

Please see attached Dress Code Policy. We have been noticing a lot of dress code violations lately.

Virtue of the Week

This week our virtue theme is **ACCURACY**— The strength to achieve an objective with precision and exactness. **ACCURACY** is necessary for everything in life. We need to be **ACCURATE** in our daily decisions and actions—on and off the playing field if we hope to be successful; sloppy play never wins championships!

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for this day, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and minds so we can resolve to be **ACCURATE** in all our intentions and actions done in Your Name. We want to be the best disciples we can be for You!

Important Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 29: Daddy/Daughter Dance; KC Hall 6-8pm
- Mar. 9: No School; Region I Faculty In-Service
- Mar. 11: Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Teacher In-Service; **Aftercare provided**
- Mar. 15: Confirmation at Cathedral 3:30pm
- Mar. 19: Evening Adoration 2nd Grade; 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Mar. 23-27: No School; Spring Break
- Mar. 30: School Resumes
- April 8: Early Dismissal 2:00pm; Teacher In-Service; **Aftercare provided**
- April 9: Living Stations 1:00pm
Early Dismissal 2:00pm;
Aftercare provided
- April 10: No School; Good Friday
- April 13: No School; Easter Monday
- April 14: School Resumes
- April 16: Evening Adoration 1st Grade; 5:30-7:30pm

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309-444-4345
<https://school.stpatswashington.com>
Facebook: St. Patrick Catholic Parish, Washington, IL

Miss O'Dea's Kindergarten class received their Rice Bowl boxes to start the Lenten Season



"God delights
in conversation with you."

MATTHEW KELLY
Rediscover Jesus



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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.

Upcoming Athletic Events

- Mar. 3:** 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Regionals @ Germantown Hills (if win 2/29) 6:00pm
- Mar. 7:** 5th/6th Grade Boys Basketball @ Central Grade School TBA
- Mar. 7:** 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Regionals @ Roanoke Benson TBA

PK4 celebrated the 100th Day of School!



PK3 celebrated the Letter P with Police Officer Grossman!



Upcoming Activity Events

- Feb. 28:** Band IGSMA Organization Contest @ Germantown Hills MS 7:45pm Arrive, 8:30pm Perform
- Feb. 29:** Spanish Club GlobalFest Illinois @ EIU 7am-7pm
- Mar. 5:** Scholastic Bowl @ East Peoria Central 4:15pm
- Mar. 7:** Band Solo/Ensemble Contest @ St. Patrick 9am-12pm
- Mar. 14:** Band IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest @ ICC 9am-4:00pm
- Mar. 19:** Scholastic Bowl vs. Robein @ Home 4:00pm



The Scholastic Bowl Team won their match against Beverly Manor



**“Reverence, Respect, Responsibility...
Excellence in Academics and Faith Formation”**

“Meet the Teachers and Staff of St. Patrick’s School” is limited time article that will be featured in the Irish Messenger. The 6th grade ELA class interviewed all the teachers and staff and wrote interesting pieces about each one. Two members of the St. Patrick faculty and/or staff will be featured each week. Please take the time to get to know the wonderful people who work with our children each and every day and love doing so.

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Mrs. Lori Biagini and Mrs. Amy Sears – The Faces in the Office
By: Emily Showalter - 6th grade

Welcome to the school office where Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Biagini are the secretaries. Although, according to teachers and students, their job titles should be the chaos coordinators. In addition to running the school office these two ladies also act as nurses, counselors, detectives, and maybe even wizards.

Mrs. Biagini has been working as a secretary at St. Pat’s for 10 years. Before working at St. Pats, she worked at a car dealership. She has been part of the parish for many years, and her children are graduates of the school. She attended Brown’s Business College, and began her secretarial career shortly after graduating. “The thing that has mostly changed is that everything is online!” says Mrs. Biagini. Things like attendance, lunch count, and registration have gone from all paper documents to being solely online which sometimes makes things easier in the office. Mrs. Biagini loves working at St. Pat’s because she gets to work with the students every day. In her free time Mrs. Biagini likes to go shopping and spend time with her three children and husband.

