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PONY Newsletter | October 2026



Welcome Home!



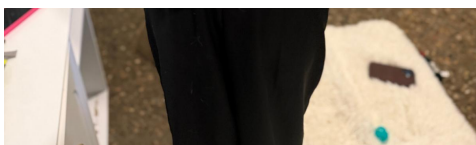
Our first and second-grade flag football team athletes brought their team spirit to the field this past weekend as they played an exciting Sunday jamboree game.



There is nothing quite like the pure joy of outdoor recess on a crisp morning! It was a wonderful, refreshing break from the classroom, filled with laughter and fun for Mrs. Leffert's class.



Ms. Benson's class enjoyed an exciting, hands-on educational field trip to the



hands-on educational field trip to the Animal Care Society. Ms. Langford was using the shelter cat for a quick, mid-trip weightlifting workout.

Our pumpkin decorating contest voting concluded this week. Students selected 3 pumpkins as the favorite, honorable mention, and most creative. In 1st Place, decorated by our 6th Grade Team, we have Gru. For our "Honorable Mention" aka 2nd Place, create by our Special Areas Team, we have "Doodle Bob" from Sponge Bob. Our "Most Creative" pumkin award went to our Pastoral Staff Team with their creation of the "Hungry Catepillar."



A Message from Father Jeff

Dear Parish and School Families,

I am pleased to share that St. Patrick Catholic School has officially partnered with ACELA Solutions to assist in recruiting our next school principal. This decision follows the careful evaluation and strong recommendation of our Principal Search Committee.

Following our initial search, we believe this partnership will allow us to broaden our reach and identify exceptional candidates who might not otherwise have considered St. Patrick. ACELA specializes in leadership recruitment for Catholic schools nationwide, with an established network of educational leaders and an approach that emphasizes professional qualifications, Catholic identity, and alignment with each school's unique culture.

We are especially grateful to a St. Patrick family whose generosity has made it possible to engage ACELA by underwriting the cost of the search.

Our next step will be to work with ACELA to provide opportunities for parents, faculty, staff, and parishioners to share their perspectives on the leadership qualities, skills, and experience most important for our next principal. This input will help shape the search process and the profile of the leader we hope to identify. Additional details about these opportunities will be shared soon.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we work toward identifying the right leader for St. Patrick's next chapter.

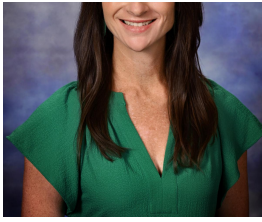
Peace,

Fr. Jeff



Mrs. Eckhardt's Reflection

Autumn invites us to slow down, turn inward, and match our rhythm to



the changing season. Just as the trees release what they no longer need, this week offers a quiet moment to reflect on what is ready to let go and what is left to harvest. As we near the end of the first trimester I am in awe of what has already been accomplished in the few months we've spent together. What hard work, small joys, or personal milestones have come to fruition in your life recently?

This week was the first meeting of the newly established student council officers. We are thrilled to bring this back to St. Patrick, and look forward to all of the wonderful work they have planned. I know they will achieve great things, and the seeds they are planting will grow into a harvest of lasting impact and blessings.

Mrs. Susan Eckhardt
Elementary School Counselor

Morning Carpool Reminders

As a reminder, please review the following carpool procedures with your family to help ensure a safe and efficient arrival process for everyone.

Morning Drop-Off

- Please remain in your vehicle during drop-off. For everyone's safety and to keep traffic moving, parents should not exit their vehicles in the carline.
- Students should exit the vehicle from the driver's side whenever possible to ensure they are stepping onto the sidewalk rather than into traffic.

Back Hill Traffic Flow

- Families dropping off preschool students should use the left lane.
- All other traffic should remain in the right lane and continue moving through the carline. Please follow this traffic pattern to help prevent congestion and keep vehicles moving safely.

Bus Unloading Area

- The front parking lot is designated for bus unloading and is a bus-only area during morning arrival. Students may not be dropped off in this lot.
- All students must be dropped off through the designated carline unless prior permission has been granted by the front office.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us prioritize the safety of all our students and staff each morning. We appreciate your partnership in making arrival as safe and efficient as possible!

Are You Following Us Yet?

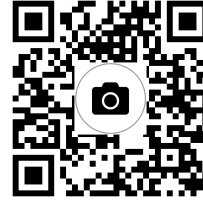
If not, you are missing out on student achievements and upcoming school events to important reminders, special moments, and behind the scenes of campus life! Join our online community today. Hit those ❤️ Like 👍 Follow and ➡️ Share buttons on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



Help Us Build the Yearbook!

Got great pictures from sports games or school events? Don't let them sit in your phone, share them with our yearbook staff by clicking on the [link](#).

