



a broader vision

The Campaign for St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School

The Core of st. patrick's

WE BEGAN AS A PARISH NURSERY SCHOOL. WE STARTED with six children, from six families. Our families formed a community because of what we knew we could accomplish together.

Since 1956, St. Patrick's has evolved into a thriving day school with 500 students from Nursery through Grade 8. With the strong support of St. Patrick's parish, we have grown well out of the Church basement into facilities that include two campuses – with science labs, libraries, art studios, music rooms, a gymnasium and performance center, a mini-gym, playgrounds, and a playing field.

What draws people to St. Patrick's is the ethos that has driven our growth: Respect for the gifts of the individual child and a determination to enable each child to develop to his or her fullest potential. Our students flourish in an environment that

balances warmth and rigor, in a program that combines the highest academic standards with close attention to each child's talents and interests.

Today, because of the strength and balance of our program, students graduate from St. Patrick's well prepared to move on to the best independent secondary schools in Washington, D.C. Our alumni graduate, in turn, from the finest colleges and universities in the country.

In our broadest vision, students who enter St. Patrick's in Nursery School will graduate from St. Patrick's as high school seniors. When that day comes, St. Patrick's will be the only coeducational Nursery through Grade 12 Episcopal school in our nation's capital. And St. Patrick's will have solidified its place among the finest independent schools in Washington, D.C. That will be our legacy.



"IN TERMS OF OUTDOOR SPACE, WE NEED A PLACE TO GATHER TO CELEBRATE THE GIFTS, THE ENGAGEMENT, THE HARD WORK, AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR CHILDREN. TO HAVE THAT SPACE, THAT ATHLETIC SPACE, WILL BE A TREMENDOUS ADDITION TO THE ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY IN FULL."

Peter A. Barrett, Head of School



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The St. Patrick's legacy

WHILE OUR LONG-TERM GOAL IS AN AMBITIOUS ONE, we are emboldened by the accomplishments of previous generations of families and alumni, donors, and volunteers. To walk through St. Patrick's is to understand how a community's profound sense of mission can translate into tangible gifts, the benefits of which reach far into the future, far beyond the time of a family's deepest engagement with a school.

The Whitehaven Campus itself allowed St. Patrick's to unite its Nursery and Elementary School classes in a single location, a process initiated in 1977 and completed in 1985. An inspiring campaign to renovate and expand those facilities, "A Time to Grow" (2000–2003), resulted in the cre-

ation of light-filled instructional spaces for Grades 2 and 3, the Gymnasium and Performance Center, and the stunning Elementary School library. In the meantime, we extended our program through middle school. In the fall of 2001, we welcomed our first Grade 7 class, whose Grade 8 graduation we celebrated in the spring of 2003. By 2004, our Grades 7 and 8 classes found a new home in the intimate spaces of the renovated and expanded MacArthur Campus. Our 50th Anniversary Celebration, "Deep Roots, Strong Branches" (2006), bolstered the sense of community and school spirit that keep St. Patrick's strong. These remarkable events of the past decade shaped the St. Patrick's we know today.



"ST. PATRICK'S STRIVES TO PROVIDE OUR CHILDREN WITH BROAD AND HOLISTIC EXPERIENCES. THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM IS SECOND TO NONE. THE SPIRITUAL COMPONENT IS INCREDIBLY WARM AND WELCOMING. EVEN THE PARENTS FEEL NURTURED HERE. THE NEW FOXHALL ATHLETIC FIELD WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE ST. PATRICK'S ABILITY TO EDUCATE THE WHOLE CHILD — ACADEMICALLY, SPIRITUALLY, AND PHYSICALLY."

Carolyn and Ed Nordberg







Our generation

YET ANOTHER TREMENDOUS GESTURE OF FAITH IN ST. Patrick's calls us now to move forward. In 2004, the Friends of St. Patrick's purchased a 17-acre property at 1801 Foxhall Road. Guided by our community's vision of St. Patrick's as a Nursery through Grade 12 school, this group of dedicated parents donated 9.2 acres of that site, which we now refer to as the Foxhall Campus, to us.

Their gift provides a solid foundation. It also represents an overwhelming expression of trust. Looking boldly ahead, the Friends of St. Patrick's put their faith in the next generation of families – our generation – to be responsible stewards of the land and the dream we share. So we have chosen to push ahead at a measured pace, sure of the soundness of our logic and the viability of our approach.

Aware of current resources and challenges, the St. Patrick's Board of Trustees has approved a prudent, carefully designed plan that will allow us to move toward our greatest vision for St. Patrick's in several steps. "A Broader Vision" marks the first of these steps. Sized right for our community and for our times, the campaign has as its immediate aim the construction of a regulation-size athletic field on the Foxhall Campus.

Like the St. Patrick's families who preceded them, the Friends of St. Patrick's exemplify the power of our close-knit community – our culture of engagement and dedication to the improvement of the Day School – to inspire action. Now is the time for us to rise to that example, to carry on with our work, and to lead St. Patrick's to a brighter future.