Mrs. Sears has been working at St. Pat’s since last year, but has been part of the parish for many years. Both of her children attended St. Pat’s. Before working in the office here, Mrs. Sears worked in insurance. She graduated from Indiana University. When asked about why she chose to work here as a secretary, Mrs. Sears said, “I like the school and I like the people here.”

Mrs. Sears says that nothing has really changed in her one year at St. Pat’s, but she is looking forward to watching the school and students grow. Her favorite part of being a secretary at St. Pat’s are the students who come into the office daily. Mrs. Sears, in her free time, likes to read and play Yahtzee with her husband and children.



St. Patrick School Dress Code

St. Patrick School students should be dressed in accordance with the philosophy and spirit of the school, and in accordance with the learning atmosphere, which the school creates and maintains.

School is for education; therefore, students must be attired and groomed modestly in such a manner as not to be a source of distraction or offense to other students while attending school.

This dress code attempts to balance affordability while maintaining a serious learning environment where all can succeed. The dress code is based on the discretion and interpretation of the Administration.

Parents are encouraged to bring in questionable clothing for approval. In other words, “When in doubt, ask,” or better yet, “When in doubt, don’t wear it.” Once a student has been notified that a particular clothing article is not appropriate, that article may not be worn to school again. If an item is not listed in the dress code, it is not a part of our dress code and cannot be worn at school.

Students must be in school dress code each attendance day unless otherwise specified by Administration. For example, a non-dress code day may be permitted for certain field trips depending on the activity students are attending, or such as 8th graders at May Crowning who may wear appropriate dress-up clothes. Approval must be granted by Administration. Dress code for “Spirit Days” will be determined by Administration.

Students must comply with the school dress code during All School Mass and church services. Students will not be permitted to wear their coats, sweatshirts, and other non-dress code clothing during this time. Students may wear approved school fleece jackets and sweaters during Mass if they are cold.

The dress code is as follows: (Commission on Education, approved: 5/03; rev. 5/10; rev. 1/12; rev. 5/13; rev. 7/14; Faith in Our Future Team, rev. 6/15).

Shirts

- Short or long sleeve
- Solid white or navy blue
- Solid hunter green that must be purchased at **Team Works** (located in Sunnyland)
- Oxford or polo style with plain collar
- The only logo shirt allowed will be available for purchase at **Team Works**
- No other logos will be allowed on shirts
- Must be tucked in at all times
- Undershirt or camisole must be solid white
- The St. Patrick logo will be available at **Team Works** for white, hunter green, and navy polo shirts as well as sweaters and fleeces

Pants/Slacks

- Solid navy or khaki
- Dress pants with waistband and zipper
- No cargo styles
- No denim-like material allowed
- If pants or slacks have belt loops, then a belt must be worn; Belt loops must not be cut off or removed

Dress pants must be purchased in the “uniform section” of only the following stores: Target, Kohl’s, JC Penney, Sears, Wal-Mart, Old Navy, Land’s End, L.L Bean, French Toast Uniforms, Team Works and Sam Harris Uniform.

Shorts/Capris

- Solid navy or khaki walking shorts with waistband and zipper
- Shorts may not be no shorter than 3 inches above knee
- No cargo styles
- No denim-like material allowed

- Girls only: capris- solid navy or khaki, no cargo styles
- Shorts and capris may not be worn from November 1 to March 1 of any given school year.
- If shorts/capris have belt loops, then a belt must be worn; Belt loops must not be cut off or removed

*Shorts/Capris must be purchased in the “**uniform section**” of only the following stores: Target, Kohl’s, JC Penney, Sears, Wal-Mart, Old Navy, Land’s End, L.L Bean, French Toast Uniforms, Team Works and Sam Harris Uniform.*

Socks/Tights/Leggings

- Socks* must be solid white, navy, or black
- No lace or embellishments or logos on socks
- Socks must be worn at all times

