

## Week of April 20: What Is Eternal Life?

The Resurrection doesn't just affect the past—it gives meaning to our future. Jesus promises, "Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live" (John 11:25).

But eternal life isn't just something that begins after death. For Catholics, eternal life starts now—through a relationship with Christ. It is life lived in grace, united with God, filled with peace, joy, and purpose.

Heaven is not a vague idea or a "reward" for good behavior. It is perfect communion with God, and everything we do in this life—especially how we love—prepares us for it.

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Dear St. Patrick Catholic School Families,

As we look ahead to next week, we are excited to welcome the visiting team from the Florida Catholic Conference to our campus. This visit is an important part of our accreditation process and an opportunity for us to celebrate all that makes our school community so special.

Throughout their time here, the team will meet with various stakeholders, observe classrooms, and learn more about how we live out our mission each day. We are grateful for the many ways our families support our school, and we know that your partnership plays a vital role in the strength of our community.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we prepare for this meaningful visit. We look forward to sharing more with you soon!

May God bless you and your families abundantly during this Easter season.

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

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## General Information

1. Help Us Spread the Good News About SPCS! St. Patrick Catholic School is looking for families to help us promote our wonderful school community. We currently have a limited number of yard signs available and are seeking volunteers who would be willing to display one in their front yard to help increase awareness in our neighborhood. In addition, if you own a business or work in a location that permits promotional materials, we have postcards with school information that can be displayed at your front desk or waiting area. If you are able to assist with either of these efforts, please contact the front office. Your support in helping us share the good news about SPCS is greatly appreciated!

2. Please remember that it is each family's responsibility to enter their service hours into their FACTS account. If you are not sure how to do this, please reach out to Ms. Allison in the main office for assistance. The deadline for entering service hours is **Thursday, April 30, 2026**.

3. Don't forget that yearbooks are on sale! Yearbooks can be purchased through [www.BuyTheYearbook.com](http://www.BuyTheYearbook.com). The yearbook code is 383063. Yearbooks cost \$35. The last chance to purchase yearbooks online is **April 30**. After that, any remaining yearbooks will need to be purchased through the school office.

4. First Communion classes for 2nd grade students who have signed up to receive the sacrament this spring will continue this week on **Tuesday, April 21**, at 6:00pm.

5. We will have a prayer service and awards ceremony for our third quarter honor roll, saint award and monthly virtue award winner on **Thursday, April 23** at 8:30am. Parents are invited to attend.

6. Join us for the Second Annual Diocese of St. Augustine FAMILY FEST at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine on **Saturday, April 25**. Enjoy a joyful day filled with the sacraments, inflatable games, a petting zoo, kids' zone, teen hut, live entertainment, spiritual talks, and fun for all ages. We are excited to welcome our 2026 speakers, Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford! Tickets are \$5 for individuals and \$15 per family. To register or for more information visit [dosafamilyfest.com](http://dosafamilyfest.com).

7. Join us for an exciting evening of indoor football while supporting a great cause! On **Friday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Jacksonville Sharks will take the field at VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, and our parishioners are invited to be part of this special fundraising event benefiting the Diocese of St. Augustine. As a bonus, all attendees are invited onto the field after the game to meet Sharks players for photos and autographs—a fun and memorable experience for families, youth groups, and fans of all ages! We are also honored to welcome Bishop Erik Pohlmeier as a special guest for the evening. Get your tickets today! Visit [bit.ly/4kQCseQ](http://bit.ly/4kQCseQ) or call (904) 621-0700 ext. 717 Don't miss this action-packed night of fun, fellowship, and community support!

8. There are a few upcoming calendar changes we would like to share:

- The middle school Mind, Body and Spirit Retreats will be moving to **April 29** (6th grade), **May 6** (7th grade) and **May 13** (8th grade)
- The Color Run originally scheduled for April 19 will be moved to **May 8**.
- The HSA Mother/Son event, which was on the calendar for April 25, will actually be on **April 26** (Sunday).

