



## SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Tomorrow is the feast of St. Patrick. He was born in Britain, was kidnapped at the age of 16, and was enslaved in Ireland where he worked as a shepherd. The isolation turned him to prayer. When he escaped, he returned to Britain and entered the priesthood. He eventually went back to Ireland as bishop. There are many legends about Patrick, including the one where he banished the snakes from Ireland, but this is probably a metaphor for his triumph over the paganism of the druids.

Dear Parents,

1. Reminder: if your children are not returning to St. John the Baptist School next year, please let us know.
2. I believe that I listed the dates of spring break incorrectly in our last communication. Thursday, March 30, is our last day of school. School begins again on Tuesday, April 11.
3. Sarah Paris and Justin Herber, our volunteer play directors, have been putting in serious time preparing our students for **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**. Plan to attend: Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.
4. **Tomorrow, Friday, March 17**, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will present the living Stations of the Cross at 2:15, and again at 6:30. Join us for this prayerful event. Thanks to Mrs. Zimmerman for preparing them.
5. Teachers have been participating in several sessions of professional development over the past few weeks. Our focus is on Rigor in the Classroom. Rigor does mean "harder". Rigor means digging deeper, looking at concepts in a different way, asking critical thinking questions, not allowing students to opt-out. We have been presented with many practical

ways to do this. Our last session will take place on March 22, which explains our two-hour delay for that day.

6. We have recently procured a new website. Please check it out and use it. Current, important information is posted there: [www.stjohnsfw.org](http://www.stjohnsfw.org).
7. **Seder** is a Jewish ritual service and ceremonial dinner for the first night or two of Passover. Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a Seder Meal before spring break. The foods served will be explained. Traditional prayers will be prayed in conjunction with their Old Testament religion curriculum.

### COMING UP

Wednesday, March 22	two-hour delay
Thursday, March 23	5-6 <sup>th</sup> grade adoration
Friday, March 24, Saturday, March 25	7:00 Spring Play
Monday, March 27	Play performance for student body
Thursday, March 30	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade adoration
Friday, April 14	All-school Spanish Mass
Friday, April 21	7:00 Confirmation
Sunday, May 7	12:30 First Communion

*Mother Teresa Says: I remember my mother, my father and the rest of us praying together each evening. It is the greatest gift to a family. It maintains family unity. So go back to family prayer and teach your children to pray and pray with them.*