Jumpers/Skirts

- Khaki or navy
- Skirts may not be shorter than 3 inches above knee
- No denim-like material allowed
- Solid navy “biker” shorts must be worn under jumpers and skirts

*Jumpers/Skirts must be purchased in the “**uniform section**” of only the following stores: Target, Kohl’s, JC Penney, Sears, Wal-Mart, Old Navy, Land’s End, L.L Bean, French Toast Uniforms, Team Works and Sam Harris Uniform.*

Belts

- Solid black, brown, khaki/beige, or navy
- Must be worn if pants/slacks have belt loops

Sweaters

- Solid navy or white
- Vests, cardigans, V-neck, or crewed neck
- Solid hunter green that must be purchased at **Team Works**
- Only the St. Patrick logo purchased from **Team Works** will be allowed
- The St. Patrick logo will be available at **Team Works** for white, hunter green, and navy polo shirts as well as sweaters and fleeces
- other logos will be allowed on sweaters
- No sweatshirts are allowed unless used as outerwear and must be removed when in building

Fleece Jackets

- Only solid navy or hunter green fleeces must be purchased at **Team Works** with the St. Patrick logo; no other logos
- Fleece jackets may be worn in class

Jewelry

- One non-dangling post earring in each ear for girls
- One religious necklace or scapular allowed; non-religious necklace, chains, or corded types are not allowed
- Simple watches* permitted;

***Computerized watches may not be worn (such as but not limit to Apple Watch, Android Watch, Smart Watches, etc.)**

- One religious bracelet* allowed
- Only one colored rubber-like silicone bracelet with appropriate saying may be worn
- Boys may not wear earrings

Hair

- Clean, well groomed, and conservative hair style
- No distracting hair color or “fad” styles; hair color must be one’s natural hair coloring
- Simple hair bows (no larger than 4 inches)
- One grosgrain or satin ribbon tie in solid white, navy, or black
- One headband in solid white, navy, black, or hunter green
- “Bobby pins” and hair clips in solid white, navy, black, or brown
- Boys only: hair must be 3 inches or shorter

Shoes

- Tennis shoes are allowed
- Solid brown, black, or navy dress shoes are allowed*
 ***No bling or ornamentation on dress shoes**
- No boots or moccasins will be allowed in the classroom

Make-Up

- Acne/blemish cover-up allowed
- Girls’: clear fingernail polish only
- Girls’: black mascara allowed

Tattoos/Body Piercing

- No body art or piercing or facsimile of any kind

Approved Uniform Stores:

Online purchases made through www.goodshop.com at these stores with “St Patrick Washington” as the charity of choice earns dollars back to St. Patrick School.

Team Works

2168 Washington Rd, Washington, IL, US, 61571
 (309) 745-9924

Old Navy (Grand Prairie Mall)
 5201 West War Memorial
 Peoria, Illinois 61615
 (309)692-3672
www.oldnavy.com

J.C. Penney (Northwoods Mall)
 2200 West War Memorial Drive
 Peoria, Illinois 61615
www.jcpenney.com

Target
 5001 North Big Hollow
 Peoria, IL 61615
 (309)691-9030
www.target.com

Sears (Northwoods Mall)
 2200 West War Memorial Drive
 Peoria, IL 61615
 (309)681-3100
www.sears.com

Walmart-Washington
 1750 Washington Road
 Washington, IL 61571
 (309)745-3339
www.walmart.com

Land’s End
 2 Lands’ End Lane
 Dodgeville, WI 53595-0001
 (800) 469-2222
www.landsend.com

L.L. Bean
(800) 441-5713
www.llbean.com

Sam Harris Uniforms
125 North Sheridan Road
Peoria, Illinois 61603
(309) 673-5961

French Toast Uniforms
(800) frenchtoast
www.frenchtoast.com

Kohl's
401 North Main St
East Peoria, Illinois 61611
(309) 694-9124
www.kohls.com

Violations of the Dress Code

It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their children dress in accordance with the above policy each day. It is the responsibility of the school to enforce this policy. Violations may result in a call to the parents to bring a change of clothing for the student.

