



— September 26, 2025 —

Irish Messenger

Issue 4

School Testing Data - Fall Performance Highlights

Math (Grades K-8)

Overall Performance: 84th Percentile

Students in grades K-8 performed exceptionally well, surpassing national averages in mathematics.

Keep up the great work!



Reading (Grades K-8)

Overall Performance: 78th Percentile

Our K-8 students are excelling in reading comprehension and literacy.

Let's continue to foster a love for reading across all grades.

Language Usage (Grades 2-8)

Overall Performance: 83rd Percentile

Strong skills in grammar, punctuation, and writing conventions have led to impressive results across grades 2-8.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 3 - 11:30 a.m. early dismissal. No aftercare.
WCHS Homecoming Parade

Oct 8 - 2nd Wed Early Dismissal 2pm, no aftercare

Oct 10 - First Quarter Ends

Oct 13 - Columbus Day, No school

Oct 14 - Teacher Institute, No School

Message from the Principal

We are excited to announce the Walkathon of Prayer Fundraiser, starting this Monday! This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in support of a great cause while praying for one another.

Don't forget to sign up and participate! There are fun incentives for everyone who joins in, so be sure to take part in the excitement and earn some awesome rewards as you walk and pray.

Your involvement helps fund important school initiatives, and every step you take strengthens our school's mission.

Sign up now:

[Walkathon of Prayer Fundraiser Sign-Up](#)

Thank you for your support, and let's make this fundraiser a success!





WALKATHON OF PRAYER FUNDRAISER

Join Us for St. Patrick School's Walkathon of Prayer Fundraiser!

We are excited to invite you to participate in a special Novena of Fundraising for St. Patrick School! This year, we are raising funds to purchase a new boiler, and every dollar counts.

Event Details:

- Novena of Fundraising: Starting on September 29, the Feast of the Archangels, we will begin our 9-day fundraising campaign, which will run through October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
- Walkathon of Prayer: On October 7, students will walk and pray a rosary for all the intentions of our donors. It's a unique opportunity to support our school while offering prayers for those in need.

How You Can Help:

1. Donate: Donations will be accepted both online and in cash for the entire Novena of Fundraising (Sept 29 – Oct 7). Don't forget corporate matching!
2. Register as a Family: This year, we are asking families to register (rather than individual students) to make it easier for everyone to get involved. If you only have one student to sign up go ahead and select their homeroom as a team. Multiple children families, select no team, and we will do the class sorting. [Sign up Here!](#)
3. Prayer Intentions: We will be collecting prayer intentions for the Novena. On October 7, students will pray the rosary while walking, offering each donor's intentions as part of their prayer.

Incentives & Prizes:

- Each family that registers = A glow-in-the-dark rosary for each child
- First class fully registered = Free Dress Day
- First class with every family receiving a donation = Ice Cream Treat
- Class that raises the most money = Pizza Party
- If we meet our \$50,000 goal = Whole School Free Dress + Movie + Popcorn

Mass Collection:

We will be collecting donations at the doors following all Masses at St. Monica's and St. Patrick's the weekend of October 4-5. Sign up [here](#) to help!

Fundraising Dates:

Sept 29 – Oct 7

Let's come together and make a difference for St. Patrick School, while supporting each other in prayer. Every donation, no matter how small, brings us closer to our goal.

And with the \$50,000 matching gift from the Washington Knights of Columbus and anonymous parishioners, your support will go twice as far!



October 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Milk Beck's Mac & Cheese Bowl,side, Milk	2 Milk Michaels Pizza Bread, Snack, Milk	3 Milk Beck's Fish Sandwich, side, juice	4
6 Michael's Ham & Cheese Sandwich, side, Milk Milk	7 Beck's Chicken Sandwich, side, Milk Milk	8 Milk Michaels Spaghetti,side,Juice	9 Milk Beck's Tenderloin,side, milk	10 Beck's Cheese Pizza, Snack, Milk Milk	11
13 No School	14 Michael's Sub(1/3), side, Juice Milk	15 Milk Beck's Chicken Tender, mac & Cheese, side, Juice	16 Milk Papa Johns Pepperoni Pizza (2 Pieces), Snack, Milk	17 Milk Michaels Grilled Cheese, side, Milk	18
20 Milk Michaels Hot Ham & Cheese, side, ,Milk	21 Milk Taco Bell 2 Soft Tacos (Meat&Cheese),Doritos, Juice	22 Beck's Chicken Sandwich, side, Milk Milk	23 Early Dismissal - No Lunch	24 No School	25
27 Milk Michael's Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Milk	28 Milk Beck's Chicken Wrap, side, juice	29 Milk Michaels Spaghetti,side,Juice	30 Milk Papa Johns Pepperoni Pizza (2 Pieces), Snack, Milk	31 Beck's Cheese Pizza, Snack, Milk Milk	



