



# Irish Messenger

*"Be Merciful, Kind, and Respectful  
to All You Meet Each Day"*

August 19, 2022

## Welcome back to a new school year!

We started off by gathering together as a school community to pray and celebrate the new year. Students and teachers meet together in an assembly. Parents gathered at the Boo Hoo Woo Hoo! event to pray for a successful year.



Popsicles served as a tasty treat for students as they went out to recess.



**Join us for Meet the Teacher Night on Monday, August 29 from 6-8pm in the gym.**

**THE MISSION OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL is to foster the spiritual growth and academic life of its students, faculty, and staff, and to teach children, with the cooperation of parents, a Catholic way of life.**



Seventh Grade started the year off with a service project. They weeded the preschool play yard before preschool starts on Monday, August 22. Thanks for your help Seventh Grade!



## Important Dates

***“Great occasions  
for serving God come  
seldom, but little ones  
surround us daily.”  
St. Francis de Sales***

AUG 20 SAT - Cross Country @ Black Partridge Park (Metamora) - 9:00

AUG 20 SAT - Softball @ Hollis - 10am

**AUG 22 MON - Preschool Program Begins**

AUG 22 MON - Softball vs. Peoria Christian @ Home - 4:30pm

AUG 22 MON – Baseball vs. Limestone Walters @ Home - 4:30

AUG 23 TUE - Softball vs. Washburn @ Home - 4:30pm

AUG 24 WED - Softball @ Limestone Walters - 4:30

AUG 24 WED - Band Instrument Trials - 4:30 - 6pm

AUG 25 THU - Baseball @ St. Mary's - 4:30

AUG 25 THU - Cross Country @ Mineral Springs Park (Mini Illini Meet)

**AUG 29 MON. - Meet the Teacher Night - 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**SEPT 5 MON - Labor Day; No School**

**SEPT 6 TUE - Regular Schedule begins - 8:00 - 3:15pm**

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## St. Patrick School 2022-2023 Calendar

Calendar as of **8/18/22** - Subject to Revision

Aug. 2	Tues.	Prep Day; 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the gym
Aug. 5	Fri.	Back to School Pool Party for all students and families PreK-8; <u>6:00-8:00 p.m.</u> PreK-K Back to School Picnic; Oakwood Park; <u>4:30-6:00 p.m.</u>
Aug. 10-12, 15	Wed.-Fri.- Mon.	Faculty/Staff In-Services
Aug. 15	Mon.	Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven First School Day for Kindergarten and 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: Last Names Beginning with A-L 9:00-10:00 am Last Names Beginning with M-Z 10:30-11:30 am
Aug. 16	Tues.	First Day of School for K-8; 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal; Teacher In-Service
Aug 17-18	Wed.-Thurs.	Preschool Unpack Back Packs – Sign-up Genius to be sent out in August
Aug. 22	Mon.	Preschool Program Begins
Aug. 29	Mon.	Meet the Teacher Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. beginning in Sr. Mary Ann Gym
Sept. 5	Mon.	Labor Day; No School
Sept. 23	Fri.	Preschool-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m. – WCHS Homecoming Parade; No After-Care
Sept. 23	Fri.	No Afternoon Preschool – Dismissal 11:30 a.m. – WCHS Homecoming Parade; No After-Care
Oct. 6	Thurs.	Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m. for Grades K-8 – Teacher In-Service; <u>No After-Care</u>
Oct. 6	Thurs.	Preschool will be in session as normal from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; <u>No After-Care</u>
Oct. 7	Fri.	Region I Faculty In-Service; No School
Oct. 13	Thurs.	Picture Day
Oct. 20	Thurs.	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal; Parent-Faculty Conferences
Oct. 21	Fri.	Parent-Faculty Conferences; No School
Nov. 1	Tues.	All-Saints Day – All School Mass; 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Saints Presentation
Nov. 16	Wed.	Picture Re-Take Day
Nov. 22	Tues.	Thanksgiving Break Begins; 2:00 p.m. Dismissal; No Extended Care after school
Nov. 23-27	Wed.-Sun.	<u>Thanksgiving Break</u> ; No School
Nov. 28	Mon.	School Resumes
Dec. 8	Thurs.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception – All School Mass
Dec. 19	Mon.	Christmas Program at Five Points
Dec. 20	Tues.	Christmas Break Begins; 11:30 a.m. Dismissal; Faculty/Staff Christmas Party
Dec. 21	Wed.	<u>Christmas Break</u> ; No School
Dec. 25	Sat.	Christmas Day
Jan. 5	Thurs.	School Resumes
Jan. 16	Mon.	Dr. Martin Luther King Day; No School
Jan. 26-27	Thur.-Fri.	Preschool Conferences; No Preschool
Jan. 30-Feb. 4		Catholic Schools Week
Feb. 20	Mon.	Presidents' Day; No School
Feb. 22	Wed.	Ash Wednesday – All School Mass
Mar. 10	Fri.	Region I Faculty In-Service; No School
Mar. 17	Fri.	St. Patrick Day; No School this year
Apr. 3-Apr. 10		<u>Easter Break</u>
Apr. 7	Fri.	Good Friday; No School
Apr. 9	Sun.	Easter
Apr. 10	Mon.	No School
Apr. 11	Tues.	School Resumes
May 12-13	Fri.-Sat.	State Track Meet; No School (Fri., May 12); Tentative
May 19	Fri.	Graduation; 6:00 p.m. – Tentative
May 26	Fri.	Tentative Last Day of School; 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
May 29	Mon.	Memorial Day; No School
May 30-June 5		Emergency Days and Tentative Last Day of School to be Determined (Please Do Not schedule vacations during this time).

**Please Note:** Short Schedule: Grades K-8 only; August 17 to September 2 with a 2:00 p.m. Early Dismissal. Extended Care will be available. (Preschool will meet on their regular schedule).

Regular Schedule: Preschool 8:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Morning Classes and Preschool 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Full day  
Grades K-4 – 8:00 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. -- Grades 5-8 – 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

In-Person Learning Only: St. Patrick School will be offering In-Person Learning only for the 2022-2023 school year. There will be no options offered for semester or full year remote learning for 2022-2023 school year.

Vacations: Please schedule vacations during school breaks and long weekends rather than during student attendance days. Taking vacations outside of school breaks is extremely disruptive to the learning environment. Students, families, faculty, and staff taking vacations are subject to current regulations from CDC, IDPH, OCS, and ISBE directives regarding returning to in-school classes.



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**Who?** St. Patrick students in grades 5-8

**Coach Contact:** Matt Rademacher

**When?** August through January

**School Moderator:** Mrs. Kapraun

**Cost?** \$20 per student

*If interested, please discuss with Mrs. Kapraun or come to our first meeting on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-5:00pm in the Social Room.*



Headliner

**Bart  
Shatto**

Bergan '83 Grad &  
Played the lead role of  
Jean Valjean in  
Les Miserables on Broadway.

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Saturday, September 3rd

7:00 pm

Livingston Auditorium

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