Students wearing attire or hairstyles that may be questionable according to the guidelines stated above or found disruptive to the learning environment will be sent to the office for review by the Administration.

The dress code will be enforced. *To avoid embarrassment to any child, the staff of St. Patrick School asks for parental support.* The code is effective from the first day of school through the last day, unless otherwise notified.

If for some reason a student must attend school out of uniform as detailed above, the parents must write a note to the teacher stating the reason. The note will be forwarded to the Principal. Continued violation of the dress code will result in disciplinary action.

St. Patrick School Lunch Menu

March 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chicken Pattie/WG Bun Corn Mixed Fruit	3 Flap Jack Tater Tots Orange Juice Granola Bar	4 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Peaches Dinner Roll	5 Crisпитos Tortilla Chips/Cheese Carrot Sticks 1/2 Orange	6 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Mixed Fruit
9	10 Hot Dog/Chili/WG Bun Vegetarian Baked Beans 1/2 Orange	11 Spagetti/Meat Sauce Green Beans Peaches Bread Stick	12 Turkey/Cheese/WG Bun Sweet Potato Fries Peaches	13 Fish Sticks Pretzel Bites/Cheese Carrot Sticks Assorted Fruit
16 Tenderloin/WG Bun Corn Pears	17 Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli 1/2 Orange	18 Chicken Pot Pie Green Beans Peaches	19 Chili Bread Stick Applesauce Crackers	20 Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Mixed Fruit
23	24	25	26	27
30 Chicken Pattie/WG Bun Corn Fruit Cocktail	31 Chicken & Noodles Green Beans Peaches Biscuit			

All meals served with milk

Tuition Assistance Opportunities

Do you need help with tuition? Please check out and apply for scholarships with Illinois Invest in Kids Scholarship through Empower Illinois and also apply for the Spalding Scholarship through the Diocese Of Peoria via FACTS Grant and Aid Scholarship. Information to access these sites are listed below. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Shipman, Principal or the School Office at 444-4345.

Application for Illinois Invest in Kids Scholarship

- Access website at: www.empowerillinois.org
- Scroll down to “Students”
- Click on “Apply” to begin reservation and application process
- For more information access Diocesan website at: <https://cdop.org/why-choose-catholic-schools/tax-credit-scholarships/>

Application for Spalding Scholarship

- Access website for FACTS Grant and Aid Scholarship at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>
- The application and required supporting tax documents must be received online by FACTS by the application deadline date of April 15, 2020.
- For more information access the Diocesan website at <https://cdop.org/why-choose-catholic-schools/financial-assistance/>

Growing a Love of Reading

An All School Read-A-Thon

Dear Parents,

On Monday, March 2nd, students at St. Patrick's School will participate in a read-a-thon. Students in Preschool through grade 8 will participate in silent reading, taking AR quizzes, read alouds, book "tastings", and other fun reading activities.



Students will be able to dress in school appropriate pajamas or spirit wear with athletic pants, sweat pants, or flannel pants. They will also be able to bring a pillow, blanket, and/or slippers (please have school shoes for PE and recess) to enjoy a day of comfy reading fun. Please note any guidelines for this day provided by your student's homeroom teacher.

To prepare for this exciting day, read to your child at home, provide them with opportunities to tell you about what they're reading, or let them see you reading.

We are looking forward to celebrating a day of reading at school!

POT O GOLD

March 14, 2020 at 6pm

Dinner and Live & Silent Auctions at
Countryside Banquet Center

Featuring

Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos

- Tickets: \$60 per person
- Raffle Tickets: \$20 each or 6 for \$100
- Make a Donation
- Become a Sponsor

Please call 444-3524 for more info.



