

St. Patrick's Catholic School FAQs

*Helpful links can be found on the school website under "Quick Links."

GENERAL SCHOOL QUESTIONS

What time does school start?

First bell is at 7:50 a.m.

Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. are tardy and must be signed-in at the office.

Prayers begin promptly at 8:00am.

What time does school end?

2:40 p.m.

What time does afterschool end?

Your child must be picked up by 6 p.m.

Who do I notify if I need to pick-up my child early?

Email your child's teacher and call Jamie Arigoni at the front desk. If possible, let the school know one day in advance.

If your child needs to leave early, they need to be picked up by 2:15 p.m.. The office is closed from 2:15 to 3:00 to allow for smooth dismissal procedures. After 2:15 you will need to wait for regular afternoon dismissal.

What do I do if my child is going home with a friend?

Send a note to your child's teacher with the name of the friend and how they will be picked up (i.e. in carpool or walkers, etc.). If plans are made during school hours, call Jamie Arigoni at the front desk and she will alert your student and their teacher.

How do I receive important notifications from school?

The school emails a weekly newsletter called Shamrockin' News on Thursday afternoons outlining everything that's happening at school.

You can also follow the school on social media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickcharlotte/>

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/stpatrickcharlotte?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

You can sign-up for the REMIND APP to receive text reminders from the school. These reminders include everything from severe weather alerts, dress down days, mass days, etc. This is the very best way to always know what's happening at school! Sign up here:

https://www.saintpatrickschool.org/_files/ugd/a28b8c_26ccb464e5624dc282faf03e90fd0516.pdf

LUNCH QUESTIONS

MACS elementary schools do not prepare their own food. Lunch is ordered from outside restaurants, including Potbellies deli, Chick-fil-A, and Hungry Howies Pizza. Therefore parents need to order their child's lunches in advance.

How do I order lunch?

Here is a link to specific instructions on how to place lunch orders:

https://www.saintpatrickschool.org/files/ugd/7d4cc8_f3f03f619e154d13bf2e929867bb1860.pdf

When does lunch need to be ordered?

Lunch orders must be placed by Wednesday at midnight the week prior. Ms. Loeber will send a reminder e-mail each week.

How many lunches can I order at once?

Typically, you can order lunches for up to one month at a time. Or you can order lunch one week at a time.

What if my child is sick and I ordered them lunch?

Lunch orders are non refundable once the ordering window has closed, so unfortunately, if your child is sick, that lunch is missed. You can always stop by school and grab their lunch and bring it home when they're sick.

Can I come eat lunch with my child? Does anyone need to approve this? And does the guest need to have completed Protecting God's Children in order to visit for lunch?

Yes! You are welcome to come eat lunch with your child. Simply check in at the front office and wear a Visitor badge. You do not need pre-approval to come to lunch and guests are not required to have completed Protecting God's Children in order to visit for lunch; however, if the guest plans to do ANY volunteering outside of the lunchroom, they must have completed all volunteer requirements.

What if I forgot to order lunch for my child AND they did not bring a lunch to school?

Have no fear! If any child shows up to school without lunch, they will be provided with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a carton of milk.

Is there anything my child can buy at the cafeteria that doesn't need to be pre-ordered?

Yes! Cash can be used everyday to purchase ice cream, an assortment of snacks (i.e. chips, cereal, fruit cups, applesauce) and milk, juice or water. All of these items may also be pre-ordered.

UNIFORM QUESTIONS**Where do I purchase uniforms?**

All uniforms must be purchased at Flynn O'Hara located at:

1730 Abbey Place
Charlotte, NC 28209

Or through their website: <https://flynnohara.com>

What are the approved uniforms?**Boys**

*NON-MASS DAYS - Boys can wear navy blue shorts or pants (no sport shorts, must have belt loops and non elastic waist), a green or white St. Pat's logo polo shirt (purchased from Flynn O'Hara), socks can be either black, white or St. Pat's logo green. A belt IS NOT required.

*GYM - St. Pat's logo sport shorts or the St. Pat's logo track pants (purchased from Flynn O'Hara) and one of 3 St. Pat's t-shirts - White Faith in Learning (shown below), Dry Fit St. Pat's Shirt (shown below) [Both purchased from Spirit Store] or the gray St. Patrick t-shirt sold at Flynn O'Hara. Additionally the green track jacket can be worn on gym days.

*MASS DAYS - All boys must wear long navy blue pants (no holes) and a St. Pat's polo shirt.

*Green St. Pat's logo fleece is permitted to be worn in school all year round. Any other outer wear must be removed upon entering school.



