



# St. Patricia School

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## Bobcat E-News and Principal Update

March 31, 2021

### Upcoming Events CALENDAR

- 3/31- Dress Down Day
- 4/1- Easter Break Begins--Holy Thursday
- 4/2- Good Friday
- 4/3- Holy Saturday
- 4/4- Easter
- 4/9- Cookbook Recipes Due
- 4/12- School Resumes



## Principal's Message

### Greetings:

**All of us at St. Patricia School and Parish want to wish you a safe and healthy Easter Break. We return to school on April 12, 2021. May the risen Lord be with you!**

**If you and your family are planning to go to Masses over the weekend, please sign-up at the parish website, quickly as seating is filling up!**

<https://www.stpatriciaparish.com/>

### SMENCILS for SALE!

Buy your Smencils for \$1.00. There are still smecils available.

### Mother McAuley STEM Workshop

STEM Workshop for 7th grade only

Thursday, April 15, 2021

3:15- 5:00 pm

Join members of our STEM faculty for a fun list of activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math!

Register here

<https://www.mothermcauley.org/admissions/come-visitmcauley/stem-workshop>

### St. Laurence Spring Open House

"St. Laurence is hosting a Spring Open House on Sunday, April 18 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Administration, teachers, coaches, and students will be on hand to help answer any questions prospective families might have about the school. Registration is available

### Bobcat Bonanza



Join us to help raise money for new 1:1 learning devices by raffling off prizes through our NEW private Bobcat Bonanza Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bobcatbonanza>).

This is a private group to fund-raise for St. Patricia School. We have already raised \$40,000 and have over 900 participants! Have fun and score some awesome stuff!

If you're feeling lucky, search Facebook for Bobcat Bonanza and we'll approve families and friends (you must be the family/friend of a student or parishioner to participate.). Questions? email [stpatriciaparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:stpatriciaparentsclub@gmail.com).

### COVID PROTOCOLS

- Wear Your Mask** (over your nose, too!)
- Wash your hands** frequently

**Stay at least 6 ft. away**

from others

Quarantine members of your household who are exposed or have tested positive.

**Stay home if you are sick**

or have been exposed to someone with a known COVID case

**Get Tested** if you exhibit symptoms.

**Call the school**

**immediately** if your child or someone in your family is sick or has tested positive.

**Traveling to a state** that is Red or Orange requires a 10-day quarantine for all students or a negative COVID test within 72 hours of coming back. Remote Learning will not be available unless a student has Opted-In for the Trimester or is on COVID quarantine.

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**New Family Registration  
2021-2022**

REGISTRATION is now OPEN for new families. Do you know a family that would like to attend St. Patricia School? Please have them fill out our new family registration on our website and visit our virtual Open House on the website. Contact 708-598-8200 for more information

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**Re-registration for 2021-2022**

We need your registration/commitment to secure your child's seat for the 2020/2021 school year. The following information is the next step to our registration process:

- Please complete and return the re-registration form, to secure placement for next year
- Include the non-refundable \$200 per family re-registration/commitmen

at [www.stlaurence.com/prospective](http://www.stlaurence.com/prospective).

Registration is required, no walk-ups allowed."

**St. Rita Summer Catch-Up Classes**

St. Patricia students are invited to take advantage of an exciting academic opportunity being offered this summer. It is our Covid Catch-Up Classes. These classes are for boys and girls who are rising 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders who may need some extra help in English, reading, and mathematics.

Please check out the link below to see the dates and times for these classes.

<https://www.stritahs.com/cc>

**Back to School Supply Kits 2021/2022**

Time to order back-to-school supplies for next school year. Go to the Bobcat e-envelope at [stpatriciaschool.org](http://stpatriciaschool.org) and see the order form.

**COOKBOOK**

St. Patricia is creating a Cookbook and we need your recipes! You can submit up to 5 recipes. So far we have 64 recipes and need to reach 300. Please help us fill up the book! Recipes are due April 9, 2021.

**To Submit Recipes Online:**

Go to [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com) and click "Login."

Enter the User Name: **Cookbook Queens**

Enter the password: **Juice774** and click "Submit."

Enter your name and click "Continue."

Click "Add Recipes" to begin adding your recipes

**Handwritten recipes are also accepted. Send them to the School or Rectory office.**

The Cookbooks will sell for \$15 each. You can reserve your copy by emailing [cmazurek@stpatriciaparish.com](mailto:cmazurek@stpatriciaparish.com)

**Please check the Bobcat e-envelope for more information and forms.**

Enjoy a great weekend!

