



St. Patrick Catholic School
The Irish Weekly
Week of October 11-15, 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.

All things are possible for God. Mark 10:27



FALL FESTIVAL
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE HSA

10.23.21 | 10AM-2PM
601 AIRPORT CENTER DR E,
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218
Pumpkin Patch | Food Trucks | Games | Vendors
| DJ
see you there!

COVID Impact on Our School

I am happy to report that we had no new reported cases of COVID or close contact cases this week.

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.

Fall Festival October 23

Save the date of **October 23!** St. Patrick's HSA is hosting a Fall Festival here on campus. There will be pumpkins for purchase, food trucks, games, and vendors. More details about pre-sales and the event are being sent home this week with your children.

No School Monday, October 11

We will have a three-day weekend this weekend. There WILL NOT be school on **Monday, October 11.** Classes will resume on Tuesday, October 12.

Fundraiser Dress Down on Tuesday, October 12

We learned yesterday that one of our Sisters of the House of the Mother, Sister Sasha, lost her brother the other day, leaving her family in tough times. Sister Megan lost her sister earlier in the school year as well. To help these sisters, we will be holding a dress down day fundraiser on **Tuesday, October 12.** For a donation of \$5 or more, students will be able to dress out of uniform, following the guidelines in the school handbook. For students who prefer not to participate, regular school uniforms should be worn.

The dress code restrictions (from the handbook) are:

<p>No Uniform Today (NUT) / Dress-out Day Guidelines</p> <p>Students may wear the following on NUT days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• school uniform sneakers• non-uniform socks• t-shirts with <u>appropriate</u> writing/content• jeans (no rips, holes, or tears)• shorts no shorter than fingertips along the side of leg• skirts no shorter than fingertips along the side of leg• skorts no shorter than fingertips along the side of leg• non-uniform sweatshirts• jogging suits• dresses• non-uniform slacks	<p>Students may <i>NOT</i> wear the following on NUT days /Dress Out Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• non-uniform sneakers or footwear of any kind• tank tops or spaghetti straps• T-shirts with inappropriate writing• biker shorts• spandex shorts or pants• pajama pants• make-up/nail polish/no large or hoop earrings• low cut blouses/tops• any clothing that is extremely tight• hats/head coverings• jeggings or leggings• skinny jeans• work-out/yoga pants
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First Quarter Ends on October 8

It is difficult to believe it, but the first quarter is coming to an end. The final day for grades will **be Friday, October 8**. Report cards for grades K-8 will be distributed on **Friday, October 22**.

Early Release Day October 22 with Parent Conferences

Friday, October 22, will be an early release day (aftercare WILL be available). On that day, K-8 parents will be able to come in and receive their child's report card from their teacher. More details will be forthcoming.

Canonical Coronation of Our Lady of La Leche

This weekend, our diocese will be celebrating the Canonical Coronation of Our Lady of La Leche at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. For more information on the schedule of events, and how to attend or livestream, please see the following website: [Coronation | Diocese of St. Augustine | Jacksonville, Florida \(dosaf1.com\)](http://dosaf1.com)

In the early 1600s, Spanish settlers brought with them to the New World a special devotion to Our Lady of La Leche y Buen Parto. Four hundred years later, the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche has kept this devotion alive through countless people of faith. And the Holy Father himself has recognized the importance and sanctity of this devotion by granting a Canonical Coronation for Our Lady of La Leche on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. This once-in-a-lifetime and completely unique event is an incredible blessing for the Diocese of St. Augustine and the oldest Marian shrine in the United States!

A canonical coronation is a formal act of the pope to crown an image of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or St. Joseph in the name of the Holy Father. The crowning acknowledges that the specific image, while having local significance, also has universal importance for the Catholic Church as it pertains to the Salvation Christ won for us by the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection. The practice began in the 17th century but became increasingly popular in the late 1800s. Many people are familiar with a May crowning as many parishes and schools annually have one as a sign of their devotion to Mary. A canonical coronation is different in that this will only happen once to this specific image of Our Lady of La Leche.

Coach Needed

We are excited to be able to offer coaching stipends for anyone interested in coaching this year! We currently need a volleyball coach to participate in the league. Each head coach will be offered a coaching shirt and equipment, and you can choose if you would like the coaching stipend or credit for Family Service Hours. **If you are interested, or you know someone that might be, please contact Coach T or Mr. Meyer for more information: coacht@spscjax.org**. The team is composed of 5-eighth grade girls. Tryouts are the 1st or 2nd weekend of November (after basketball ends). Practices are determined by the coach, and the season runs from Dec. to Feb. (with time off for the holiday break).

Rosary Club Update

We will be combining the two groups of Elementary and Middle School Rosary Club into one group, meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from **Oct 5th to May 3rd** at 3:15-4pm.

Homeroom Communication Form

To assist with communication, our Homeroom Parents will begin meeting as a group and with their classroom teachers. To assist them in reaching out to families, we have designed the following Google form. Please take a few moments to reply to this form so we know your communication preferences. The form can be accessed from this link: <https://forms.gle/UHhXCxNvVDLi3yD57> Your response will be kept confidential.