To make sure every student is included in the yearbook, we need your eyes behind the lens to capture the best moments of the school year. Just click, upload, and let our amazing yearbook staff work their magic!



Got a Shadowing Days Coming Up?

Let's make sure your student is good to go!

1. Get the ball rolling by having your student pick up a shadowing form from their homeroom teacher or the school office.
2. Notify us by phone or email by the morning of their visit to secure their spot in CAM and after-school activities.
3. Turn in the completed form the day after their visit to ensure the absence is officially excused.

2026-27 Parent/Grandparent Cafeteria Duty:

We love seeing our families in lunchroom! Our kindergarten students are always so appreciative of a helping hand during their lunchtime. Please visit our [SignUp Genius](#) link for scheduling if you want to see your little one in action.

Mark Your Calendars!

Click [HERE](#) to load the Google calendar to your own device!

- **October 27: Madagascar Jr. Drama Picture Day**
- **October 28: 4Green Mass**
- **October 29: Madagascar Jr. Rehearsals moving to the GYM**
- **October 30: 4th Grade Boography**
- **October 30: Drama by George Performance 3pm-4:30pm**
- **November 1: Daylight Saving Time**
- **November 4: Dress Up Day**
- **November 5: PTO meeting at 8am**
- **November 6: First Trimester ends**
- **November 10: Picture order forms due (for the retakers)**
- **November 13: Madagascar Jr. Performance at 7pm**
- **November 14: Madagascar Jr. Performance at 7pm**
- **November 15: Madagascar Jr. Performance at 2pm**



St. Patrick Catholic School 2026-2027 Elementary School Calendar



First Day of Instruction	8/11
Last Day of Instruction	5/21

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Holidays	
Labor Day (P)	9/7
Fall Holiday Break	10/9 - 10/12
Thanksgiving (P) Break	11/23 - 11/27
Christmas (P) Break	12/21 - 1/1
MLK Holiday	1/18
Winter Holiday Break	2/12 - 2/15
Good Friday	3/26
Easter Monday	3/29
Spring Break	3/29 - 4/2
Derby Eve Holiday	4/30
Memorial Day (P)	5/31
PTS Conferences	
1st Trimester/Fall	10/8
2nd Trimester/Winter	2/11
Trimester Dates	
1st Trimester	8/11-11/6
2nd Trimester	11/9-2/19
3rd Trimester	2/22-5/21
Holy Days/Church Celebration Days	
Immaculate Conception	12/8
Ash Wednesday	2/10
Good Friday	3/26
Ascension of Jesus	5/6
Assessment Dates	
MAP Assessment	8/24-9/25
	1/4-2/5
	4/12-5/14
8th Grade Algebra	4/19-4/21
HS Placement Test	12/12
ACRE Assessment	3/1-3/12
Other Dates	
Educators' Luncheon	10/28
Discover Catholic Schools Week	11/15 - 11/21
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week	1/31 - 2/6
CSW Liturgy	2/2

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May 2027

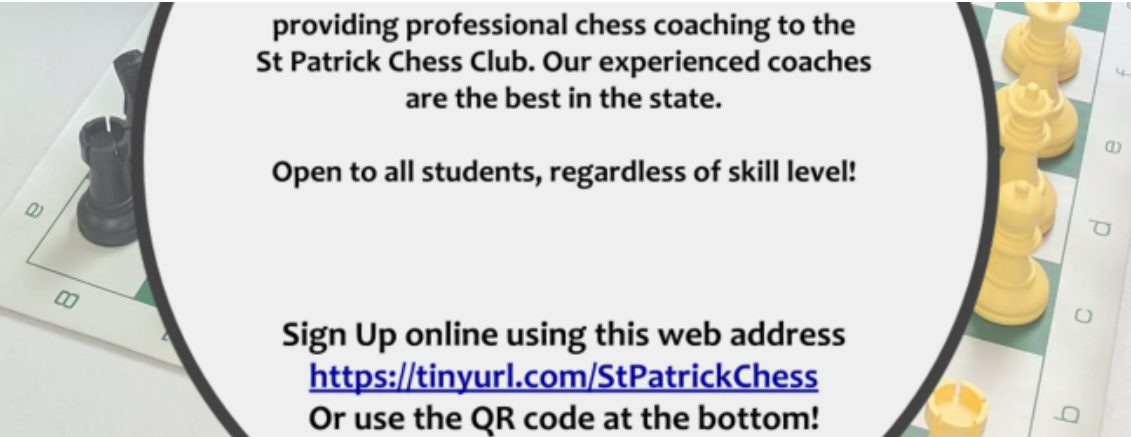
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Sign Up online using this web address
<https://tinyurl.com/StPatrickChess>
Or use the QR code at the bottom!