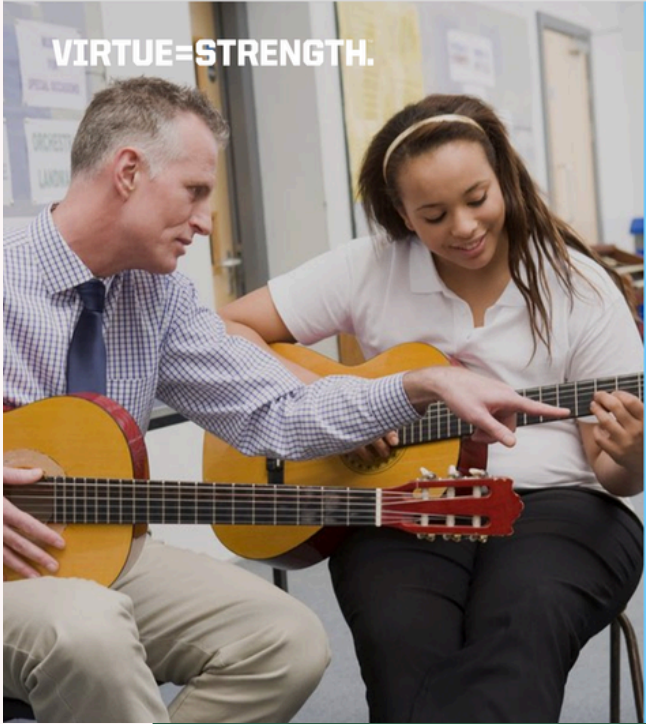
Reminder, lunch
orders for the week are
due the Thursday
before, by Noon.

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.

This Week

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



WHAT IS TEACHABILITY?

Teachability is the strength to remain open to learning and growth.

A teachable person is humble, receptive to feedback, and always seeks to improve, particularly in the light of God's teachings.

Examples of Teachability:

1. During a classroom discussion, a student listens intently to a peer's perspective, considering it thoughtfully even if it challenges their own point of view.
2. A student who struggles with a difficult subject asks a teacher or fellow student for clarification, demonstrating a desire to improve their understanding.
3. A student makes an honest admission when they've misunderstood a concept, and works diligently to correct their errors with the guidance of a teacher or mentor.

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



WHAT IS FORTITUDE?

The virtue of Fortitude, or Courage, is the strength to do the right thing in the face of fear and/or difficulties.

It is strength in adversity. Fortitude is having courage and strength to do what is right, even when it's hard or scary. It's trusting that God is always with us.

Examples of Fortitude:

1. A student chooses to pray in public or share their faith even when they know it might be unpopular.
2. In a society where immodesty is prevalent, Catholics can demonstrate fortitude by choosing to dress modestly, even though everyone else continues otherwise.
3. When confronted with anti-Catholic views, a Catholic can exhibit fortitude by engaging in respectful, informed discussions that articulate the position of Truth. This requires courage to confront misunderstandings and misinformation while maintaining compassion for those who disagree.

**NEXT
WEEK**

≡ Cheer ≡



**A BIG Thank You to
FLEX Tumble and Cheer!**

**We are incredibly grateful
to FLEX Tumble and Cheer
for their generous donation
of a 3-hour clinic for our
athletes!**

**The girls had an amazing
time working together in
large groups and breaking
into smaller groups to
practice cheers and basic
stunting. Some of the
challenges were tough, but
it was a fantastic learning
opportunity for everyone
involved.**

**A huge shoutout to FLEX
for their support and for
helping our athletes grow
in both skill and
confidence!**

**Let's continue to cheer
them on and thank them for
their contribution to our
Irish Athletic program!**



LEGO League



🧱🤖 LEGO League Is Building Big Things! 🤖🧱

Our LEGO League team is off to a fantastic start this season! This week, team members jumped into action assembling the official models for this year's challenge. From sorting pieces to following complex instructions, they worked together with focus, creativity, and teamwork.

These models are just the beginning—they'll be the foundation for solving real-world problems through coding, engineering, and innovation.

We can't wait to see where this journey takes them!

CROSS COUNTRY



St. Jude Meet at Donovan Park

This group was awarded the “yeti slayer” award (including Shelby Matsko, not pictured)

They won these shirts for completing in the top 20 finishers of 5th - 6th grade boys & girls along with the top 20 finishers of 7th - 8th grade boys & girls.

Congratulations to all!