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/5080945AFA829A4F85-62037729-cafeteria> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Allison at [ahayes@spscjax.org](mailto:ahayes@spscjax.org).

10. Congratulations to our students who have earned honor roll for the third quarter:

- **A/B Honors:** Noah Aronhalt, Wyatt Beasley, Mia Blaine, Urijah Broadwell, Jadon Burlaza, Colton Clark, Cassandra Correal, Julian Darrow, Kaleigh Ernest, Jed Eruemunor, Alice Ferm, Raelynn Hartwell, Julian Mainster, Sofia O'Neal-Trujillo, Jenny Okafor, Semhar Samuel, Kayzel Sanchez Martinez, Colette Tanner, Larrion Cassidy, Julian Echele-Rodriguez, Kamille Ernest, Nathan Essayas, Brian Ferm, Keavy Nguyen, Romeo Nunez, Ella Nunez-Salinas, Lucas Roodt, Chloe Tipper, Austin Williams, Alexander Wisnewski
- **A Honors:** Zoey Carpenter, Alexander Escobar, Amahia Figueroa, Adalind Robinson, Aaron Rodriguez, Corbin Freyoux, Hallie Gray, Tatiana Perez, Lex Wadley, Emma Wetherell

- **Principal's Honors:** Makenna Ford, Kyla Paysinger, Lucia Pearson

11. For those families planning ahead, here are some dates for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Back to School Bonanza--Aug. 6
- First Day of School (Early Dismissal) NO AFTERCARE--Aug. 11
- Labor Day (No School)--Sept. 7
- Early Dismissal Day--Sept. 25
- Professional Development Day (No School)--Oct. 9
- Columbus Day (No School)--Oct. 12
- Early Dismissal Day--Oct. 23
- Veterans' Day--Nov. 11
- Early Dismissal Day (Grandparents Day) NO AFTERCARE--Nov. 20
- Thanksgiving Break Nov. 23-27
- Middle School Exams Dec. 17-22
- Early Dismissal Day NO AFTERCARE--Dec. 22
- Christmas Break--Dec. 23-Jan. 1
- Professional Development Day (No School)--Jan. 4
- Early Dismissal Day--Jan. 15
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)--Jan. 18
- Early Dismissal Day--Feb. 12
- Presidents Day (No School)--Feb. 15
- Professional Development Day (No School)--Mar. 12
- Early Dismissal Day/Field Day NO AFTERCARE--Mar. 24
- Easter Break--Mar. 25-April 2
- Early Dismissal Day--April 29
- Discretionary Day (No School)--April 30
- 8th Grade Final Exams--May 20-24
- 8th Grade Graduation--May 25
- 6th-7th Grade Final Exams--May 25-28
- Last Day of School (Early Dismissal) NO AFTERCARE--May 28

12. Congratulations to our alumni who earned honor roll for the third quarter at Bishop Kenny High School:

- First Honors: Brooklyn Baptist, Sophie Kluessner, Irena Le, Donavon Mattis, Victor (Tommy) Taylor
- Second Honors: John Paul Bagan, Gabriel Hernandez, Abel Lian, Gabrielle Umpleby, Rielle Glover, Allahyah Rey-Collazo, Alexandra Richards

### Home School Association (HSA) Happenings

1. The HSA will be hosting its Mother/Son event on **Sunday, April 26**. More information will be coming soon!



### Week at a Glance

#### Monday, April 20

- Softball TBA

#### Tuesday, April 21

- Accreditation Visit

- First Communion Class (2nd Grade) 6:00-7:30pm
- Softball TBA
- Soccer Shots
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Art Class with Ms. AJ

**Wednesday, April 22 (Earth Day)**

- Accreditation Visit
- Softball TBA

**Thursday, April 23**

- Prayer Service with Honor Roll Awards, 8:30am
- Orchestra Rehearsal
- Softball TBA

**Friday, April 24**

- Softball TBA

**Saturday, April 25**

- DOSA Family Fest

**Sunday, April 26**

- HSA Mother/Son Event



***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.***

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