



St. Patrick Catholic School
The Irish Weekly
Week of August 23-27, 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.

***I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. Ps 34:2-3***

COVID Impact on Our School

As you read in the letter sent home last evening, SPCS had two cases of students testing positive for COVID requiring us to quarantine close contacts in the students' classrooms. We continue our cleaning regimen for our classrooms and high contact surfaces. We have purchased new microfiber cleaning cloths to assist our classroom teachers and cafeteria in their cleaning. 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. So far, the communication has been very productive, and we are happy to speak or email you in response to any questions that you have.

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.

Meet the Teacher Nights for Grades 1-8

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher Nights on August 17 and 18. If you didn't get the chance to attend, please be sure to contact your child's teacher for more information regarding their class programs.

HSA Board Needs YOU

Our HSA Board is looking for a treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information regarding the duties of the treasurer, please see the by-laws posted on the school's website: [HSA Bylaws Updated 2020-2021 - Google Drive](#). To apply for the position, please fill out the application posted here: <https://forms.gle/9HeRehjjmh8tqtah9>. Applications will be received until **Friday, August 27, 2021**.

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.

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 in order 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 5-8th 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 December to February (with time off during the holiday break).

Grade School Night at Bishop Kenny

Bishop Kenny High School's Grade School Night is **Friday, August 27th** vs the Providence Stallions. Gates open at 6:00 pm and kickoff is at 7:00 pm. Each student in grades K-8 should have received a ticket from their homeroom teacher to attend the game. Parents and other guests can purchase tickets at the gate for \$5.00. There will be a special entrance for students and their families that night, along with a photobooth, ice cream and prizes! If your child lost his/her ticket, please let the office know and we will replace it for them.

Fidelis Meets with Middle School

Mrs. Hale, our Fidelis leader, will be speaking to our middle school girls at lunchtime on Tuesday, August 24.

Fidelis is a program for women and girls in grades 6-12. It teaches through mentoring the virtues of faith, hope, love, prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. Their Mission: Forming girls – heart, mind, body, and soul- into mature, virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women. In these ever-challenging times, girls need to know who they are in Christ, and how beautifully loved they are by Our Heavenly Father. [Their counterpart, Fraternus, does the same thing, except for the young men of the parish.] They are currently the **ONLY** Fidelis chapter in Florida, and welcome all middle school and high school girls from any parish. If you wish to read more about Fidelis, here's a link: [ABOUT | Fidelis \(fidelisonline.org\)](http://ABOUT | Fidelis (fidelisonline.org))

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. After Mass, each class takes a turn hosting coffee and donuts.

PreK3 and VPK Assessment #1

Our PreK-3 and VPK students will have their first of three assessments with their teachers during the week of August 30-September 3. More information will be forthcoming from your child's teacher regarding the assessment.

Individual (Uniform) School Pictures

We have once again contracted with LifeTouch 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.

This Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, August 23

- Basketball practice until 5pm (tentative)

Tuesday, August 24

- Fidelis visits with Middle School Girls (lunchtime)
- Basketball practice until 5pm (tentative)

Wednesday, August 25

- Basketball practice until 5pm (tentative)

Thursday, August 26

- Basketball practice until 5pm (tentative)

Friday, August 27

- No news is good news! Happy Weekend!

Sunday, August 29

- 10am School Mass/ Coffee and Donuts to follow after Mass, hosted by 8th grade

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 8/23	Tuesday 8/24	Wednesday 8/25	Thursday 8/26	Friday 8/27
<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"> • 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