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MASS UNIFORM

Girls

*NON-MASS DAYS - All girls can wear the plaid skort (purchased at Flynn O'Hara), navy blue shorts or pants (no sport shorts, must have belt loops and non elastic waist), each with a green or white St. Pat's logo polo shirt (purchased from Flynn O'Hara). Socks can be either black, white or St. Pat's logo green. A belt IS NOT required if wearing shorts or pants. K-3rd grade girls can also wear the plaid jumper (purchased at Flynn O'Hara). 4th and 5th grade girls only may also wear the plaid kilt (purchased at Flynn O'Hara). All girls may also wear blue or white leggings or tights under the uniform jumper, skort or kilt when the weather is cooler.

*GYM - Same as boys above

*MASS DAYS - All girls in grades K-3 must wear the plaid jumper with a white or green polo shirt or white blouse underneath. 4th and 5th grade girls must wear the plaid kilt with a St. Pat's white or green polo shirt.

*Green St. Pat's logo fleece is permitted to be worn in school all year round. Any other outer wear must be removed upon entering school.



MASS UNIFORM (4th/5th)



MASS UNIFORM (K-3)



NON MASS Skort

*Gently used uniforms can be purchased in the PTO Shamrock Shop. New St. Pat's branded gear including PE shirts can be purchased through the Spirit Store.

Where is the Spirit Store located? And when can I shop there?

The Spirit Store is open during Meet the Teacher day (Open House), Back to School Night, New Family Picnic, Fall festival, and various other school functions.

Where is the Shamrock Shop located? And when can I shop there?

The Shamrock Shop is open during Meet the Teacher day (Open House), Back to School Night, New Family Picnic, and various other school functions. You may also e-mail Laura Hill (lhill1217@gmail.com) throughout the year if you are in need of a uniform.

The Spirit Store is also available 24/7 online at the link below. Orders are filled generally every two weeks and sent home via backpack mail.

<https://www.saintpatrickschool.org/spirit-store>

PTO QUESTIONS

How do I stay connected to school happenings?

Follow the PTO on Facebook: [St. Patrick Catholic School PTO – Charlotte](#)

The St. Pats PTO has a regularly updated Facebook page that highlights school events, PTO parties, Spirit Nights, and fundraisers, along with helpful reminders and pictures of school PTO events.

I want to volunteer to be a room parent. Who do I contact?

Contact Katie Hildebrand, VP of Teacher Support at katie.hildebrand1@gmail.com

I'm interested in becoming more involved in the PTO. Who do I contact?

Email the PTO president, Katie Swanson at: katieswanson1@gmail.com and she will connect you with the right person.

Where can I find open opportunities to volunteer throughout the school year?

The PTO regularly updates a Sign-up Genius link with various opportunities to volunteer at the school throughout the year.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa8ab2da0ffce9-20212022>

Room parents will also email various ways to volunteer throughout the school year, for things like field trip chaperones and class events.

What are the volunteer requirements at St. Pat's?

All volunteers are required to have the following:

1) Completed Protecting God's Children Course:

<http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

2) Completed Volunteer Profile form:

https://www.saintpatrickschool.org/files/ugd/a6e5a4_277f378a7dea432cb4c07ca6575322cb.pdf

3) Completed Background check (through virtue).

**Volunteers are also required to complete monthly virtue bulletins to stay in compliance.

RELIGION QUESTIONS

Does my child need to attend Faith Formation classes through my church to receive first communion?

No, religion is taught daily in the classroom. This will replace the need to take traditional sacrament prep classes.

Is First Communion and First Holy Reconciliation done through their class at St. Patrick's?

No. While many children, regardless of parish affiliation, choose to receive their first communion at St. Patrick's Cathedral, this is not mandatory. Each family should sign their child up for sacraments to be completed at their home parish (or through the Cathedral if you so choose). But you will not automatically be signed up through the school.

My child is not Catholic. Do they still need to attend mass?

Yes, all students, despite their religion, must attend mass with their class every Friday.

My child is not Catholic. What do they do during communion?

Student masses are very inclusive and most children don't really notice who is or is not Catholic in their classes. All non-Catholic students, as well as those who have not yet received their First Communion, will simply stay seated when others go to receive.

SPORTS QUESTIONS

When can my child play sports through St. Pat's?

St. Pat's will begin fielding basketball teams through the Interfaith Basketball League in 3rd grade. Prior to 3rd grade, most grades organize a team through Covenant church.

St. Pat's no longer fields soccer teams through the YMCA and instead now recommends teams organize through Charlotte Jr Soccer by simply requesting classmates as their teammates.