers (black sneakers can only be worn if shorts are worn).

Grades 7 and 8

- Green school monogrammed polo shirt with khaki uniform pants, white or black crew socks and school loafers.

Winter Uniform (October 15 to April 15)

Nursery & Pre-Kindergarten:

- Official St. Patrick's monogrammed gray t-shirt and green shorts, or monogrammed green sweatshirt and sweatpants with sneakers.

Kindergarten to Grade 4:

- Green uniform pants worn with a black belt, white button-down Oxford shirt, plaid uniform tie, and white, navy, or green socks with black rubber-soled laced school shoes.

Grades 5 to 8:

- Khaki uniform pants worn with a black belt, white Oxford shirt, and white, navy, or green socks with black loafers.
- Grades 5 & 6: Must wear the plaid uniform tie.
- Grades 7 & 8: Must wear the green and gold tie.

- Green school cardigan or V-neck pullover sweater, St. Patrick's Sports sweatshirt, or fleece. School sweatshirts and fleeces may only be worn Oct 15-April 15.

Physical Education (Gym) Uniform Guidelines

Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8:

- Official St. Patrick's monogrammed gym shirt, monogrammed hunter green mesh shorts, athletic sneakers, or a monogrammed gym sweatshirt and sweatpants.

Grades 5 to 8 (Special Nylon Sweatsuit Option):

- Official St. Patrick's monogrammed sweat suit with nylon jacket and pants, worn with the St. Patrick's monogrammed gym shirt.

Gym Footwear: Gym sneakers are considered protective athletic gear; fashion sneakers or non-supportive shoes are strictly prohibited. Sneakers must be worn by everyone entering the gymnasium.

N.U.T. Pass & Dress-Down Day Regulations

During dress-down days, students must adhere to the following modesty and safety regulations:

- Shorts, dresses, and skirts must be at least fingertip length. • Undergarments must never be visible. Pajama tops or bottoms are prohibited.
- Shirts must be full length, ensuring complete coverage of the mid-section at all times.
- Off-the-shoulder tops, spaghetti strap tank tops, and strapless dresses are prohibited.
- Jeans with holes, rips, or tears are prohibited.
- Slippers and flip-flops are prohibited. Sandals must have a secure strap around the ankle; slides are not allowed.
- T-shirts featuring slogans, decals, or imagery contrary to the Christian values of St. Patrick's School are strictly prohibited.

St. Patrick's School Discipline Policy

The primary right and duty of education rests on the parents. When you send your child to school, you are delegating some of your teaching authority to the school. Parents must, while their child is in school, support the authority of the school, and be alert to see that this authority is not abused.

Discipline must be founded on Gospel values and rooted in Christian theological principles. At St. Patrick's School, our discipline system is viewed as an extension of our ministry to the student. As such, the school ministers on the first level in the interpersonal relationship between teacher and students. The teacher in the classroom leads and directs the student to a mature understanding of the relationship between efficient work habits, personal responsibility, and academic progress. Honor and respect shall be shown to all teachers and staff as an extension of the honor and respect shown to parents whom they represent. Any conduct disruptive of a good learning environment will not be tolerated.

The ultimate goals of learning are self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, and self-direction. Helping the students grow in these areas should be the constant aim of both parents and staff. Therefore, the Christian values of respect, justice, honesty, and truthfulness must be instilled in our students both in school and at home.

The educational relationship between the school and a student is also an educational relationship with a student's parent and/or legal guardian. Where, in the discretion of the school, the behavior, attitude or conduct of a parent and/or legal guardian is of such an uncooperative, destructive, or disruptive nature that the ability of the school to manage the relationship with the student's parent and/or legal guardian is significantly impaired, a parent and/or legal guardian may be required to withdraw their child or children from the school.

The following procedure will be followed when an infraction/detention may be issued:

- An Infraction/Detention may be issued by any faculty member who witnesses a violation in the school's discipline policy.
- The Infraction/Detention remains in effect signed or not by a parent.
- Three infractions of any kind result in the issuing of a detention. Infractions are cumulative from September to June. A detention notice will be given to the student informing them of the day and time the detention will be served.
- Detention will be served on Wednesdays from 2:05 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.