Upcoming Dates

October 2 - Small Schools Home Meet

Wenger Shelter 4:30PM

October 6 - Blessed Sacrament Meet

Kennel Lake 4:00PM

October 10 - Sectional Meet

Eastview Christian Church 3:00PM

Tazwood Conference Meet at Eureka Lake

Mason Schlack, Traver Strasser & Brynn Reed (not pictured) were all awarded a medal for earning to 20 finishers.

Way to go Irish!



Lady Irish

Upcoming Dates

Sept 27

PND Showcase

PND 11:15am

Sept 29

vs. South Pekin

St. Pats 5:30pm

Sept 30

vs. St. Phils

St. Pats 5:30pm

Oct 3

7th Grade Tourney

TBD

Girls Basketball Season Tips Off

The energy is high and the gym is buzzing as our Girls Basketball season officially gets underway! This year's team is ready to build on last season's success with grit, growth, and a shared commitment to excellence both on and off the court.

To mark the beginning of the season, players, coaches, and families gathered for the annual Virtue = Strength jersey ceremony—a powerful tradition that emphasizes the values our athletes carry with them far beyond the game. Each jersey was handed out not just as a number, but as a symbol of the hard work, unity, and character that define this program.

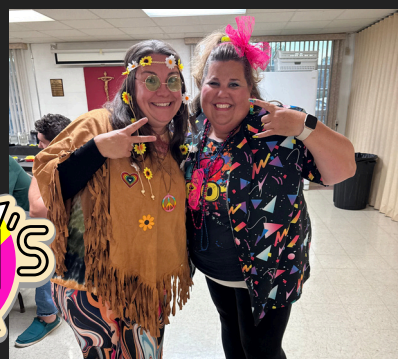
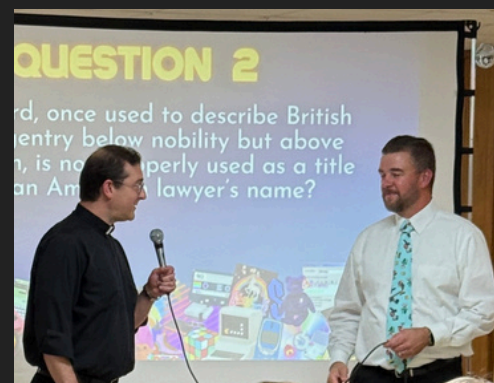
As the team heads into their first games, they do so grounded in purpose, inspired by virtue, and ready to represent our school with pride. Come cheer them on this season—and witness the strength that comes from playing with heart.

Let's go Lady Irish!



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TRIVIA NIGHT



Thank You for an Amazing Trivia Night!
We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made our "Through the Decades" Trivia Night a tremendous success! A special shoutout goes to our incredible team of volunteers, whose endless hours of preparation truly brought this event to life. Your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed!

We also want to thank everyone who came out to support our night of fun and friendly competition. Your enthusiasm and participation made the evening even more special, and we loved seeing so many fun costumes and table decor!

We hope everyone had as much fun as we did! Stay tuned for more exciting fundraising events in the future.

We can't wait to see you all again!

As special thank you to Lindy's and Holland's for the dicounted donations towards food and beverages!

With gratitude,
Parent Ministry



Tuesday our students celebrated the Feast of Saint Padre Pio with a sweet surprise— Donuts in his honor!

**St. Padre Pio often reminded us, “Pray, Hope, and Don’t Worry,” and we turned that into a joyful reminder for our kids: Pray, Hope, and “Donut” worry...
God’s got this!**

Thank you to our St. Patrick School Parent Ministry who helped share a little sugary joy and a whole lot of faith. Happy Feast Day of St. Padre Pio!



Mission Complete!

Our 6th and 7th graders embarked on an out-of-this-world adventure to the Challenger Learning Center! Students got to experience the thrill of space exploration by: Building their own rovers and racing them to see which one would go the farthest. Working as part of Mission Control, sitting at the computers, and managing the mission's progress. Heading into the Space Ship and getting hands-on in the lab, solving challenges along the way.

Their mission was a complete success! Everyone worked together, learned something new, and had a blast. Can't wait for their next adventure!



Welcome Saint Patricks!





Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes got to travel to see St. Pat's alum, Mitch Coughlon, play for Bradley. To top it off, Mitch scored twice!!!

He was so awesome to our kids and took time to come see them after the game and sign autographs!

We are proud of you, Mitch, and how you carry yourself on and off the pitch!



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Congratulations to Our 7th Graders!
On Friday, Sept 19th, our 7th graders took a big step in their spiritual journey by signing their Confirmation Commitments! We are so proud of each of you for making this important decision to continue growing in faith.

We can't wait to see all the ways you'll deepen your relationship with God throughout your Confirmation preparation! Keep shining and growing—your journey is just beginning!

