



St. Patrick Catholic School  
The Irish Weekly  
Week of November 22-26, 2021



*Our Mission Statement*

To lay the foundation for students through Catholic traditions and high standards of education in a safe, nurturing, and welcoming environment.

***“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.” Rv 1:8***



**Special Thank You to our Fall Festival Sponsors:**

A very special THANK YOU to the following Fall Festival Sponsors:

- The Correal Family
- Sullivan Pool Construction
- Juniors Seafood
- Deanna Hartwell with Ameriprise
- The Van Blaricum Family/ Bank of America

**A BIG Thanks to our Sponsors!**

**COVID Impact on Our School**

This week we had one parent who tested positive for COVID and whose child remained home on quarantine.

We will continue to let you know when students test positive. Because of privacy laws, we cannot disclose the names of the students. We will let the parents of students who have been in close contact know so that they can be quarantined based on the current requirements of the diocese and the Department of Health.

Thank you for all your help with the mask optional policy that is currently in effect. We ask your continued patience and assistance with this and in reporting any new positive cases to us.

**Thanksgiving Break**

Our Thanksgiving Break will be held from **Wednesday, November 24, through Sunday, November 28**. We will have an early dismissal on **Tuesday, November 23** (all VPK classes dismiss at 10:45, grades K-8 dismiss at 11:45). For families planning on international travel, our diocese will be following CDC guidelines for quarantining (if necessary). If your family plans to travel internationally, please contact the office and we will discuss the procedure with you.

**Food Trucks on Campus this Saturday**

We will be hosting food trucks on campus this **Saturday, November 20**, from 4:00-7:00pm. Stop by after evening Mass, or just pop in to pick up Saturday dinner. A portion of the proceeds from the food truck sales come back to our school.

**Kitchen Closed Nov. 15-23**

The kitchen will be closed from **November 15-23**. Students who normally purchase hot lunch will have to bring lunch from home during that time.

### Book Fair November 17-22

Students will be able to purchase items during the school day starting on Wednesday, November 16. The book fair will also be open on Sunday, November 21, from 8:30am-12:30pm.

### NJHS Meeting and Donation Collection

Our NJHS chapter is collecting items for the homeless from **now through November 30**. Donations can be brought into students' homerooms. They are asking for donations of the following items:

- All PreK- Adult socks
- K-adult socks
- 1st-toothpaste/ travel size
- 2nd-travel toothbrush
- 3rd-travel kleenex
- 4th-lotion/chapstick
- 5th-deodorant
- 6th-bar of soap
- 7th-facecloth
- 8th-baby wipes travel size
- TEACHERS-Adult socks

### Farm Share Volunteer Opportunity

There will be a volunteer opportunity on **Saturday, December 18**, helping distribute food with Farm Share. The event will be held on our campus, from 7:30am until the food runs out. The Sign-Up Genius link will appear in next week's Irish Weekly.

### Nailed It Art Event

On **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**, our HSA will be hosting a "Nailed It" art event from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. This will be a great opportunity to demonstrate your artistic skills. You can choose to paint at the school or to order a kit to take with you. 20% of all orders go back to our school. Please check out the link below for more information or to purchase your kit. All kits MUST be ordered before Thanksgiving.

<https://jacksonville.naileditdiy.com/product/stpatricks/>

### Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won our Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee:

#### 7th/8th grade competition

1. Annamarie Mathews
2. Victoria Welliver
3. Breanne Belcher

#### 5th/6th grade competition

1. Peyton Hart
2. Abigail VanBlaricum
3. Ashtin Pangilinan

### Middle School Midterm Exams

Midterms for grades 6-8 will be held on Dec. 14 - Dec. 16. Students must come to school in their uniform (no P.E. clothes) and avoid making any doctor appointments during those days. The teachers have posted midterm study guides, and students should begin completing and studying for these upcoming tests.

### Mission Statement Revision

As part of our accreditation process, our school has been asked to review our mission statement. After months of work, our steering committee has presented the following statement. We will be sending out a survey to collect feedback on the new statement:

**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.**

### This Week-At-A-Glance

#### Monday, November 22

- All School Science Day
- Progress Reports Distributed (electronically)
- Final Day for Book Fair

#### Tuesday, November 23

- Early Dismissal (All VPK 10:45, Grades K-8 11:45)

***Classes will resume on Monday, November 29. Happy Thanksgiving!***