



On September 7, 2012, United States Secretary of State, Arne Duncan, announced the names of schools that had been selected as National Blue Ribbon Schools. This award is the highest educational honor in the country. St. Patrick School was named as one of the top 269 schools in the United States on this date.

To be nominated for this award, schools must have qualifying records of achievement and best practices. Five years of data and supporting evidence were submitted to the Department of Education in Washington D.C. for evaluation. St. Patrick School received this award for being "an Exemplary High Performing" school.

In his address to the award winning schools, Secretary Duncan said, "Our nation has no greater responsibility than helping all children realize their full potential. Schools honored with the National Blue Ribbon Schools award are committed to accelerating student achievement and preparing students for success in college and careers. Their work reflects the conviction that every child has promise and that education is the surest pathway to a strong, secure future."

We are very proud of receiving this award, and we wanted to share our "good news" with you, our newest family members!