Our young servers did a fantastic job as always.



World Languages Fun!



Food vocabulary



Personal Adjectives

Numbers Watch out for the tiburón (shark)!



Our students are having a blast as they dive into Spanish this week! From learning the names of delicious foods, to practicing personal adjectives (like mi, tu, su) and mastering numbers (uno, dos, tres!), it's all about building skills in a fun, engaging way. Stay tuned for more exciting updates from our Catholic school's World Language program as we continue to explore and enjoy the beauty of language and culture!

✨ Thank you Mrs. Johnson!



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
Every Tuesday and Thursday
we show our Irish pride!

SPIRIT WEAR TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS














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Port & Company Essential Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$21.00	Port Authority Value Fleece Jacket  2 Colors \$33.00	Sport-Tek 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$36.00	Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Stretch 1/4-Zip Pullover  3 Colors \$40.00		

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INFORMATION NIGHT

**DATE &
TIME**

October 15, 2025
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

WHO?

Junior high students &
parents-guardians are invited
to attend!

AUDITORIUM

Brief presentation for all followed
by tours with student
ambassadors



Save the Date

POT O' GOLD

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

The Pot O' Gold Committee could use more help!
If you would like to help plan the event, volunteer, or have potential auction items, please contact Megan Stevenart (309) 370-8299 or Sarah Fletcher (309) 645-6323.

COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPT 14TH @ 3:00 PM
ST. PAT'S - SCHOOL SOCIAL ROOM

Be a part of the...

WCHS Pantherette Dance Clinic

SAT. OCTOBER 11TH, 2025

Learn a
routine from
the
Washington
Pantherettes
and perform
at a football

Register: **game!**

<https://wacohi.revtrak.net/pantherettes-dance-clinic/#/list>

Clinic: October 11th from 9-11
(Performance at 11)
Performance: Before V Football
Game on Oct. 17th

\$35 For:

- Performance T-Shirt
- Snack and goodie bag given at clinic
- Preview Performance at 11 (Oct. 11th)
- 2 Complimentary Football tickets

K-8th
Grade



More info:

<https://laurenmetz.weebly.com/panther-dance-home-page.html>

Coach Metz's Email: ljmetz@wacohi.net



Cash Bash tickets are available for sale.

Coaches of each sport now have tickets to sell! So hit up your child's coach to help support St. Pat's Athletics!!

The school office will have tickets available as well as athletic directors.

October 18th from 6:00-9:00 PM at Five Points Washington.

Each ticket is \$100 and lets 2 adults into the event. Food and beer provided.

First ball drawn is \$500. 2nd to last ball drawn is \$500. Last ball is \$2500. Many other \$100 prizes as well.

Also we will have several other raffles/50-50 drawings during the night with some unique Irish items. (so bring extra \$\$\$)

FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

CASH Bash is BACK



The St. Pat's Athletic
Committee will be selling 200
tickets to **support**
IRISH Athletics AND
win **BIG MONEY!**

Your \$100 ticket will admit you
and a guest to the live drawing,
free beer, water and food.



@ **FIVE POINTS - WASHINGTON**
\$100 TICKET



CASH BASH FOR ST. PAT'S ATHLETICS



OCTOBER 18TH
6:00-9:00 PM



**FOOD AND BEER
PROVIDED**

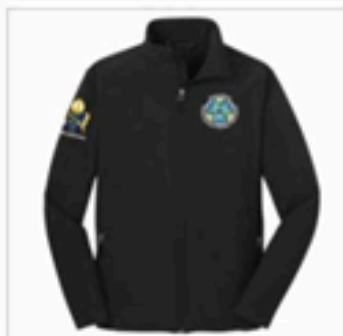
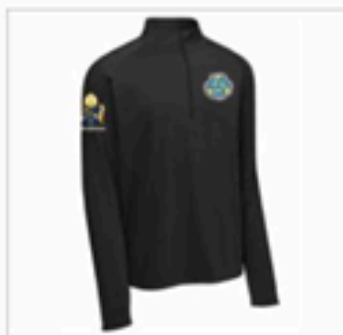


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FOUNDATION *Gala*

*An event to celebrate and support the Diocese of Peoria
during its 150th Anniversary*



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

CIVIC CENTER BALLROOM | PEORIA, IL

6:00 P.M. | COCKTAILS

7:00 P.M. | DINNER

8:00 P.M. | DANCING

A religious painting will be created during the evening and auctioned

Live music by **3 and a Half Men**

Dress Attire Business Casual

RSVP Due October 20, 2025.

Online Reservations at www.cdop150.org/gala.

Call 309.671.1550 with questions.