

Each week we will be sharing a brief article on the Catholic Faith. Here is this week's article:

Week of October 27: Faith and Works—How Are We Saved?

Are we saved by faith or by works? Catholics say **both—working together**. We are saved by **grace through faith**, and that faith must be **alive** and **active**.

James 2:17 says, "Faith without works is dead." Jesus Himself said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). Good works don't replace faith—they express it. They are the fruit that grows from a life rooted in Christ.

Think of faith as the seed and works as the blossoms. You can't have one without the other if the plant is alive. True faith naturally leads to love in action.

Have a Great Week!

God Bless,

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

General Information

1. Our parking lot is about to be the most Spooktacular place in town, because those Trunk or Treat spots are vanishing faster than candy on Halloween night! Our Trunk or Treat will take place on **Thursday, October 30**, from 12:30-2:30. If you are interested in participating (decorating your car), please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BADA82EA0F49-59027643-stpatrick>. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Mrs. Blanchard at ablanchard@spcsjax.org. Also, we still need candy, so please consider donating (1 bag=1 service hour, maximum of 5).
2. Next week we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, a week devoted to encouraging students to make smart decisions about drugs and alcohol. On **Wednesday, October 29**, students may wear red shirts and red socks with their school uniform or PE bottoms. Girls may also wear red hair ribbons as well. During the week, students will be engaged in various activities that promote safe behaviors in relation to drugs and alcohol.
3. We will be celebrating Halloween next **Thursday, October 30**. Students in PreK through 3rd grade may wear Halloween costumes, 4th and 5th grade may dress like their favorite book characters, and middle school may wear Halloween t-shirts (or Halloween colors) with jeans.
4. On **Friday, October 31**, we will celebrate All Saints Day with all-school Mass at 8am. Students are asked to be in their regular Friday uniforms. Our second graders will be dressing as saints for Mass. Please feel free to join us.
5. We are currently selling popcorn to benefit our Early Education Center. If you would like to purchase popcorn, please go to www.raisemore.com and enter code 43593. The classroom that sells the most popcorn will win a pizza or ice cream party. The top individual seller will win a \$75 movie gift card. The sale ends on **Thursday, October 30**.

6. We will be selling popsicles for \$1 at lunch on Fridays as a fundraiser for an upgrade (repair) to our school PA system.

7. DON'T FORGET! Ms. AJ is offering "Art in Your Heart" classes **Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30**. There is a fee involved in these special art classes, so if you are interested, please reach out to Ms. AJ at ajallen@spcsjax.org.

8. Congratulations to Coach Williams and Coach Beasley for a very successful cross country season. Best of luck to runners Levi Beasley, Walker Beasley, Wyatt Beasley, Jewlie Beach, Mason Taylor and Austin Williams, who will all be running in the state meet this coming weekend in Lakeland, Florida. Go Irish!

9. Best wishes to our Girls Basketball team who is heading into its post-season tournament this week. Go Lady Irish!

10. We are looking for assistance during our daily lunch periods. If you are interested in helping out (and earning service hours), please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-58117443-cafeteria> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Allison at ahayes@spcsjax.org.

11. If your child is in 2nd grade, and is planning to make his or her First Communion this year, or if your child is in 8th grade, and is planning to make his or her Confirmation this year, then you must sign up for Sacramental Prep classes through our parish's Religious Education program. Classes won't begin until the second semester (they are already on our school calendar), but registration is already open. To sign up for these prep classes, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/252178565200050>. For more information, contact our DRE Cathy Taylor at ctaylor@spcsjax.org.

12. Please remember that if you would like to volunteer on campus (field trips, cafeteria, HSA events, etc.) that you need to have a background screening completed and you must attend a Protecting God's Children class. In order to sign up for the class, please use the directions that are attached to this email.

13. SAVE THE DATE: The i55 Book Fair is coming to town from November 10-21. We will need volunteers to help make our fair a success. More details and a sign-up link will be sent home next week.

14. SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Grandparents Day will be held on Friday, November 21, along with our early dismissal day to begin Thanksgiving Break (there will be NO aftercare that day).

Home School Association (HSA) Happenings

1. SAVE THE DATE: Our HSA is planning a super special GLOW Party on November 15. More details will be sent out as they become available.

Week at a Glance

Monday, October 27

- Girls Basketball vs. St. Matthew's @ Blessed Trinity 5pm
- Cross Country Practice (TBD)

Tuesday, October 28

- Soccer Shots
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Art in the Heart Class 3:00-4:30

Wednesday, October 29

- Red Shirts and Socks with uniform or PE bottoms for Red Ribbon Week
- Basketball Practice (TBD)
- Cross Country Practice (TBD)

Thursday, October 30

- Halloween Dress Down Day
- Trunk or Treat 12:30-2:30pm
- Last Day of Popcorn Sale
- Orchestra Rehearsal

Friday, October 31--Happy Halloween!

- Regular Friday Uniforms, please
- All-School Mass 8am

The mission of St. Patrick Catholic School is to lay the foundation for success in students through Catholic traditions, rooted in the Eucharist and Gospel teachings of Christ, with high standards of education in a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment.

Mr. Christopher Meyer, Principal