



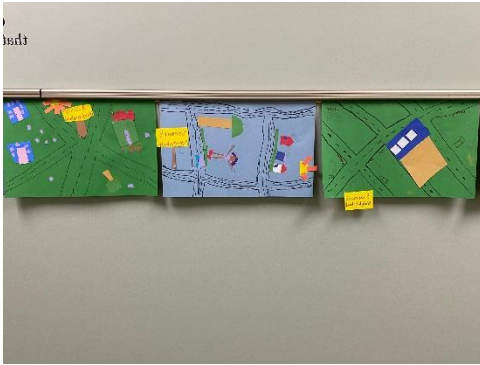
St. Patrick Catholic School
The Irish Weekly
Week of Sept. 27- Oct. 1, 2021



Our Mission Statement

To lay the foundation for students through Catholic traditions and high standards of education in a safe, nurturing, and welcoming environment.

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. Mark 9: 39



COVID Impact on Our School

I am happy to report that we had no new cases of COVID reported to our school this week. We welcomed back students who were in quarantine, so we are now back to full attendance from our student population.

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 are close to the end of our spare mask supply, and once it runs out, students who do not bring a mask will have to wait in the school office until one is brought from home. Please do not let this happen to your child!

Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles

The Vatican International Exhibition is comprised of a set of 146 posters about Miracles related to the Eucharist that happened around the world. The verified accounts date from as early as the 3rd century, the latest in 2001. Its purpose is to increase the awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist: the consecrated bread becomes His Body and the consecrated wine becomes His Blood! This exhibit will find its home in our Parish Hall this weekend, September 25-26. Please take some time to come over after Mass this weekend to see the exhibit.

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**.

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).

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 for more information about this event. To reserve your ticket, go to <https://wajaxgiad2021.eventbrite.com>.

HSA Fall Festival Planning Meeting

The HSA Board is hosting a Fall Festival planning meeting on **Wednesday, September 29 at 6pm**. If you are interested in joining the committee to plan the festival, please sign up at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-fall1>

The NED Show

On Thursday, September 23, our school hosted The NED Show, a live streaming all-school event. A world-class performer took 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—to ensure that other schools have this same opportunity in the future, we have agreed to make the yoyos and accessories used in the show available for purchase by our students. A parent letter/order form was sent home via email on Thursday. The yoyos will be on sale in the school office next week. For more information about the NED Show, visit their website: <http://bit.ly/NEDassembly>

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.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge was held on September 20-21, during our PE classes. We would like to thank Coach Haddad and Grand Knight Ron Walsh for helping out with the event. We had sixteen students participate in the challenge. Congratulations to all of the students for doing so well, and especially to the top three in each of our age categories:

Girls, Age 9: Lillian Sapp, Eliana Myers and Celia Mabry

Boys, Age 9: Jordan Long, Brian Ferm and Ebenezer Giorgis

Girls, Age 10: Abigail Van Blaricum and Ryah Stamper

Boys, Age 10: Abel Lian, Decklan Milner and John Paul Bagan

Boys, Age 11: Liam Barron, Keon Jones and Deon Jones

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 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders and will meet on the *first Tuesday* of each month starting on Oct. 5th. *Group B* will be for 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders and will meet on the *third Tuesday* of each month starting on Oct. 19th. 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 last week's Irish Weekly email and hand it in to the office with \$3.00 fee (Checks made out to St. Patrick Catholic School) **before September 30th** or capacity is met. Without a permission slip, student cannot attend. *For further questions or details, please contact Mr. Calobrisi at icalobrisi@spcsjax.org*

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**. More information and permission forms will be sent home next week.

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 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.

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@spcsjax.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).

This Week-At-A-Glance

Weekend of September 25-26

- Saturday: Girls in Aviation Event
- Sunday: October Hot Lunch Menu closes at 9pm <https://stpatricks.ahotlunch.com>
- Saturday and Sunday: Vatican Exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles (Parish Hall after Mass)

Monday, September 27

- NED yo-yo's on sale in the school office
- Basketball vs. St. Michael's at First Baptist Church (1600 S. 8th St Fernandina Beach, FL 32034). Girls 5pm, Boys 6pm

Tuesday, September 28

- NED yo-yo's on sale in the school office
- Soccer Shots on campus
- Basketball Practice 3:00-4:30

Wednesday, September 29

- NED yo-yo’s on sale in the school office
- Engineering for Kids on campus
- HSA Fall Festival planning meeting 6pm
- Basketball @ Holy Spirit Girls 5pm, Boys 6pm

Thursday, September 30

- Irish Spirit Dress Day
- NED yo-yo’s on sale in the school office
- 8th Grade Parents Meeting 6pm
- Basketball Practice 3:00-4:15

Friday, October 1

- All School Mass
- NED yo-yo’s on sale in the school office

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 9/27	Tuesday 9/28	Wednesday 9/29	Thursday 9/30	Friday 10/1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Pepperoni pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • 2 Pepperoni pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$7.00 • 2 Cheese pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$7.00 	<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"> • Cheese pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Pepperoni pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • 2 Pepperoni pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$7.00 • 2 Cheese pizza with chip, drink, and 1 side item - \$7.00