



St. Patrick Catholic School  
The Irish Weekly  
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 receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me. Mark 9: 37**



**St. Patrick Spirit Store Now Open**

Our SPCS Spirit Store has been extended for orders. The store will remain open until **Sunday, September 19**. 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.t5sportsweat.com/>

**September 24 is an Early-Release Day**

**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. Aftercare IS available.

**COVID Impact on Our School**

Over the weekend, we were notified that one of our third-grade students tested positive for COVID-19. We notified 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 week that one of our second-grade parents was tested for COVID-19, although we did not have results. The student remained at home until the results of the test were known.

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.**

**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@spcsjax.org](mailto:cmeyer@spcsjax.org).

### 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>

### HSA General Meeting #1

Our first General Home and School Association Meeting of the year will be held on **Thursday, September 23 at 6:30pm**. The meeting will be held via Zoom. The link will be sent out to all families early next week.

### 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 5-8th 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 you need to contact their teacher, you can do so at [eguevara@langlearningnetwork.com](mailto:eguevara@langlearningnetwork.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.

### Diocesan Christmas Card Contest

The annual Christmas Card Competition sponsored by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools for our diocese is now underway. Students are currently working with Mrs. Allen (through art class) on designing a Christmas card cover. The top three designs, as selected by a panel of judges, will receive a prize, and will be sent to the diocese for selection. The winning design, chosen from all the schools participating, will become the official Christmas card for the Superintendent and will be mailed to the homes of all families within the Catholic school system.

### Eighth Grade Parents Meeting

We will be hosting a parent 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.

### **October Hot Lunch Menu is Open**

The October Hot Lunch Menu is open for ordering. Please go to <https://stpatricks.ahotlunch.com> to order. The menu will close on **September 26 at 9:00pm**.

### **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.

### **Irish Spirit Day on September 30**

Our first Irish Spirit Day is scheduled for **September 30** and will coincide with our first Morning Prayer Assembly of the year. On Irish Spirit Days, students can wear their school spirit shirts in place of their uniform shirts. They should continue to wear uniform bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts or skits) or their PE shorts and the appropriate school sneakers. For our PreK and VPK students, they can wear the spirit shirt with either their uniform shorts or appropriately sized athletic shorts (green or black are preferred).

### **Rosary Club Begins in October**

In the month of October - *the Month of Mary* - we will be beginning our Rosary Club at St. Patrick Catholic School. There will be two groups with a maximum of fifteen students each. *Group A* will be for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and will meet on the *first Tuesday* of each month starting on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. *Group B* will be for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and will meet on the *third Tuesday* of each month starting on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. The Rosary Club will utilize one of the classrooms from 3:15 – 4:00pm and will end in May. A Schedule of Days and Themes will be provided on the first day. **The objective of the club is to teach children the value in praying the Rosary while assembling three different styles of Rosary Beads**

For your child to attend this after-school club, please fill in the form attached to the Irish Weekly email and hand it in to the office with \$3.00 fee (Checks made out to St. Patrick Catholic School) before September 30<sup>th</sup> or capacity is met. Without a permission slip, student cannot attend. *For further questions or details, please contact Mr. Calobrisi at [icalobrisi@spcsjax.org](mailto:icalobrisi@spcsjax.org)*

### **Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and First Eucharist (2nd 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 teach 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 in order 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.

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

**Bishop Kenny High School** needs 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).

### **From Bishop Snyder High School:**

Bishop John J. Snyder High School Campus Ministry invites you to be our guest the evening of **September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** for a special presentation by [Sarah Swafford](#) at the Bishop Snyder Auditorium. This presentation is geared towards parents and all who minister to youth.

The title of the presentation exclusively for adults is "**Looking from the Outside In**," *As a parent, teacher, coach, priest, religious, or anyone close to a young woman or man transitioning through stages of life, it can be hard to watch your loved ones go through this challenging time. Is there a game plan for these years? How can someone help and not just stand by? In this talk, Sarah offers an understanding of Emotional Virtue, a map for navigating relationships, and a closer look at how to build up interior confidence. Being that person your loved one turns to-and does not run from-starts now.*

To safely accommodate as many adults as possible, we are asking for RSVPs. Please **RSVP by Monday, September 20th** using this [Google Form](#); space is limited. If you foresee a need for childcare that evening, please indicate that as well on the form.

As always, if you have any questions about Bishop Snyder High School Campus Ministry programming, please contact [Mrs. Gallagher](#), the Director of Campus Ministry.

### **Girls in Aviation Day**

The Jacksonville, Florida Women in Aviation Chapter is hosting a Girls in Aviation Day on **Saturday, September 25**. This is a free event for girls ages 8-17 and will feature aviation-themed activities, static aircraft displays, guest speakers and much more. The event will take place at Jacksonville JetPort at Cecil Airport (VQQ) from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Visit [www.WAI.org/giad](http://www.WAI.org/giad) for more information about this event. To reserve your ticket, go to <https://wajjaxgiad2021.eventbrite.com>.

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

#### **Monday, September 20**

- Grades close for Quarter 1 Progress Reports (reports sent home electronically)
- NO Basketball Practice Today

#### **Tuesday, September 21**

- Soccer Shots on campus
- Basketball vs. Cathedral Parish School @ St. Joseph's Academy (Girls 5pm, Boys 6pm)

#### **Wednesday, September 22**

- Engineering for Kids on campus
- Basketball @ Blessed Trinity (Girls 5pm, Boys 6pm)

#### **Thursday, September 23**

- The NED Show will be seen by all students K-8 via Zoom @ 1:30pm
- Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00
- HSA General Meeting 6:30pm via Zoom

#### **Friday, September 24**

- Early Dismissal (PreK, VPK Full Day and VPK AM 10:45, K-8 11:45 and VPK PM 2:45).
- PreK-3 and VPK Parent Teacher Conferences

### **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 9/20	Tuesday 9/21	Wednesday 9/22	Thursday 9/23	Friday 9/24
<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>• 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>