Class Info:

- Classes will be held Mondays after school
- Classes will meet from 3:00 - 4:00pm
- Course 1: OCT 26 NOV 2, 9, 16, 30 DEC 7, 14 JAN 11
- Students can attend any or all courses
- Any makeup classes will be held online and scheduled if necessary



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Stewardship

Get your best costumes ready and grab your biggest candy buckets!
Our 1st Grade Family Stewardship Project *Trunk or Treat* is happening on October 25th.
St. Patrick and Animal Care Society are teaming up for a spooktacular afternoon packed
with trick-or-treating! Join us to help our 1st graders put stewardship into action for a
wonderful local cause! We can't wait to see you there!





TRUNK OR TREAT

Serving Neighbors With Paws (Animals)

 **Sunday, October 25**
2:00 – 4:00 PM

 **Animal Care Society**
12207 Westport Road
Louisville, KY 40245

WHAT?

St. Patrick 1st grade families are invited to decorate their cars and participate in a Trunk or Treat at Animal Care Society! Families will hand out candy to trick-or-treaters while enjoying a fun afternoon together.

WHY?

Admission is \$5, and all proceeds will benefit Animal Care Society, helping support the dogs and cats in their care as they wait for loving homes.

 **1st Grade Families:**
Decorate a trunk + bring candy!

PTO

Halloween parties for all grades will take place on Friday, October 30th (1:15pm-2:15pm). We ask that all volunteers please arrive at 1pm.

Support our PTO by shopping for your favorite Celtic gear on our [website](#). A portion of every website purchase goes right back to our school!

Stay connected!

Please remember that every parent at St. Patrick is automatically a member of PTO. We would love to welcome you to our upcoming meetings. Follow us on social media, and let us know how you could bring your energy to the team!



Parish

Thank you to those who have generously donated during our first week of the Catholic Services Appeal! Some families have asked about donating when the process this year is paperless. For the first year, we are able to track school families' participation electronically, so YOU don't have to fill out any forms and TEACHERS don't have to collect and keep track of donations! Every time someone gives using the QR code on the flyer, it is captured online and we know which family has given!

Also, if you have more than one child and would like to donate, you can give ONE time and ALL children will get "credit" for having participated! You do NOT have to give on behalf of each child. The donation is not "divided" among your children's classrooms, since this effort is about PARTICIPATION and not dollars! We genuinely appreciate any gift to the CSA that your family is able to offer. Thank you!

While CSA giving continues through the year, the window for giving toward the Pizza Party Contest ends November 6!

Here are the results from the first week participation:

K-4th Grades - 2Green

5th-8th Grades – we have a tie between 5Green and 5Gold

 **Catholic Services Appeal** 20/26

One Body IN CHRIST
Moving Forward in Faith

CLASS PIZZA PARTY CONTEST!

ONE WINNER
from Kindergarten
through 4th Grade!

ONE WINNER
from 5th Grade
through 8th Grade!

The two classes with the highest percentage participation
in the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal will win a

**PIZZA PARTY
& A TOUR OF THE RECTORY!**

It's about **PARTICIPATION**
NOT DOLLARS!

 **SCAN TO PARTICIPATE!**

 Giving window ends
Friday, November 6!



Admissions

Admissions are open for new families, and new siblings of current families, Preschool - 7th Grade. Re-Enrollment for the 2027-2028 school for current families will take place around February of 2027.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2027 / 2028



**NEW ADMISSIONS
NOW OPEN**

Preschool - 7th Grade

Limited seats available!

INQUIRE today!



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ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

Sept. 15th	Admissions Re-Opens
Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	CEF Financial Aid Application Window is Open

NOV. 30	
Oct. 22nd	Open House for K - 7th Grade <i>*Registration is Required. Submit an Inquiry for information.</i>
Jan. 15th, 2027	Application Deadline

Cafeteria

St. Patrick Cafeteria

Your Food Service Update October 2026



IMPORTANT LINKS:

- [Elementary Menu](#)
- [Middle School Menu](#)
- [MySchoolBucks](#)
- [Follow us on Facebook](#)

Your Lunchroom at a Glance

Healthy to a T Newsletter: [>Click Here<](#)

October Harvests of the Month:

- Clementine
- Broccoli
- Garlic

October Highlights:

- **Conference Day, October 8th:** Throughout most of the day, we will have a table next to Schindler Hall to take payments and answer any cafeteria questions you might have.
- **Your Voice Matters!** Let us know what you think of school lunch [HERE](#)
- **October 14th:** Our LTO: **Miami Cuban Sliders** served with our Tomato Corn Salad Extravaganza. A delicious combination of zesty, savory, and fresh flavors that makes lunchtime feel like a getaway.



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