Blessings,  
Mrs. Nowinski

**TRAVEL ORDER as of 3/18/21**

The Archdiocese of Chicago and Office of Catholic Schools follow the [Chicago Emergency Travel Order](#), for domestic travel regardless of whether the traveler resides in the city of Chicago, Cook County or Lake County. In consultation with our medical advisors, we have updated our travel guidelines to conform to new guidance from public health authorities.

t fee. This fee is credited to next year's tuition.

- Please return the form and payment to the school office as soon as possible.

Completion and submission of this form and re-registration fee are required for your child(ren)'s enrollment for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to Catholic education.



We love our Catholic schools' employees. Teachers, principals, and staff have worked tirelessly over this school year to bring quality in-person and remote learning to families during this unprecedented time.

To recognize the fantastic work our Catholic schools are doing, the Office of Catholic Schools is excited to announce the #SchoolHero program that will highlight the educators and staff who have gone above to ensure a safe and productive learning environment. **[Click here](#)** to nominate a Hero.

The following travel quarantine guidelines replace all prior guidance. Remember that public health departments discourage interstate travel. We continue to recommend that Catholic school families and employees enjoy a safe spring break at home.

#### Domestic travel (state-to-state)

##### Vaccinated individuals:

- No quarantine is necessary if the traveler is fully vaccinated, which is defined as two weeks after the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccination or two weeks after receiving a single-dose COVID-19 vaccination.
- Proof of vaccination will be required to avoid quarantines.
- Individual must not have symptoms and must maintain strict masking and physical distancing. If a fully vaccinated individual does have symptoms, he or she must quarantine and consult with a health care provider.

##### Non-vaccinated individuals:

- Domestic travel in states designated Orange on the [Chicago Emergency Travel Order map](#) requires:
  - Ten-day quarantine upon return if there is no negative pre-arrival test (any test administered by a third-party is sufficient; however, a self-administered test is not acceptable) or the traveler is not fully vaccinated (see above for definition of fully vaccinated) OR
  - A pre-arrival negative test (within 72 hours prior to return arrival to the state) with strict masking, physical distancing and avoidance of in-person out-of-school gatherings. Archdiocesan schools should accept any negative test prior to school attendance (including tests administered upon return to the state), but no earlier than 72 hours prior to return arrival to the state. Any test administered by a third-party is sufficient; however, a self-administered test is not acceptable. Availability of testing out-of-state residents varies from state to state, so we advise making a plan for receiving tests within 72 hours of your child's return to school.
- For domestic travel in states designated as Yellow on the [Chicago Emergency Travel Order map](#), no quarantine or pre-



Help us raise money for St. Patricia Parents Club & brighten up your home with beautiful spring flowers! All pre-orders need to be submitted by Wednesday, April 28 and should be picked up on Thursday, May 6 between 8:00a - 4:00p.

Please indicate the quantity of each flower and preferred color for your order, if no color is preferred please select misc/any. Some extra plants will be available without preorder on a first-come, first-served basis on May 6.

Order Form: <https://forms.gle/UcWbAdVH8tZJF8qT8>

PAYMENT Options (Cash, Check, Venmo, GiveCentral):

Once your order is submitted, please send in check or cash to St. Patricia School 9000 S. 86th Ave, Hickory Hills, IL 60457 attn. Julie / SPRINGFLOWERS. Or complete your order via Venmo (@BocatBonanza, code SPRINGFLOWERS) or GiveCentral (<https://www.givecentral.org/location/24/event/27221>). Your order will not be processed if we have not received payment by April 28.

arrival test is required. However, travelers must maintain strict masking and physical distancing.

#### International travel

Regardless of vaccination status, international travelers must follow CDC guidelines:

- Traveler is to be tested three to five days after their return to the U.S. and must quarantine for a seven-day period even if the post-arrival test is negative (any test administered by a third-party is sufficient; however, a self-administered test is not acceptable).
- If traveler chooses not to take a test three to five days after their return to the U.S., he or she must quarantine for 10 days after arrival.



## Bobcat E-News and Principal Update

### Bobcat e-envelope

Are you looking for all those forms to fill out and things to order? You can find them in the [Bobcat e-](#)

### Gotta Scoop?

If you or your group have something that you would like to have included in the weekly Principal's Newsletter or Bobcat E-envelope please email me at

[envelope](#) on [St. Patricia school's website](#).

Use the password: Bobcat1

Check the Bobcat e-envelope often!



jnowinski@stpatriciaparish.com. Deadline for submissions is on Wednesdays by 12:00 pm.

### **Emergency Closings**

In case of inclement weather or other emergencies where the school needs to be closed, we will report to <https://wgnradio.com/weather/emergency-closing-center/>

A message from SchoolMessenger will be sent to receive on your phone, email, and text.

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Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"