Get your tickets in the office or online at

[https://stpatrickparish.schoolauction.net/
pog2020/ticket_sales/ticket_sales](https://stpatrickparish.schoolauction.net/pog2020/ticket_sales/ticket_sales)

4th Grade Gift Bearers & Greeters Wanted!

If you will be able to attend one of our Masses during the weekend of February 29th & March 1st and want to help out, **please** sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ACAE2EA2FD0-4thgrade>
You may also email TallJ700@gmail.com with your preferred sign-up if you don't want to use the SignUp Genius.

Greeters will be opening doors, greeting parishioners, and/or handing out bulletins as they enter church.

Please arrive 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Check in with an usher located in the back of church. If enough greeters have signed up, some will go to the side entrances while others remain at the main entrance. At least two people should open doors and greet parishioners while another two can ask to hand out bulletins at the main entrance. (If it is cold, please open the doors **ONLY** as needed!) At least one person is needed for each role at the side entrances. You may take your seat in the church when the cantor welcomes the congregation.

Gift Bearers have the honor of representing the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. The unleavened Bread and Wine that you carry will be consecrated to become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please check in with the ushers at least 10 minutes before Mass starts. After the Prayers of the Faithful (petitions), head to the back of the church by the gift table. An usher will help you with the gifts. You will proceed down the main aisle with the gifts after the collection (when the priest/deacon and altar servers are in place at the front of the altar).

When you arrive at the altar, present the gifts one at a time to the Priest/Deacon. Stay with the group until everyone has given their gift. Then, as a group, bow reverently when the priest or deacon bows, and return to your seats.

Date	Time	Available Slots (# of volunteers needed)
2/29/2020 (Sat.)	4:30pm	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
3/1/2020 (Sun.)	8:30am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)
3/1/2020 (Sun.)	11:00am	Greeters (6) Gift Bearers (4)

THANK YOU for volunteering!

Pantherette K-5 2020 Clinic

The Pantherette dancers will once again be hosting a clinic at Washington High School for students K-5. We would like to invite you to learn a routine with the Pantherettes and to be a part of a dance performance at our spring showcase on the stage at Five Points!

The Clinic:

When: Saturday, March 14th
Arrive Between 9:15-9:30 am
Where: Washington High School
What to wear: An outfit that allows easy mobility



The Performance:

When: Sunday, March 15th
Arrive Between 1:45-1:50 pm
Where to drop off: Sit with parent in audience until your age group is announced by the MC and then a dancer will meet your children at the side of the theatre
Where to pick up: After your daughter's group performs, you can leave the theatre to pick them up in the hallway outside of Five Points. (We will have arrows and people directing parents.)
What to Wear: An outfit that allows easy mobility & your Dance Clinic T-shirt

The Price: \$25 * You must turn in your money by Thursday, March 5th to get a T-shirt. (This price includes 2.5 hours of dance instruction, a T-shirt designed by the Pantherettes, a snack, a picture, and 2 tickets for the showcase)

Additional Information:

- A snack will be provided mid-session, but girls may want to bring water bottles labeled with their names. Also if clinic dancers have a food allergy, please be sure to note that on the attached page.
- If you would like to see a sample of what the girls will perform, you may come to the Torry Gym at Washington High School at **12:00 pm**. After all performances, at approximately 12:15 pm, you may pick up your daughter.
- Clinic T-shirts can be picked up upon arrival at the clinic. Wear them to the performance the next day!

Registration Options:

- **Online Registration** - <https://wacohi.revtrak.net/r1#/v/pantherettes-dance-clinic-03-14-20-grade-k-5-a> (You may also access this link by going to www.wacohi.net, choosing "web store" on the left hand side, "activities", "Pantherette Clinic KDG-Grade 5")
- **Drop Off Registration** - Please fill out the form, write a check to **Washington Pantherettes**, and bring to the high school front office in an envelope, labeled Lauren Metz or Pantherettes.
- **Mail-in Registration** - Please fill out the form, write a check to **Washington Pantherettes**, and mail to:
Washington High School Pantherettes
C/O Lauren Metz
115 Bondurant Street
Washington, IL 61571
- **Walk-in Registration**- Arrive at the high school at where forms will be available to fill out. You may write the check there. Please note, walk-in registrants will not receive a T-shirt.



