

## Week at a Glance for December 8-12, 2025

"A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him" Is 11:1-2



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Each week we will be sharing a brief article on the Catholic Faith. Here is this week's article:

### **Week of December 8: What Is Advent? Preparing for Christ**

Advent is the season of **hopeful waiting**. It prepares us not only to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas but also to welcome Him more fully into our lives and hearts.

The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming." We remember three "comings" of Christ: in history (at His birth), in mystery (through the sacraments), and in majesty (at His second coming). As Jesus says in Mark 13:33, "Be watchful! Be alert!"

Catholics use this time to pray, reflect, and often take on small sacrifices to make more room for Jesus. Advent isn't about rushing toward presents—it's about preparing our hearts to receive the greatest gift of all: God made man.

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Have a Great Week!

God Bless,

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

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## **General Information**

1. **Monday, December 8**, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church. All of our K-8 students will be attending the 8am Mass to celebrate this special day in Mary's life.

2. We will be celebrating Christmas with our traditional Christmas shows. The program schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, December 9**, 6:30pm: Grades K-5
- **Wednesday, December 10**, 8:00-11:45am: PreK and VPK
- **Thursday, December 11**, 6:30pm: Grades 6-8

*Please remember that seating is tight at these shows, so please plan on coming early to find a spot.*

3. Middle School exams will be held during the school day starting on **Tuesday, December 16**. Exams will run through **Thursday, December 18**, and the early dismissal day on **Friday, December 19**, will be the test make-up day. A schedule for the exams will be sent out to parents next week.

4. Please remember that we have an early release day on **Friday, December 19**. PreK-3 and all VPK classes will dismiss at 10:45am, and K-8th Grade will dismiss at 11:45am. There WILL NOT be aftercare that day, so all students must be picked up at their dismissal time.

5. Our Five Days of Christmas celebration will begin on **Monday, December 15**. Please see the attached flyer for more information and the themes for each day. Please Note: Middle School Student MAY participate in the themes while taking their exams.

6. SAVE THE DATE! St. Patrick Catholic School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with our annual Community Helper Day—including Career Day and Touch-a-Truck—on **January 27, 2026, from 8:00 AM–12:00 PM**. Families are invited to participate by sharing a career, bringing a vehicle, or setting up a display to help make this event meaningful for our students. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

7. Run Club is underway! The run club is being led by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Beasley. The club practices on Wednesdays, from 3:00-4:00. For more information, please contact either Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Blanchard.

8. If your child is in 2nd grade, and is planning to make his or her First Communion this year, or if your child is in 8th grade, and is planning to make his or her Confirmation this year, then you must sign up for Sacramental Prep classes through our parish's Religious Education program. Classes won't begin until the second semester (they are already on our school calendar), but registration is already open. To sign up for these prep classes, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/252178565200050>. For more information, contact our DRE Cathy Taylor at [ctaylor@spcsjax.org](mailto:ctaylor@spcsjax.org).

9. We are looking for assistance during our daily lunch periods. If you are interested in helping out (and earning service hours), please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-58117443-cafeteria> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Allison at [ahayes@spcsjax.org](mailto:ahayes@spcsjax.org).

10. Our orchestra is currently looking for new members. If your child might be interested in learning a musical instrument, please see the attached flyer for more information.

11. Please see the attached flyers for some fun holiday events being sponsored by our friends at Bishop Snyder Catholic High School.

### **Home School Association (HSA) Happenings**

1. Our HSA is sponsoring a Family Night Out with the Icemen on **Saturday, December 6.**

The game starts at 7:00pm and the tickets cost \$23.36. A portion of each ticket price comes back to our school! For more information, or to purchase tickets, please see the attached flyer. Go Icemen!

2. The HSA will be sponsoring Candy Cane Grams just in time for Christmas. Each Candy Gram costs \$1 and can be sent to classmates or teachers at the school. For more information, please see the attached flyer. The deadline for purchasing Candy Cane Grams is **Friday, December 12.**

### **Week at a Glance**

#### **Saturday, December 6**

- Family Night Out With the Icemen, 7:00pm

#### **Monday, December 8-The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

- Mass 8am

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

- K-5 Christmas Show, 6:30pm (students should arrive to their homerooms at 6:00pm)
- Soccer Shots

#### **Wednesday, December 10**

- PreK-3 Christmas Show 8:00am
- VPK-B Christmas Show 9:00am
- VPK-A Christmas Show 10:00am
- VPK-C & D Christmas Show 11:00am
- Run Club Practice 3:00-4:00

