



St. Patrick Catholic School
Faculty/Staff Bulletin
Week of Aug. 30-Sep. 3, 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.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only. Jas 1:21-22



COVID Impact on Our School

This week we saw almost all our quarantined students return to school. At the end of the week, we received the news of a staff member testing positive for COVID-19. We made the appropriate calls after school on Friday notifying families of students who were in close contact with this staff member for more than 15 minutes at a distance of 3 or fewer feet. Other than this case, we did not have any new cases of COVID reported in our school this week.

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. **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.**

Great News from Step Up for Students

Children of Reservists and the National Guard are now eligible for Family Empowerment Scholarships through Step Up for Students, regardless of income. Dependents of “members of the United States Armed Forces” means a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Space Force, including a Reservist. (National Guard is included in Reservists.) If you qualify, or you know of any families that may now be eligible for the Family Empowerment Scholarship - Educational Options, please ask them to **APPLY TODAY** at www.StepUpForStudents.org.

For more information on how to apply for a Family Empowerment Scholarship, please see the attachment that was sent in the same email as this Irish Weekly.

From Mrs. Williams, our VPK Director

Please send in an adult-sized tee-shirt to be used as a painter's smock in a labeled gallon-size Ziploc baggie. Scholastic book orders are due **Monday, August 30**. Thank you for ordering.

Next week is our first assessment. After all assessments have been completed, you will get a parents' letter sent home. Please remember this is their first assessment—you will see growth.

During this time in our world with COVID-19, and other forms of the virus, we have to take extra precautions to ensure we all try our best to stay healthy. As a friendly suggestion, if your child exhibits signs and symptoms of what we may think is "common" for more than 3 days calling your child's doctor to ask their opinion is always great. Unfortunately, things are not like how they used to be when we grew up.

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@languagelarningnetwork.com.

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.

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@spsjax.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 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@spsjax.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).

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.

Fraternus Meets with Middle School

Mr. Goodson, our Fraternus leader, will be speaking to our middle school boys at lunchtime on Friday, Sept. 3.

For over ten years, Fraternus has been mentoring boys into virtuous Catholic men. The program works because it is more than a program—it is a brotherhood. Fraternus does not begin in a technique or system, but in trusting the teachings of the Catholic Church and in having a solid philosophy and anthropology (an understanding of the needs and nature of man). In other words, "what we do" works because of "who we are."

For more information regarding Fraternus, contact Mr. Goodson at rgoodson@spsjax.org or check out their website at [Home | Fraternus](#).

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.

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**.

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.

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.

This Week-At-A-Glance

Sunday, August 29

- 10am School Mass

Monday, August 30

- PreK and VPK Assessment #1
- VPK Scholastic Book Orders are Due
- Basketball practice until 5pm (tentative)

Tuesday, August 31

- PreK and VPK Assessment #1
- Basketball scrimmage at Sacred Heart, Boys 4pm, Girls 5pm

Wednesday, September 1

- PreK and VPK Assessment #1
- Basketball practice until 5pm
- HSA Board Meeting 6pm

Thursday, September 2

- PreK and VPK Assessment #1
- Basketball practice until 5pm

Friday, September 3

- PreK and VPK Assessment #1
- Fraternus meets with Middle School Boys (lunchtime)

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 8/30	Tuesday 8/31	Wednesday 9/1	Thursday 9/2	Friday 9/3
<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