Please do not turn registration forms into your elementary school office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Coach Lauren Metz at ljmetz@wacohi.net or ask a Pantherette dancer!

Pantherette K-5 2020 Clinic Form

Please legibly print all information!

Information:

Student's Name: _____ (first and last name)

Grade: _____

School currently attending: _____

T-shirt size (please circle one):

child small child medium child large child extra large

adult small adult medium adult large adult extra large

*Dance is an art,
paint your dream
and follow it.*

— Steven Thompson



In the space provided, please list any important information about this student (medical/allergies/etc...) that you think we should know for the clinic or the performance:

Emergency Information:

Guardian's Name: _____
(first and last name)

Primary Contact #: _____ Secondary Contact #: _____

Email address: _____

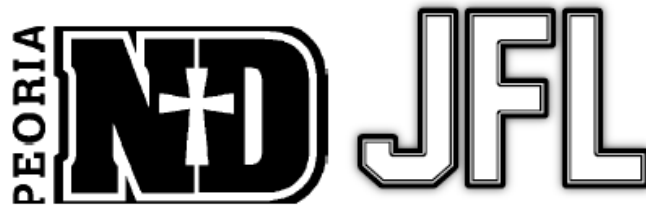
(Should you wish to attend the clinic again, we will use this email address to notify you of next year's information. Additionally, if there is a weather concern on the performance night, we will send out an email.)

Guardian Permission

I give my permission to allow my child to participate in the Pantherette Dance Clinic and performance. I understand that the Pantherettes and their parents will do their very best to watch my child and provide a rewarding experience, but the Pantherettes are not liable for any injury that should occur.

Guardian name (print) _____

Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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CENTRAL ILLINOIS ELITE 2020 SPRING JR. HIGH CLUB PROGRAM

Synergy Sports Facility
350 Cimmeron Dr, East Peoria

8U-12U EXPANSION

Try-outs(Assessments): March 1st, 1-2:30PM at Synergy Healthcare and Sports Facility. 350 Cimmeron Dr, East Peoria, IL

Season Consists of: Two practices a week for 2 hours, 3 local tournaments, cost is \$500. Practice will be held at Synergy Healthcare and Sports Facility and will be on Mondays and Fridays, times will be 4:30-6:30 or 6:30-8:30. Good for Friday date nights!!

8U-12U ELITE

Try-outs/Assessments: March 1st, 1-2:30PM at Synergy Healthcare and Sports Facility.

Season consists of: Two practices a week for 2 hours and 3 local tournament, 1 tournament in Aurora and 1 in Orlando. Practices will be held at Synergy on Mondays and Fridays. Practice times will be 4:30-6:30 or 6:30-8:30. Cost is \$700.

Orlando will have a extra expense for the travel accommodations. Travel to and from Orlando are not included in the extra expanse.

13U-14U EXPANSION

Try-outs/Assessments: March 1st at Synergy Healthcare and Sports Facility. 13U from 2:30-4:30, 14U from 5-7PM.

Season consists of two practices a week for 2 hours and 4 local tournaments. Practices will be held at Louisville Slugger Dome in Peoria on Monday and Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 or 6:30-8:30. Cost is \$575

13U/14U ELITE

Try-outs/Assessments: March 1st at Synergy Healthcare and Sports Facility. 13U from 2:30-4:30, 14U from 5-7PM.

Season consists of two practices a week for 2 hours and will consist of 4 local tournaments and 2 travel tournaments. One being in Aurora and the year end in Orlando. Practices will be on Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 or 6:30-8:30, cost is \$775.

Orlando will have a extra expense for the travel accommodations. Travel to and from Orlando are not included in the extra expanse.

You must pre-register for the Try-outs on the following link:

<https://cielitevb.sportngin.com/register/form/504795023>