#### **Thursday, December 11**

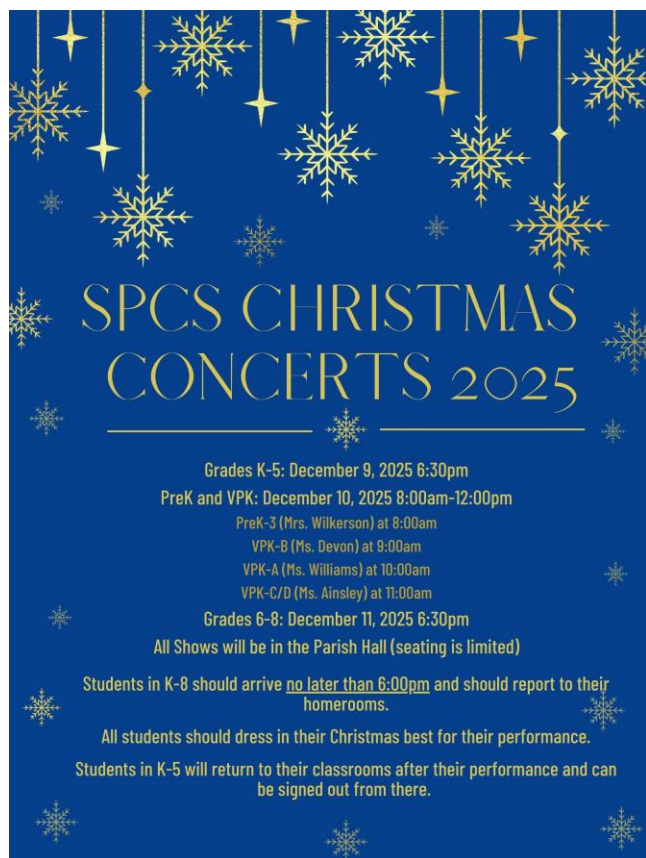
- 6-8 Christmas Show 6:30pm (students should arrive to their homerooms at 6:00pm)
- Orchestra Rehearsal TBD



## Friday, December 12

- Last Day for Candy Cane Grams

*The mission of St. Patrick Catholic School is to lay the foundation for success in students through Catholic traditions, rooted in the Eucharist and Gospel teachings of Christ, with high standards of education in a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment.*



# SPCS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2025

Grades K-5: December 9, 2025 6:30pm  
PreK and VPK: December 10, 2025 8:00am-12:00pm  
PreK-3 (Mrs. Wilkerson) at 8:00am  
VPK-B (Ms. Devon) at 9:00am  
VPK-A (Ms. Williams) at 10:00am  
VPK-C/D (Ms. Ainsley) at 11:00am  
Grades 6-8: December 11, 2025 6:30pm  
All Shows will be in the Parish Hall (seating is limited)

Students in K-8 should arrive no later than 6:00pm and should report to their homerooms.

All students should dress in their Christmas best for their performance.

Students in K-5 will return to their classrooms after their performance and can be signed out from there.



## St. Patrick Catholic School COMMUNITY HELPER DAY!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL DAY?**

We're looking for volunteers to share their time and talents with our students during our Career Day and Touch-a-Truck event. This is a special opportunity for our students to learn more about the amazing people and professions that make up our community.

**Career Day Portion:**  
Share your job with our students! Students will have the opportunity to speak with you and ask questions about your job. If needed, tables will be provided. Job props, tools of your trade, and/or fun "swag" are welcome!  
Ex: Nurse, Lawyer, Beekeeper, Veterinarian, Artist, Engineer and more!

**Touch-a-Truck Portion:**  
Do you use a vehicle or special equipment for your job? Bring it along for students to explore! We'd love for you to give them a hands-on experience and a chance to ask questions about how you use it in your work.  
Ex: Firetruck, Bus, Police Car, Sanitation Truck, Helicopter and more!

### EVENT DETAILS

**JANUARY 27, 2026**  
St. Patrick Catholic School  
601 Airport Center Drive East  
Jacksonville, FL 32218  
**8.00 AM - 12.00 PM**

Contact:  
Ryenne Wilkerson  
rwilkerson@spsjax.org



## SPCS PRESENTS THE 5 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS 2025

**Mon 12/15: Christmas Cheer Day** (wear a sports jersey of your favorite team with your school/PE bottoms)

**Tues 12/16: Christmas Stocking Day** (wear your favorite Christmas socks with your school/PE uniform)

**Wed 12/17: Santa's Helper Day** (wear a Santa cap, elf ears or reindeer antlers with school uniform)

**Thurs 12/18: Whoville Day** (Show your crazy Who (from the Grinch movies) hair with school uniform--please no hair dye.)

**Fri 12/19: Deck the Halls Day** (wear Christmas accessories, jewelry, lights, shirts, Christmas sweaters, etc. with NUT Day bottoms--follow the guidelines in the school handbook)



## CHRISTMAS Candy Grams!

The St. Patrick's HSA is thrilled to announce our Candy Cane Gram Fundraiser! To join in, simply complete the form below and send as many Candy Cane Grams as you'd like. Each one is only \$1.

Please attach the payment in a stapled envelope to this form and return it by December 12th. Checks should be made out to St. Patrick Catholic School with "HSA Candy Cane Gram" in the notes.

**\$1**

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