"GREAT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ENDURE BECAUSE THEY FOSTER AN ETHOS OF COMMUNITY AND PHILANTHROPY THAT MOTIVATES PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THEM IN ALL POSSIBLE WAYS. ST. PATRICK'S ENCOURAGES THIS ETHOS OF SERVICE; MORE-OVER, THE SCHOOL IS BLESSED BY A CULTURE THAT EMBRACES THE LIGHT WITHIN EACH CHILD."

April McClain Delaney and John Delaney







Campaign OVERVIEW

HAVING CAREFULLY TAILORED OUR GOALS TO THE requirements of the school and the passions and interests of our community, we bring to this initial phase of our work two central priorities:

- * *to protect, maintain, and continue to enhance the existing Nursery through Grade 8 program*
- * *to create a regulation-size athletic field for our growing physical education and athletic programs*

One of the most important means we have of protecting the financial stability and sustainability of the current program is to reduce the debt carried by the Day School. The savings accrued as a result will have an immediate impact on the life of our students, freeing us to direct more funds to the

educational program, including faculty compensation, professional development, and instructional technology; financial aid; and maintenance of the physical plant.

St. Patrick's expanding physical education and athletic programs require facilities that match our aspirations. The moment the ribbon is cut on a regulation-size athletic field, our efforts to promote each child's physical development, to retain current students, and to attract prospective students will become even more effective. The field will eliminate the need to rent space and allow flexibility in scheduling that will enable more opportunities for our students to engage in interscholastic competition.



"AS ALUMNI PARENTS, WE'VE SEEN THE LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK'S IN OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES – IN THEIR ACADEMIC SUCCESSES AND THEIR MOST LASTING FRIENDSHIPS. WE WOULD LOVE TO GIVE FUTURE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAY AT ST. PATRICK'S THROUGH GRADE 12. THE FIELD IS A GATEWAY. IT'S THE FIRST STEP."

Vicki and Steve Hart





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A Brighter future

THE NEED FOR AN ATHLETIC FIELD IS CLEAR. AT present, two-thirds of our Upper School students play intramural and interscholastic sports including soccer, lacrosse, and track and field. Our athletes compete as visitors on other campuses, with rare opportunities to host games as a home team. Just as we outgrew the Church basement, we have outgrown our current athletic facilities. The need for expansion will only grow over time.

Thanks to the generous gift of land from the Friends of St. Patrick's, we have all the acreage we could want to develop, in a prime spot. Despite its ideal location, however, the site presents a series of challenges. The undulating topography, one of the site's most beautiful features, is an imperfect surface for building an athletic field. The District

requires that we make a number of improvements to Foxhall Road. Our plans to develop the site further in the future demand that we complete stormwater management and infrastructure work in this phase. To ensure that games can be played throughout the fall and spring seasons, and physical education classes can be taught throughout the school year, we plan to build the field using state-of-the-art turf rather than sod.

Once this work is done, the St. Patrick's community will reap a host of benefits, not least of which will be heightened visibility. At the moment, St. Patrick's is tucked away between two main thoroughfares. Situated on the well-traveled Foxhall Road, the field will bring St. Patrick's into an increasingly prominent position, quite literally, in

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Dr. William Booker and Ms. Sonya White



our nation's capital. It will offer clear evidence to current and prospective students of our commitment to physical education and athletics. And it will serve as a magnet for our community to gather and support our young people in what, for so many of our students and families, is a highly valued part of their lives.

An athletic field brings to St. Patrick's more than its immediate, concrete advantages. It is a symbol. It is a place to practice and to play, to display individual talent and team prowess, to engage and to achieve. It is a place where friendships are formed, bonds are forged, and memories are made. And it will serve as a building block in the construction of a broader institution that will offer a St. Patrick's education through Grade 12.

Success in this campaign will establish momentum and bring a sense of collective accomplishment that will drive subsequent phases of St. Patrick's development. It will create our first regulation-size athletic field, lay the foundation for further development of the Foxhall Campus, and ensure our financial health for decades.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School opened its doors to the children of a handful of families more than half a century ago. Through careful planning, a strong sense of community, and an ambitious vision for the future, these and subsequent families shepherded the Day School as it became one of the premier independent schools in Washington, D.C.

The campaign we are waging is for a field, for our students, and for our future. Let us begin.



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Bradley TK

Grade 1 Vincent Van Gogh Studies

Grade 1 students learned about the artist Vincent Van Gogh. They created studies of his paintings. Each student picked his or her favorite painting to copy. Instead of using oil paints, Grade 1 used oil pastels and water colors to create the wax resist technique. Students focused on the short lines and multiple colors.





Our Campaign Goals

“A BROADER VISION” IS AN \$8-MILLION EFFORT THAT WILL FINANCE

- * St. Patrick’s first regulation athletic field
- * Road improvements mandated by the District as St. Patrick’s establishes its presence on the Foxhall Campus
- * Debt reduction and the building of our capital base
- * Planning and design for further development of the Foxhall Campus

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Our Mission: St. Patrick’s Episcopal Day School strives to create a diverse learning community of students, teachers, and parents who recognize the infinite value of every participant as a child of God. We are committed to developing character, advancing human understanding, and promoting academic excellence in our students in order to prepare them to live with integrity, compassion, and purpose.

