

 January 15, 2025

**Principal**

**xx Regional School**

**Dear xx Administrators & Faculty:**

**We wish you and your students success in participating in the 7th annual St Patrick Coloring contest sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Northern Virginia.**

**We ask the following help in insuring an even playing field for all participants.**

* **Encourage the contest by your teaching staff to schedule during Religion instruction.**
* **The contest runs this early to get the winning entry and article in the Arlington Catholic Herald and other publications** (FYI: If we were to run the contest in March the kids would not get the Publicity they and their parents all enjoy)
* **Attached is a teachers’ guide and a short quiz.**
* **Winners may be asked to answer questions on list.**
* **Separate completed entries by grade (1-4) to return for judging**
* **Please check the back side for Information (school and grade crucial)**
* **Visit the web site listed that contains additional information as well as**

**The teacher guide and additional history about St Patrick**

**http://mychal-judge-va-aoh.org/st-patrick-coloring-contest-2020/**

**All entries will be picked up the week of February 9 and judged on February 15th.**

 **ST. PATRICK COLORING CONTEST RULES**

* **All school children grades 1-4 may enter the contest**
* **Entries must be completed with WAX CRAYON ONLY**
* ***The child must sign the form to attest they did all the coloring***
* **The Shamrock on St. Patrick must be colored Green**
* **All coloring must stay within the lines**
* **Artistic expression is encouraged**
* **One entry per child**

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**There are first-third place winners for each grade entry and one Grand winner who will receive a $50.00 prize. All 13 winners receive a T Shirt and framed photocopy of their entry** (attached see 2024 winner)**.**

**Thank you for your interest and help in making this contest a very successful seventh year and hopefully many more. We will inform you of winners at your school not later than Monday February 17th.**

**Winners’ families and friends will be invited to attend the presentation program scheduled for Saturday March 1, 2025 at St Mary of Sorrows off Rt 123 Fairfax,VA**

**Attached, is the teacher guide suggested for use with all 4 class years. In addition is a picture of last year’s winners and a church bulletin insert that the school shared the pupils win with the parish.**

**Sincerely**

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**Attached: St Patrick Teacher guide with Quiz**

 **Bulletin insert of winner at St. Bernadette school**

 **Winners at 2024 awards ceremony**