



— October 10, 2025 —

Irish Messenger

Issue 5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 10 - First Quarter Ends

Oct 13 - Columbus Day, No
school

Oct 14 - Teacher Institute,
No School

Oct 16 - Picture Day
(Nov 10 Retakes)

Oct 17 - 1st Quarter Report
Cards Published

Oct 23 - 11:30 Dismissal for
Parent Teacher
Conferences (no aftercare)
1:00-6:00PM

Oct 24 - No School - Parent
Teacher Conferences
8:00-11:00AM

Oct 30 - Preschool
Halloween Parade/Party

Oct 31 - All Saints Day
Mass and 1st Grade
Presentations

Message from the Principal

A Heartfelt Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to everyone who signed up, collected, and generously donated to our Fall Fundraiser. Your incredible support helped us raise over \$100,000 toward a new school boiler, a critical need for our school and parish community. A special thank you goes to the Knights of Columbus and our Generous Parishioners, whose matching donations will help get closer to reaching our goal. Our Novena of Fundraising Days, which began on the Feast of the Archangels, and our Rosary Walk on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, beautifully reflected our commitment to weaving faith and prayer into everything we do.

The need for a new boiler goes beyond just our school. The school building serves as a vital space for our entire parish, hosting events, ministry groups, and faith formation programs throughout the year. Your support ensures that this shared space remains warm, safe, and welcoming for all who gather here. This fundraiser has been a time of growth in faith, community, and mission. Together, we are building a stronger future rooted in faith, service, and love.



Month of the Holy Rosary



Our Student Ambassadors led a School Rosary in the Church.

Fall Fundraiser Rosary Walk



Lifetouch.

2025

October 16

**Picture Day
is coming!**

mylifetouch.com

**Order this year's
school pictures
today.**

Flyers were sent home!

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.™

INSPIRE. ENGAGE. STRENGTHEN.

This Week

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



WHAT IS TENACITY?

The strength to persist in the face of challenges, demonstrating resilience in pursuing one's goals and commitments.

It's like when we keep trying, even if we fall, because we know God wants us to do our best.

Tenacity is often a more significant factor in achieving success than innate talent.

Examples of Tenacity:

- A student is trying to learn a new math concept. At first, it's confusing and hard. But they keep practicing and asking questions, not giving up. After a lot of hard work, they finally understand the lesson.
- A runner who falls during a race but gets back up and finishes the race, even though it's painful. They don't let the fall stop them from finishing what they started.

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



WHAT IS BOLDNESS?

The strength to act decisively, standing up for one's beliefs, even in the face of opposition.

Boldness is being brave and speaking the truth, even when it's difficult. It's standing up for what's right because we trust in God.

Examples of Boldness:

- 1. Speaking Up in Class:** Encourage students to ask questions, share their opinions, or contribute to discussions, even if they feel unsure. They can prepare by thinking of a question or comment before class to build confidence.
- 2. Trying New Activities:** Encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities or clubs they haven't tried before. This could include joining a sports team, drama club, or a community service project, helping them step out of their comfort zones.

**NEXT
WEEK**

CROSS COUNTRY

Upcoming Dates

Oct 10 - Sectional
Meet @ Eastview
Christian Church
3:00PM

Oct 18 - State Meet
9:15AM

Good
Luck!



Congratulations to our 8th Grade Cross Country Runners!

Lady Irish

Upcoming Dates

Oct 11 - Home
5th/6th tournament
9am vs Midland
12pm vs Peoria
Christian
2pm vs Oak Grove

Oct 14 - Home
5:30 - 7:30pm
vs Georgetown

Oct 15 - Away
5:00-7:00 pm
at Elmwood

Oct 18 - Away
5th/6th Round Robin
at St. Vincent

Oct 20 - Home
5:30 - 7:30pm
vs Tremont

Oct 21 - Home
5:30 - 7:30pm
vs Rankin

Oct 23 - Away
5:00 - 7:00pm
at Riverview





ALL SAINTS' DAY PARISH PARTY

Bring a chair & join us for this fun, free event featuring:

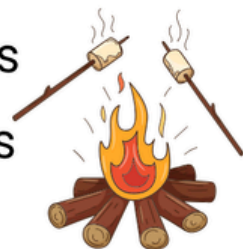
Hot Dogs & Snacks

Hot Apple Cider



Games & Activities

Bonfires & S'mores



The evening will end with a beautiful candlelit
Eucharistic Procession & a short talk by Fr. John.

Kids, bring your
Halloween candy for a
Candy Buyback Booth!



Saturday,
November 1st
5-8pm

St. Patrick Church



Special thanks to Jennings Dentistry, the Engel Family, K of C councils 7580 & 6707, St. Monica's Ladies Guild, That Man Is You, St. Patrick School, the High School Youth Group, & our many volunteers!



ST. PAT'S CHEER TEAM PRESENTS



PREK-4TH CHEER CLINIC

PERFORM AT A
BBALL GAME!

MINI POMS
INCLUDED!

ST. PAT'S CHEER
T-SHIRT INCLUDED!

LEARN
CHEERS!

LADY IRISH FANS IN GRADES PREK THROUGH 4TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND! GIRLS WILL LEARN CHEERS AND A SHORT ROUTINE TO PERFORM AT A BOYS BASKETBALL GAME. PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AND TURN IT INTO THE FRONT OFFICE ALONG WITH A \$25 REGISTRATION FEE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH. **GO IRISH, GET FIRED UP!**



Sister Mary Ann Gym



CLINIC: SUN, NOV 9, 1-3pm

PERFORMANCE: TUES, NOV 11, 6pm

WE WILL ALSO PERFORM FOR PARENTS AT THE END OF THE CHEER CLINIC FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE BBALL GAME. MORE INFO ABOUT THE HALFTIME SHOW WILL BE SHARED ON NOV 9TH.



