



St. Patrick Catholic School  
Faculty/Staff Bulletin  
Week of Sept. 20-24, 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.

**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.** Mark 8: 34-35

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

9/17/2021 FROM 6:00-8:00 PM

**FOOD TRUCKS  
BINGO  
50/50 RAFFLE**

601 Airport Center Dr. E  
Main Parking lot

SIGN UP TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

BINGO CARDS \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE HSA

**Home and School Family Fun Night**

Our first Family Fun Night event is scheduled for **Friday, September 17, 2021**. Our event will include food trucks, bingo and lots of fun. Everyone is welcomed to enjoy the food trucks! To sign up for Bingo, please use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-family5>

If you would like to volunteer for set-up, bingo check-in, or clean-up, please use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-family6>

**September 11 Catholic Night at the Ballpark with the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**

Join us for the annual event at 6:35 p.m. at the 121 Financial Ballpark.

Tickets: \$13 for reserved dugout in sections 109 and 110

[Click here to see the flyer](#) with more details. For tickets,

visit [www.tinyurl.com/JaxShrimpPortal](http://www.tinyurl.com/JaxShrimpPortal) and use password: Catholic

For more information, contact Scott Kornberg at (904) 224-8534 or

email [scott@jaxshrimp.com](mailto:scott@jaxshrimp.com).

**St. Patrick Spirit Store Now Open**

Our SPCS Spirit Store is now open for orders. The store will remain open until **Sunday, September 12**. Students will be able to wear spirit shirts on our Irish Spirit Days and at different events during the year. For more information, please check out the store at <http://www.spcs.t5sportswear.com/>

**Individual (Uniform) School Pictures**

We have once again contracted with Life Touch to be our official school photographer. They will be on campus on **Thursday, September 16**, to take our students' yearbook photos. Students are required to be in uniform that day for pictures. Order forms are being sent home through your child's homeroom.

**COVID Impact on Our School**

On Thursday, we were notified that one of our VPK students tested positive for COVID-19. We made the appropriate calls that afternoon, notifying families of students who were in close contact with this student for more than 15 minutes at a distance of 6 or fewer feet. We were also notified during the course of the week that one of our parents had tested positive for COVID-19, so his students were sent home to quarantine for the appropriate amount of time.

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 mandate that is currently in effect. We ask your continued patience and assistance with this and in reporting any new positive cases to us. **We would also like to remind you to send your child to school with a mask. We have some spare masks in case a student accidentally forgets his/hers, but some**

students continually come unprepared (without a mask) and it is unfair that we need to provide one every day for the same students. We would also like to recommend putting an extra mask in your child's bookbag, in case they forget their mask.

### September 24 is an Early-Release Day

Please note that **Friday, September 24 is an early-release day**. Students in PreK-3, Full-Day VPK and AM VPK will be dismissed at 10:45am. Grades K-8 will be dismissed at 11:45am. Our PM VPK class will dismiss at 2:45pm.

### Early Childhood Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our Early Childhood team will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences on **Friday, September 24**. To sign up for a conference, please use the following links to Sign-Up Genius:

Mrs. Wilkerson

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-prek38>

Mrs. Williams

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-vpka6>

Mrs. Winn

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-vpkb7>

Mrs. Struble (C/D)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-vpkcd3>

### Email Scam

Please remember that all emails from the school come from our Google domain @spscjax.org. Recently many faculty members received an email from someone posing as Mr. Meyer from [churchofficeonline2000@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficeonline2000@gmail.com).

### Engineering for Kids Starts September 15

After a brief delay, our engineering program will begin regular activities on **Wednesday, September 15**.

### Student Tardy Policy is Now Being Enforced

The beginning of the year grace period for student tardies expired when we returned from Labor Day weekend. We are now tracking and enforcing tardiness. The policy as it appears in the handbook is:

#### ***The K-8 Tardy Policy will be enforced on a Quarterly basis.***

- After the 3<sup>rd</sup> unexcused tardy (Quarterly), the parents will receive a Tardy Letter signed by the principal and homeroom teacher. The letter must be signed by a parent and returned to the homeroom teacher.
- After the 5<sup>th</sup> unexcused tardy (Quarterly), the parents have a meeting with the school counselor.
- After the 6<sup>th</sup> unexcused tardy (Quarterly), the parents will incur a charge of \$15.00.
- After the 9<sup>th</sup> unexcused tardy (Quarterly), the parents will incur a charge of \$25.00.
- After the 12<sup>th</sup> unexcused tardy, *and every additional 3 unexcused tardies*, (Quarterly), the parents will incur a charge of \$50.00.

