



St. Patrick Catholic School  
The Irish Weekly  
Week of October 18-22, 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.

***Our soul waits for the LORD, he is our help and shield.  
For in him our hearts rejoice; in his holy name we trust. Psalm 33:20-21***



**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!*

**Fall Festival October 23**

Save the date of **October 23!** St. Patrick's HSA is hosting a Fall Festival here on campus, from 10-2pm. There will be pumpkins for purchase, food trucks, games, and vendors. **Pre-Sale forms are due by this Tuesday, Oct. 19. Vendor Forms are due by this Friday, Oct. 22.**

To help with the festival, we are asking for donations of the following:

- PreK and VPK: candy and chip
- Kindergarten: juice boxes
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Coke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Diet Coke
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sprite
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Water (regular, sparkling, or flavored)

The class that brings in the most donations will win an ice cream party compliments of the HSA!

**We are also accepting donations for our Cake Walk. The Cake Walk includes cakes purchased from the store. Families can earn a service hour for each cake they donate (maximum of two cakes per family).**

To donate a cake, please use the following Sign-Up Genius link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-cake>

If you would like to volunteer for the event, please use the following Sign-Up Genius link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-fall2>

If you would like to volunteer to assist with our class games, please use the following Sign-Up Genius link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-fall3>

## COVID Impact on Our School

This week we had one student who was quarantined after having close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

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.

## Homeroom Parents Meeting October 21

We will be holding a Homeroom Parents Meeting on **Thursday, October 21, at 6:30pm**. More information and the agenda will be sent out this week.

## Early Release Day October 22

**Friday, October 22**, will be an early release day (aftercare WILL be available).

## K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences October 22

Parent/Teacher Conferences for our K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take place on **Friday, October 22 from 12:40-4:00pm**. Homeroom teachers will have students' report cards to distribute to parents. Families who cannot attend the Friday conferences will have report cards sent home with students on Monday, October 25. **Please Note: due to the number of students per class, a teacher's conference schedule may fill up. If so, please contact the teacher directly to arrange an alternate day/time for conferences.**

Please use the following Sign-Up Genius links to arrange conferences:

Kindergarten: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-kindergarten5>

First Grade: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-grade27>

Second Grade: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-grade28>

Third Grade: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-grade29>

Fourth/Fifth Grade: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-grades11>

Middle School Core Subjects: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-middle2>

Religion Grades 1, 4, 5, 7, 8: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-religion>

## 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](mailto: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).

## 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.

## E-Rate Program and Title I Eligibility Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed this very important survey. The results will help us gain funding for our Internet and Wi-Fi infrastructure, as well as to ensure the number of spots available for students working with our Title I program. If you haven't completed the paper survey, please use this link for a Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/MttZnm9JbWKH83cz5>



## Eighth Grade Visits Bishop Kenny Catholic High School

On **Friday, October 15**, our eighth-grade students visited Bishop Kenny High School for their Discovery Day. The students had the chance to meet the school principal, as well as the athletic director, campus minister, football coach and head of guidance. Our students toured the campus (led by SPCS alumni), had a mini pep rally with the band, cheerleaders and dance squad, and had lunch before coming home. The class received high praise from the staff at BKHS for their behavior during the trip. Our eighth graders will be visiting Bishop Snyder High School on **Monday, October 25**.

## School Day Hockey Game Scheduled for November 16

Save the Date! The Icemen are back in action and SPCS has been invited to attend their annual School Day Hockey Game on **Tuesday, November 16 at 10:30am**. The cost per ticket is \$15 and includes the game, lunch, a workbook, and gift. Unlike years past, attendance at the game will be optional. Students who prefer not to attend will have a regular day of school. More information will be available in the next few weeks.

## Help Wanted—First 10am School Mass next Sunday

On **Sunday, October 24**, we will continue our tradition of hosting coffee and donuts after the 10am Sunday Mass. For this first Mass, we are asking for volunteers from Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) to assist. A Sign-Up Genius link can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-middle3>

## Red Ribbon Week- October 25-28

We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the week of **October 25-28**. Red Ribbon Week focuses on empowering students to make healthy choices when faced with the option of drugs and alcohol. Our itinerary for the week is still being finalized, but will include a healthy choice rally and speaker, a special prayer service, and door decorating contest. More information will be coming over the next week.

## Picture Re-Takes Scheduled for October 25

We will be holding picture re-takes for students who were absent on the first picture day, or who would like their photo re-taken. More information will be coming soon regarding the procedures for this day.

## Discretionary Day on October 29

We have two discretionary days built into our calendar in case inclement weather causes us to need to close school. Our first discretionary day is **Friday, October 29**. If we do not have to close school for any reason between now and that day, then we will have the day off. Fingers crossed, the weather looks good right now and we hope we will all be able to enjoy that long weekend!

## 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](mailto: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 18**

- Please complete the Homeroom Communication Form: <https://forms.gle/UHhXCxNvVDLi3yD57>
- Please complete the E-Rate and Title I Form: <https://forms.gle/MttZnm9JbWKH83cz5>

#### **Tuesday, October 19**

- Soccer Shots on campus
- Last Day for Fall Festival Pre-Sale Orders

#### **Wednesday, October 20**

#### **Thursday, October 21**

- Cake Drop-Off (for Cake Walk)
- School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00pm
- Homeroom Parents Meeting 6:30pm

#### **Friday, October 22**

- Cake Drop-Off (for Cake Walk)
- Early Dismissal (PreK-3, AM VPK and All-Day VPK 10:45, K-8 11:45 and PM VPK 2:45)
- K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:40-4:00pm. Please sign up using the provided Sign-Up Genius links
- Pre-Sale Pumpkin Pick-Up

#### **Saturday, October 23**

- Fall Festival 10am-2pm

#### **Sunday, October 24**

- 10am Sunday School Mass, hosted by Middle 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 10/18	Tuesday 10/19	Wednesday 10/20	Thursday 10/21	Friday 10/22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Pepperoni pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• 2 Pepperoni pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$7.00</li> <li>• 2 Cheese pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$7.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Cheddar wrap with lettuce, chip, drink, and 1 side - \$5.00</li> <li>• Double Wraps - \$7.00</li> <li>• Grilled Cheese with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Double Grilled Cheese - \$7.00</li> <li>• Cold Ham and cheese sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classic Buttermilk Pancakes (3 Buttermilk pancakes with 2 turkey breakfast sausage, syrup on the side) drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Breakfast Wrap (Hash browns, scrambled eggs, and cheddar cheese inside a warm tortilla) drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Double Wraps - \$7.00</li> <li>• Cold Ham and cheese sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grilled Hotdog with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Double Dog - \$7.00</li> <li>• Cold Ham and cheese sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• TBLT on croissant with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baked Ravioli with Garlic bread, mixed vegetables, and drink - \$5.00</li> <li>• Chicken Patty Sandwich with American cheese on a hamburger bun with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Double Sandwich - \$7.00</li> <li>• Cold Ham and cheese sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> <li>• Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich on Butter bread with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00</li> </ul>

***Please Note: 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.***