

Week of June 1: The Mission of the Church

Jesus gave His followers a mission: “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). The Church continues this mission by proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the sacraments, and serving those in need.

Catholics believe every member of the Church shares this mission, each in their own way. Whether through prayer, work, or acts of charity, we are called to be witnesses of Christ’s love.

The Holy Spirit guides and strengthens the Church in this mission, helping us bring hope and healing to the world.

Dear St. Patrick Catholic School Families,

As we share our final newsletter of the 2025–2026 school year, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each of our St. Patrick Catholic School families. This year has been filled with faith, learning, growth, service, and countless memorable moments. None of it would have been possible without your partnership, support, and trust. Whether you volunteered at events, attended school programs, supported fundraising efforts, helped with homework, or simply encouraged your children each day, you played an important role in making this school year a success.

Our students have accomplished so much this year, and we are proud of the progress they have made academically, spiritually, and personally. Together, we have celebrated achievements, overcome challenges, strengthened our school community, and continued our mission of forming young people in faith, family, and academic excellence.

To the families who will be returning next year, we look forward to welcoming you back in August as we begin another exciting chapter in the life of our school. To those families who will be leaving St. Patrick Catholic School, please know that you will always remain a part of our school family. We are grateful for the time you spent with us and for the contributions you made to our community. We pray that God will continue to bless and guide you on your next journey, and we hope you will always look back on your time at St. Patrick with fond memories and pride.

As summer begins, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, enjoy family and friends, create lasting memories, and continue growing in faith. On behalf of our faculty, staff, parish leadership, and School Advisory Board, thank you for a wonderful school year. May God bless you and your families with a safe, healthy, joyful, and relaxing summer.

Thank you for being part of the St. Patrick Catholic School family.

Blessings,

Mr. Meyer, School Principal

General Information

1. Please remember that the last day of school for this school year is **June 5, 2026**. This will be an early dismissal day without aftercare.

2. If you have not purchased your yearbook, you will have to purchase it through the school office. The cost of a yearbook is \$35. There is a limited amount and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

3. The schedule for graduation and moving up ceremonies is as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 2:** 8th Grade Mass and Clap-Off 8am, Graduation Ceremony 6:00pm
- **Wednesday, June 3:** PreK Awards 8:00am, VPK-B Moving Up 9:00am, VPK-A Moving Up 10:00am, VPK-C and D Moving Up 11:00am
- **Thursday, June 4:** Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony 9:00am
- **Friday, June 5:** First Friday Mass and Adoration at 8:00am, followed by Sending Forth Ceremony (in Parish Hall) at 9:00am

4. Sixth and Seventh Grade final exams will begin on **Tuesday, June 2**. On the days that 6th and 7th graders have their exams, they will be in school the full day. Please make sure that students have lunch and are dressed in school uniforms (no PE uniforms on these days). The exam schedule will be as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 2:** 6th grade History and Literature/Vocabulary, 7th grade Literature/Vocabulary and History
- **Wednesday, June 3:** 6th grade English Grammar and Math, 7th grade Math and English Grammar
- **Thursday, June 4:** 6th grade Religion and Science, 7th grade Science and Religion
- **Friday, June 5:** Make-Up Day

5. SAVE THE DATE: St. Vincent Outreach will be on campus on **Monday, June 22**, for school and sports physicals.

6. SAVE THE DATE: Our used uniform sale will be held on **Thursday, June 25**, from 9:00-1:00pm.

7. VBS Registration is Open! Children starting grades K-5 in the fall are invited to journey with Jesus through the Church year—learning about His life through Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter in a fun and engaging way. Join us for **The Great Journey with Jesus: Through the Church Year** June 15–19. Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/260958213717159> Deadline: May 29

8. VBS VOLUNTEER Info (families should know the hours volunteered at VBS can be applied to the school's family service hours.) We are looking for: Youth Volunteers (entering grades 6 and up) and Adult Volunteers. New this year: Join our Decorating Team! If you are unable to volunteer during the week of VBS but would still like to contribute, consider joining the Decorating Team. This role is open to adults only and does not require Safe Environment Training. Volunteers will work with the Decorating Team Lead to prepare for and decorate on VBS Decorating Day (Saturday, June 13). There may also be opportunities to help create decorations ahead of time from home, depending on the team's needs. Sign up here: <https://form.jotform.com/250845206198057>

9. 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

10. The School Advisory Board is looking to add a few new members. If you are interested in joining the board, please fill out the application found on the school website and send it into the

school office. The website address is: <https://www.stpatrickjacksonville.org/school/school-advisory-board/>

Home School Association (HSA) Happenings

1. If you are interested in joining the HSA Board for 2026-2027, please fill out the application found on the school website and send it into the school office. The website address is: <https://www.stpatrickjacksonville.org/school/hsa-board/>





Thank You!

To our **School Advisory Board,**
Home and School Association Board,
and all of our amazing

♥ *Moms and Dads* ♥

WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THIS YEAR!

Your time, talent, and dedication
have made a lasting impact on our school
and our students. Because of you,
our school community is stronger, our
students are supported, and our mission thrives.

We are so grateful for you!

FAITH. FAMILY. EXCELLENCE. ✝ *Together.*

Week at a Glance

Monday, June 1

- 8th Grade Exam Make-Up, Locker Clean-Up and Graduation Practice (students on campus 7:45am-12:00pm)
- All other grades have a regular full day of school

Tuesday, June 2

- 8th Grade Mass (8:00am), Clap-Off (8:45am) and Graduation Ceremony (6:00pm)

- Middle School Final Exams: 6th grade History and Literature/Vocabulary, 7th grade Literature/Vocabulary and History

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- Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony 9:00am
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- Middle School Final Exam Make-Up Day

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Summer OFFICE HOURS

OUR OFFICE
MAY BE ON
SUMMER HOURS,
BUT WE'RE STILL
LUCKY TO HELP
YOU!

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:00AM - 2:00PM

CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

OFFICE CLOSED
JUNE 29 - JULY 3

Enjoy a safe and
blessed holiday!



Established 1964



Wishing all of our families a
safe, fun, and blessed summer!

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