#### ***The PreK-3 and VPK Tardy Policy will be enforced on a Quarterly basis.***

- After the 3<sup>rd</sup> unexcused tardy (Quarterly), the parents will receive a Tardy Letter signed by the principal and homeroom teacher. The letter must be signed by a parent and returned to the homeroom teacher.
- After the 5<sup>th</sup> unexcused tardy (Quarterly), the parents have a meeting with the school counselor.

### Technology Committee Forming

The School Advisory Board would like to form a technology committee to assess our school's current technology as well as to develop a plan for the growth of our technology resources. This plan will be an essential part of our third-year accreditation visit in March, as well as paving the way for budgeting and goal setting for the rest of this year. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Mr. Meyer at [cmeyer@spscjax.org](mailto:cmeyer@spscjax.org).

### **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+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@spcsjax.org](mailto:coacht@spcsjax.org).** The team is composed of 5-8 th 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).

### **Spanish Classes for K-5**

Our Spanish classes for K-5 have begun using Zoom. Students sit in the Spanish/Religion room and interact with their teacher, Senor Elyin Guevara, via our Chromebooks. If your child does not have headphones, it is highly recommended that they have some for the class (plug-in versus Bluetooth are recommended). If you need to contact their teacher, you can do so at [eguevara@languagelarningnetwork.com](mailto:eguevara@languagelarningnetwork.com).

### **The NED Show Returns Virtually to St. Patrick**

Our school is hosting The NED Show, a live streaming all-school event. A world-class performer takes our students on an interactive educational journey filled with storytelling, illusions, yo-yo tricks and humor. NED's message inspires students, promotes academic achievement, and supports our school goals.

*Never give up*

*Encourage others*

*Do your best®*

Our school received this program at no-cost because another school community has paid-it-forward to us. Now it's our turn—and more information will be shared before the performance on **Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**—on how we can do that.

### **Eighth Grade Parents Meeting**

We will be hosting a parents meeting for our eighth grade parents on **Thursday, September 30, at 6:00pm**. The meeting will take place in Mrs. Parker's classroom, and will cover eighth grade specific items (fundraising, class trip, graduation, Catholic high school admissions, etc.). Families will be given 1 service hour for attending.

### **Knights of Columbus Soccer Shoot Out**

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Shoot Out will be held on **Monday, September 20 and Tuesday, September 21**, during our PE classes. The Shoot Out is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (students compete against students of the same age and gender). To participate, students must have a signed permission form, which will be sent home on Friday, September 10. The top contestants will move onto the district competition.

### **From Bishop Kenny High School:**

**Bishop Kenny High School** is in need of a shuttle bus driver to transport students from the Fernandina Beach, Yulee, and Northside (St. Patrick's) communities. For more information regarding license requirements, salary, and benefits, please contact Michael Broach, Director of Transportation, at 904-398-7545 or [BroachM@bishopkenny.net](mailto:BroachM@bishopkenny.net).

### **This Week-At-A-Glance**

#### **Monday, September 13**

- Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00

#### **Tuesday, September 14**

- Soccer Shots on campus
- Boys Basketball vs. St. Matthew at 5:00pm, No Girls practice today

#### **Wednesday, September 15**

- Engineering for Kids begins today!
- Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00

### **Thursday, September 16**

- Individual School Pictures Taken
- Basketball versus Resurrection (Girls at 5:00pm, Boys at 6:00pm)
- School Advisory Board meeting 6:00pm

### **Friday, September 17**

- Family Fun Night sponsored by the HSA 6:00-8:00pm (food trucks will be here for take-out orders)

### **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 9/13</b>	<b>Tuesday 9/14</b>	<b>Wednesday 9/15</b>	<b>Thursday 9/16</b>	<b>Friday 9/17</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>• 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>