



St. Patrick Catholic School
Faculty/Staff Bulletin
Week of Sept. 6-10, 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.

Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; With divine recompense he comes to save you. Is 35:4



First grade practiced addition with number lines using sidewalk chalk outside!

COVID Impact on Our School

On Thursday, we were notified that one of our fifth-grade 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 3 or fewer feet. We were also notified during the course of the week that three of our parents had tested positive for COVID-19 and so their 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.**

Email Scam

Please remember that all emails from the school come from our Google domain @spcsjax.org. Recently many faculty members received an email from someone posing as Mr. Meyer from churchofficeonline2000@gmail.com.

Engineering for Kids Starts September 15

We received a phone call from Engineering for Kids. Due to an unforeseen situation, there will be a slight delay in starting our program. Engineering for Kids will be on campus to present to our Early Childhood students on **Wednesday, September 1**. Our engineering program will begin regular activities on **Wednesday, September 15**.

Student Tardy Policy Enforced after Labor Day

The beginning of the year grace period for student tardies will expire when we return from Labor Day weekend. Starting on **Tuesday, September 7**, we will begin 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 3rd 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 5th unexcused tardy (Quarterly), the parents have a meeting with the school counselor.
- After the 6th unexcused tardy (Quarterly), the parents will incur a charge of \$15.00.
- After the 9th unexcused tardy (Quarterly), the parents will incur a charge of \$25.00.

- After the 12th 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 3rd 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 5th 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@spcsjax.org.



Home and School Welcome Back Event Rescheduled

Due to scheduling conflicts, our Back-to-School Family event has been postponed until **Friday, September 17**, 2021. Our event will include food trucks, bingo and lots of fun. More information and the Sign-Up Genius link will be sent home as they become available.

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. More information will be coming from the school office regarding ordering photos as we get closer to that day.

HSA Still Looking for a Treasurer

The HSA Board is still in need of a treasurer for 2021-2022. If you are interested in applying, please go to the Google Form located at <https://forms.gle/RughE1MQVt7KhXg9>

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.** 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).



Fraternus Fall Kick-Off

Fraternus will hold their Fall Kick-Off on **Wednesday, September 8**, from 6:15-8:15pm in the Parish Hall. Men of all ages and boys from 6th through 12th grade are welcome to attend. For more information regarding Fraternus, contact Mr. Goodson at rgoodson@spcsjax.org or check out their website at [Home | Fraternus](#).

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@languagingnetwork.com.

Sunday School Masses

Our Sunday School Masses are held at the 10:00am Mass on the last Sunday of the month. Students are encouraged to attend wearing their school uniforms. Unlike years past, however, No Uniform Today (NUT) Day passes will not be provided to students simply because they attend Mass in their uniform. On a quarterly basis, starting in October, our classes will take turns hosting coffee and donuts for our parish family.

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 23rd**—on how we can do that.

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.

RC Uniforms Closed this Weekend

RC Uniforms will be closed Saturday through Monday in observance of the Labor Day Weekend.

This Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, September 6

- No School—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7

- Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00

Wednesday, September 8

- Soccer Shotz on Campus
- No Basketball Practice
- Fraternal Fall Kick-Off 6:15-8:15pm

Thursday, September 9

- Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00

Friday, September 10

- No news is good news! Have a great weekend!

Sunday, September 12

- Spirit Store Closes <http://www.spcs.t5sportswear.com/>

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 9/6	Tuesday 9/7	Wednesday 9/8	Thursday 9/9	Friday 9/10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School—Labor Day 	<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"> • Baked Ravioli with Garlic bread, mixed vegetables, and drink - \$5.00 • Chicken Patty Sandwich with American cheese on a hamburger bun with chips, drink, and 1 side item - \$5.00 • Double Sandwich - \$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