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Welcome Home!

School Updates

Our teachers and administrators support a variety of challenges on a given day, which is to be expected working with the wide range of ages 3-14! One of the major trends we see in today's youth is the consequence of screentime and exposure to many things online.

Whether it's a social conflict with a peer, decreased attention span or executive functioning, or an increase in viewing mature content or in general anxiety (to name a few), oftentimes a child's life online has played a factor in their life at school. This isn't to say screens are all bad, and these issues are not also prevalent in adults. It's just a sign of the times, and we are doing our best to support the well-being of all with the issues at hand.

In light of this, and in partnership with the PTO, St. Patrick joined the Screenagers Project to educate, inform, and engage our community in conversations on this important topic. The second film of the year, *Screenagers Next Chapter*, will be available for viewing next Thursday, February 27th. There is a morning (8:30 a.m.) and evening (6:30 p.m.) option in Schindler Hall for parents to attend. We hope you can join us! There are also plans to launch some book study discussions on *The Anxious Generation* by Dr. Jonathan Haidt to occur after Spring Break. Consider getting a copy of the book to participate!

Information Coming Home

The re-enrollment forms are being sent home this afternoon with youngest or only students. This includes our 25-26 tuition and our updated tuition policy. You can read that policy in full [HERE](#). We will also be distributing the MAP Winter Parent Reports in envelopes early next week.

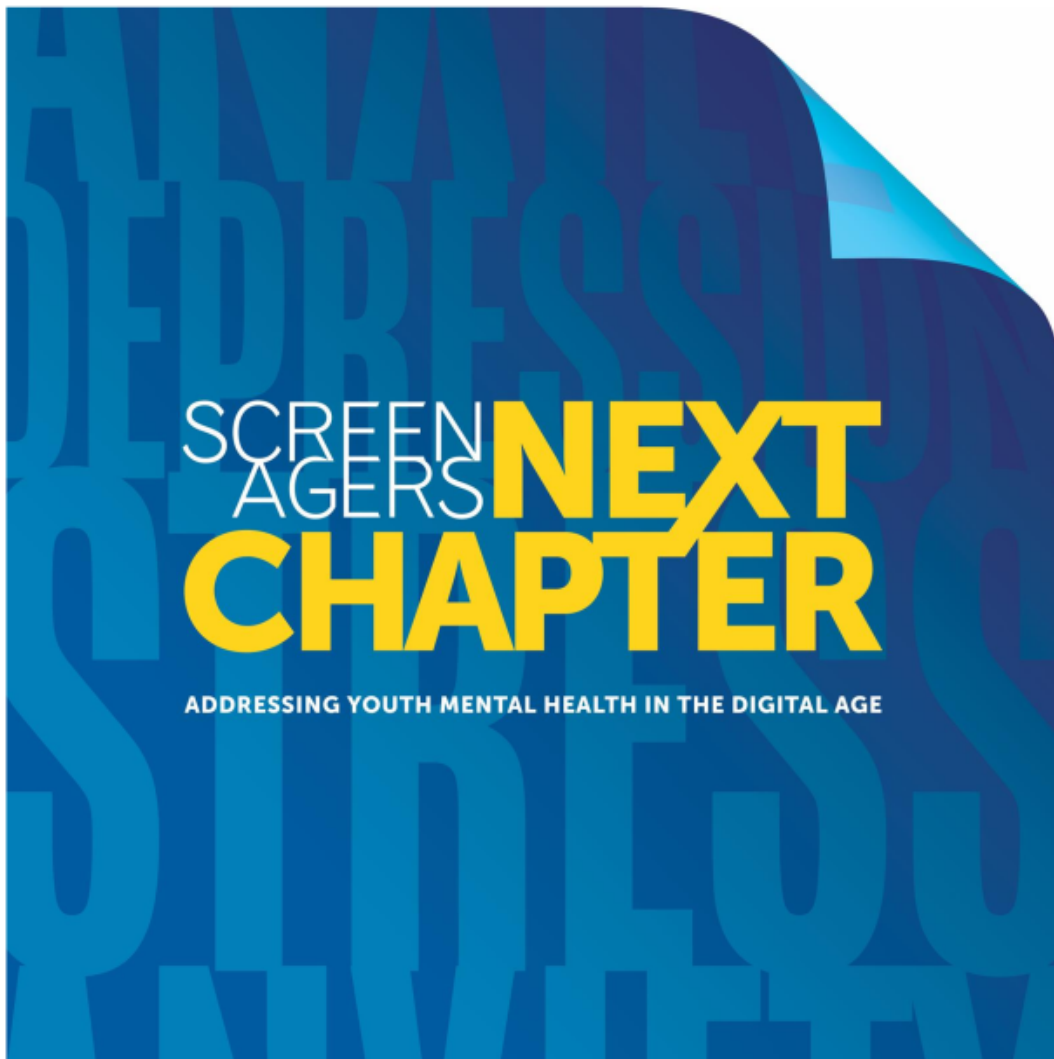
We hope you've had a good week and enjoy your weekend!

Dr. Nathan Sturtzel
Principal

Screenagers Next Chapter

After a very successful screening of *Screenagers: Elementary Edition - Growing Up in the Digital Age* in the Fall, the PTO will be hosting the final film of this school year. This film (60 minutes) is entitled *Screenagers Next Chapter* and addresses how adolescents are struggling with their emotional wellbeing in this digital age, particularly as it relates to stress, anxiety, and depression.

These films continue to promote lifelong learning and best practices in being the best parent we can be for our children. It is suitable for all parents no matter the age of your children. We hope you will join us!