Flu Shot Clinic

St. Patrick will be offering flu shots for students who are interested in receiving one. The clinic will be sponsored by Health Heroes and will take place on **Wednesday, October 13**. permission forms were sent home last week and were due today, October 8.

Eighth Grade Students to Visit Bishop Snyder Catholic High School

On **Friday, October 15**, our eighth-grade students will be visiting Bishop Snyder Catholic High School for the morning. The students should arrive to school on time, wearing their uniforms, and will ride the Snyder bus and spend the morning getting to know more about the school. The students will have lunch and then return to SPCS by 12:30. They will have regular afternoon classes and will be dismissed at 2:45pm.

Congratulations to our Basketball Teams

HUGE Congratulations to Coach Haddad and our basketball teams for the end of their regular season this year. Our teams worked extremely hard this season and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Right now, our girls will be entering into the post-season tournament, and we are waiting to see if the boys will receive an invitation. We wish both teams the best of luck! The members of our teams this year are:

Boys' Team

Damien Bradley
Kyrien Lee
Bradly Cooper
Liam Oehmann
Jordan Sattler
Michael Foster
Liam Barron
Thomas Li
Deon Jones
Keon Jones
Chad Carter
John Paul Bagan

Girls' Team

Allahyah Rey-Collazo
Breanna Belcher
Ezra Jackson
Gabrielle Legere
Peyton Hart
Londyn Cartledge
Madalyn Grumbly
Brooklyn Baptist
Sophie Kluessner
Abigail Van Blaricum

Engineering for Kids Final Session

We received the sad news that Engineering for Kids will be closing its doors very soon, leaving this coming Wednesday as our last session. We will continue to host Soccer Shots, however our last session for Engineering for Kids will be this Wednesday, October 13. We will begin looking for a replacement program for all our aspiring scientists and engineers and will let you know once we have found one.

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and First Eucharist (second graders) and Confirmation (8th graders)

Classes for the Immediate preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation begin in the winter/spring of 2022.

Many parents ask, "Why does my child have to attend classes for sacraments?" "Does not the parish school teach the sacraments to their students?", "Is not sacramental prep part of what I am paying for in tuition to the school?" The answer is immediate sacramental preparation is not something the school provides. It is the privilege of the parish priest to ensure that all his parish members are prepared to receive the sacraments. While the school

does instruct their students about what the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are (this is what the diocese refers to as “remote preparation”), it does not spiritually prepare children and their families to actually receive these sacraments (what the diocese refers to as “immediate sacramental preparation”).

If your child is baptized, has been in religious education in 1st and 2nd grade (for FHC and Confession) or 7th and 8th grade (For Confirmation, must have received FHC and Reconciliation), and your family is a member of St. Patrick parish, you must pre-register for these classes for your children to receive the sacraments in May of 2022. To register your child for sacramental prep classes at St. Patrick, you will need to contact our parish Director of Religious Education, Cathy Taylor, and provide a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate to her. Call, text, or email: 904-860-3891 cataylor@addressplus.net If your home parish is not St. Patrick, but you would like to have your child prepared and receive sacraments at St. Patrick, call your home parish and speak to a DRE.

This Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, October 11

- No School

Tuesday, October 12

- Fundraiser Dress Down for the Sisters (\$5 to participate)
- Soccer Shots on campus
- Basketball TBD

Wednesday, October 13

- Flu Shot Clinic for those who registered
- Engineering for Kids on campus
- Basketball TBD

Thursday, October 14

- Basketball TBD

Friday, October 15

- 8th Graders at Bishop Snyder Catholic High School

Lunch Menu (please order through <https://stpatricks.ahotlunch.com>)

All school lunches will be served TO-GO style in a plastic bag with all food, drink, utensils, and condiments included. *Due to limited availability of some of our commonly used products, Chef will pre-select the sides for the day. Some examples include Baby carrots, string cheese, yogurt, apple, orange, banana, granola bar, or apple sauce.*

Monday 10/11	Tuesday 10/12	Wednesday 10/13	Thursday 10/14	Friday 10/15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School Today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Cheddar wrap with lettuce, chip, drink, and 1 side - \$5.00 • Double Wraps - \$7.00 • Grilled Cheese with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Double Grilled Cheese - \$7.00 • Cold Ham and cheese sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classic Buttermilk Pancakes (3 Buttermilk pancakes with 2 turkey breakfast sausage, syrup on the side) drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Breakfast Wrap (Hash browns, scrambled eggs, and cheddar cheese inside a warm tortilla) drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Double Wraps - \$7.00 • Cold Ham and cheese sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grilled Hotdog with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Double Dog - \$7.00 • Cold Ham and cheese sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • TBLT on croissant with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baked Ravioli with Garlic bread, mixed vegetables, and drink - \$5.00 • Chicken Patty Sandwich with American cheese on a hamburger bun with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Double Sandwich - \$7.00 • Cold Ham and cheese sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00