



St. Patrick Catholic School  
The Irish Weekly  
Week of October 25-29, 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.

***The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."  
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Mark 10:52***



**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!

There are still opportunities to volunteer for the festival:

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>

**Coach Needed**

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 a 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@spcsjax.org](mailto:coacht@spcsjax.org). The team is made of fifth through eighth grade girls. Tryouts are the 1st or 2nd weekend of November. Practices are decided by the coach, and the season runs from Dec.-Feb. (with time off for the holidays).

**Help Wanted—First 10am School Mass this 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>

**Honor Roll Assembly October 28**

We will be holding our first honor roll assembly next Thursday, October 28, at 8:15am. Due to COVID restrictions, parents who would like to attend must RSVP through Sign-Up Genius. All guests attending must wear a mask. The link for the Sign-Up Genius is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-honor>

**Eighth Grade to visit Bishop Snyder Catholic High School**

On **Monday, October 25**, our eighth-grade students will visit Bishop Snyder Catholic High School for Discovery Day. The students will be picked up from SPCS around 9am, travel to BSCHS for a tour and lunch, and then will return around 2pm. Transportation will be provided by Bishop Snyder. Eighth graders should wear their uniforms that day.

### **Red Ribbon Week—October 25-28**

We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week this week. Red Ribbon Week is a week where we focus on making sound decisions for our minds and bodies, especially in relation to drug and alcohol use. Our week will consist of:

- **Friday, October 22**: Classroom door decorating (with anti-drug themes) \*pictures in next week's Weekly\*
- **Monday, October 25**: Signing the anti-drug pledge and red ribbon stickers (all classes) and bracelets (grades 5-8) \*\*pending delivery—if not, we will give these out on Tuesday\*\*
- **Tuesday, October 26**: Red shirt day (students wear a red shirt with uniform or PE bottoms)
- **Thursday, October 28**: Irish Spirit Day (SPCS spirit shirt/PE shirt/uniform shirt with jeans—no rips or tears—or shorts. School sneakers should be worn.)

### **Breast Cancer Awareness Day**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Since many of our families have been impacted by breast cancer, we have decided to honor our loved ones by offering a Pink Shirt Day. On **Wednesday, October 27**, students may wear a pink shirt with their uniform or PE shorts and school shoes. If students have pink socks, they may wear those also.

### **SHHHHHH Don't Tell the Kids**

On **Thursday, October 28**, we will be holding a surprise Trunk-or-Treat activity for the students. During the last period of the school day (1:30-1:50 for PreK, VPK and K) and 1:50-2:20 for grades 1-8), our students will have the chance to visit cars decorated by parents to get treats. We will provide treat bags for the students to use for the activity. If you would like to participate, use the Sign-Up Genius link here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-trunk3> Cars can set up from 12:00-1:30pm. Families participating will earn 2 service hours.

### **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!

### **Fifth Grade Creates Native American Museum**

On Thursday, October 21, our fifth grade created a Native American museum for our students to enjoy. Classes came through the exhibits where our fifth grade shared their dioramas and home-made projects representing the different Native American tribes. Congratulations to Mrs. Schwartz and the fifth grade for a job VERY well done!

### **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.

### **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>

## **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.

## **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**

### **Saturday, October 23**

- Fall Festival from 10:00am-2:00pm. To volunteer, please see the links at the beginning of the Irish Weekly
- Please complete the Homeroom Communication Form: <https://forms.gle/UHhXCxNvVDLi3yD57>
- Please complete the E-Rate and Title I Form: <https://forms.gle/MttZnm9JbWKH83cz5>

### **Sunday, October 24**

- 10am School Mass (coffee and donuts provided after Mass)

### **Monday, October 25**

- Red Ribbon Week Activity: drug-free pledge signing
- Yearbook Photo re-takes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Bishop Snyder Catholic High School

### **Tuesday, October 26**

- Red Ribbon Week Activity: Red Shirt Day (wear a red shirt with uniform bottoms or PE shorts, school shoes)
- Soccer Shots on campus

### **Wednesday, October 27**

- Breast Cancer Awareness Day: wear a pink shirt with uniform bottoms or PE shorts, school shoes (pink socks are also acceptable)

**Thursday, October 28**

- Irish Spirit Dress Day (Spirit/PE/Uniform Shirt with jeans—no rips or tears—or uniform bottoms and school shoes)
- Honor Roll Assembly 8:15am
- Special Activity 1:30-2:30pm

**Friday, October 29**

- No School—Discretionary Day

**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.*

<b>Monday 10/25</b>	<b>Tuesday 10/26</b>	<b>Wednesday 10/27</b>	<b>Thursday 10/28</b>	<b>Friday 10/29</b>
<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>• No School—Discretionary Day</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.***