BY: St. Patrick PTO
WHEN: 02/27/25 8:30 a.m. OR 6:30 p.m
WHERE: Schindler Hall
TICKETS: Free courtesy of PTO!



Students of parents who attend will earn a dress down day pass on 2/28!

PTO Updates

We hope you can attend *Screenagers Next Chapter*!

The PTO Digital Calendar has been updated to include all 2025-2026 school calendar dates. If you have already subscribed to the calendar the dates should automatically appear on your calendar. If you previously chose to download the calendar or haven't yet interacted with our digital calendar please see links below:

DIGITAL CALENDAR:

- [icalendar](#)
 - [google calendar](#)
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Important Dates

- Feb. 21 - Spirit Wear Day; Trimester 2 Ends
- Feb. 27 - Screenagers Next Chapter film (60 mins), 8:30 a.m. OR 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 3 - Re-enrollment Forms Due (JK-7th grade) & Trimester 2 Grades Available
- Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday & Dress Up Day
- Mar. 8 - Father Daughter Dance
- Mar. 13 - Family Learning Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m. & 7th Grade Science Fair
- Mar. 14 - School Open
- Mar. 21-23: St. Pats Drama presents *Shrek, Jr.*
- Mar. 31 - Apr. 4 - Spring Break
- Apr. 7 - School Resumes
- Apr. 12 - Mother Son Dance

Parish Happenings

Click [HERE](#) for the latest Celtic Communicator, a weekly message from the parish to stay engaged with all the activities happening in our community.

Want to learn more about all the exciting offerings of Youth Ministry? Bookmark their website! <https://stpatrickym-lou.weebly.com/>



**FAST FROM
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POLARIZATION *This Lent*



Guest speaker

**Dr. F. DeKarlos
Blackmon**

Vice Chancellor for
Pastoral Services -
Archdiocese of Louisville

FEB 25

6:45-8:30 P.M.

ST. PATRICK



Lent begins March 5. Make this Lent different by fully embracing the Eucharist and fasting from polarization.



RECHARGE your faith and Lenten practice.



RSVP

using this QR code or
stpatlou.org/recharge

Pre-Fish Fry Prayer Service

**Honor our patron saint
before the March 14th fish fry!**

Friday, March 14

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



St. Patrick Catholic Church

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
STUDENTS WHO ATTEND EARN
A DRESS DOWN DAY ON
MONDAY, MARCH 17!

IRISH
DANCERS
MAGICIAN



Saint Patrick
CATHOLIC CHURCH



LIVE MUSIC BY
DOWNSTAGE LIVE

Shenanigans

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

TRADITIONAL
IRISH BUFFET

SILENT
AUCTION

GREEN
BEER

TICKETS \$50
PER PERSON

SCAN ME

VISIT STPAT25.GIVESMART.COM
FOR INFORMATION
AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS



Saint Patrick
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please Join Us
for Mass

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 StPatrickLou

 @StPatChurchLou

(502) 244-6083
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Monday 5:00p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00a.m.

Wednesday 12:00p.m.

Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration

1st Tuesday of each month 3:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Saturday Reconciliation 4:00p.m. • Mass 5:00p.m.

Sunday Mass 8:30a.m., 11:00a.m. and 5:30p.m.

Cafeteria

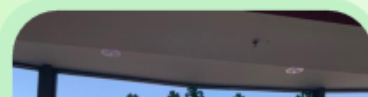
UPDATE: Taher, Inc. has transitioned from EZ Pay to MySchoolBucks.

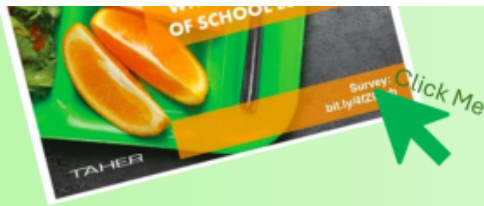
Click on the flyer below for the latest details.



Important Links

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





The Lunchroom at Glance

February Harvests of the Month

- Pear
- Beets
- Oregano

March LTO

- Chicken Tinga Tostado

United Tastes of America

- Soul Food- Fried Chicken

February Highlights

- Free cookie day each week (w/ meal purchase)
- MySchoolBucks is now live! See details [HERE](#)
- March Menus are now available!



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ATHLETICS

Friday, February 21 - 28th 2025

REGISTRATIONS CURRENTLY OPEN ARE ON GAMEDAY.... IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN ACCOUNT YOU NEED TO REGISTER ON GAMEDAY.LOUCSAA.NET

GIRLS' SOFTBALL REGISTRATION - interest only!

Open for a short time to gauge if we have enough to form any teams.



CHECK OUT OUR LATEST SPIRITWEAR



FIELD HOCKEY

Registrations are now open!!!!

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS OPEN UNTIL SUNDAY, 2/23/25



HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? Please email the Athletic Director and Asst.
Athletic Director at stpatathleticdirector@gmail.com

<https://stpatrickspiritwear.myshopify.com>

A Prayer for Catholic Schools

Almighty God,

You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.
As a Teacher, He has given us the prime example of the importance of
education. As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.
Thank you for the many people who have dedicated their lives in service to
our Catholic Schools.

Thank you for the teachers and administrators who sustain our schools.
Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the
importance of Catholic education.

Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.
Bless all our Catholic Schools and the many people who advance our
mission.

May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in openness, faith,
love, intellect and commitment to justice.

In your name, we pray. Amen. (*NCEA, 2022*)

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