ST. PAT'S PREK-4TH CHEER CLINIC



REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

GRADE (PREK-4TH): _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: YS _____ YM _____ YL _____ YXL _____

PLEASE TURN IN REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH A \$25 PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH.

*MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



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*WE WILL SHARE THE PERFORMANCE WITH OUR GROWNUPS AT 2:55PM!



PERFORMANCE: TUESDAY, NOV 11, 6PM

*MORE INFO WILL BE SHARED AT THE CLINIC



WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHING TO MOVE



WEAR PE SHOES WITH NO DARK SOLES



BRING A WATER BOTTLE

PLEASE REACH OUT TO BONNIE ENGSTROM, MEG JOHNSON, OR JENNIFER RUPPEL WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



Sunday Grill Out

October 19th 10:30 - 1:00

**Lindy's Downtown Market
110 Peoria St. Washington, IL**



****All Proceeds Will Be Donated to the Theresa Tracy Trot
for the Fight Against Pancreatic Cancer****

Pork Chop:	\$7.00	Brat:	\$5.00
Cheeseburger:	\$6.00	Hot Dog:	\$4.00
Hamburger:	\$6.00	Chips:	\$1.00





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 MEETINGS
SUNDAY, OCT 12TH AND SUNDAY, NOV 9TH
3:00 PM @ ST. PAT'S - SCHOOL SOCIAL ROOM



Washington District Library

SCHOOL AGE EVENTS

October 2025

Ages: 5-12

STEAM



Cricut Trick or Treat Bag

Thursday, October 2 @ 4:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Come in for a different STEAM-inspired activity on the 1st Thursday of every month.



INTERNET SAFETY WITH OFFICER TAYLOR

Thursday, October 23

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room



Join Washington Police Department's Officer Taylor for an in-depth discussion of keeping your children - and yourself - safe on the internet.

Due to the topics of conversation, this program is only for people **age 18 and up**.

Don't forget to grab a Take Home Craft!
(While Supplies Last)

October Kit: Paper Plate Spider

Lego Club



Tuesday, October 28 @ 4:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Use library-supplied Legos to build original creations that will be displayed for the month!

Main Library

380 N. Wilmore Rd.
309.444.2241

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Sunnyland Branch

16 Washington Plaza
309.745.3023

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Delayed Open (10 AM): October 31

Community Showcase

Tuesday, October 14

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Five Points



The library is excited to be part of the Washington Chamber of Commerce's Community Showcase. Stop by our table for fun swag, program info, and a chance to win!

FoWL Book Sale:

October 17 @ 1:00 PM - 21 @ 3:00 PM

Book, DVD, and CD donations will be accepted

Monday, Sept. 29 - Sunday, Oct. 12

GHOST IN A JAR

Thursday, October 30 @ 4:00 PM

Sunnyland Branch



Come to the branch and make a spooky ghost in a jar craft, just in time for Halloween. While supplies last.
All Ages



Pokemon Club

Monday, October 20 @ 4:00 PM

Sunnyland Branch

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Come join us every month for an afternoon of fun with themed games, crafts, and a time to trade cards.



StoryWalk

October - November

During Park Hours

Washington Park

Take a walk through Washington Park and enjoy a story as you stroll.

Book: Acorn Was a Little Wild

(Jen Arena)





Washington District Library

TEEN EVENTS

October 2025

Grades: 6-12

Charcuterie Movie Night

Tuesday, October 7

5:00 - 7:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Make your own savory and sweet charcuterie board and enjoy as we watch Jurassic World: Rebirth

Registration Required

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100 Books Before Graduation

-An ongoing reading challenge for high schoolers-
Your goal, should you choose to accept it, is to read 100 books before you finish high school.

Join at any time during your high school career and track your progress on Beanstack.



Read whatever you want and count it toward your goal!



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Main Library Meeting Room

Let your creativity take flight! Join Miss Morgan for a peck-tacular program to design your own Target bird using a variety of fun materials like feathers, felt, pom-poms, pipe cleaners, and more!

Ages: 9-14; Registration Required



The Margin Project

-Where books become social-

Stop in the library and check out a new special collection of books you can write in!

Record your thoughts, reactions, and insights while you read and see what other people thought about them too!

The books are located on a special bookshelf in the teen area of the main library.

CrafTEEN: Haunted Birdhouses

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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**





PEORIA NOTRE DAME

☎ 309-691-8741

🌐 pndhs.org

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



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



SPIRIT WEAR TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS



**STUDENTS CAN WEAR SPIRIT
WEAR TOPS (OR MRS. HARRIS
TOPS ON THURSDAYS) WITH
UNIFORM BOTTOMS.**

APPROVED UNIFORMS

St. Patrick Approved Uniforms

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://st-pats-washington.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

BLANK Sport-Tek Youth Posicharge Polo  3 Colors \$13.00	EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Youth Polo  3 Colors \$21.00	Port & Company Youth Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt  4 Colors \$23.00	Port Authority Youth Value Fleece Jacket  2 Colors \$33.00	BLANK Sport-Tek Polo  3 Colors \$14.00	EMBROIDERED Sport-Tek Polo  3 Colors \$21.00
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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Questions?
Dan Crowley
3095307557
inkstainzscreenprinting@gmail.com

Uniform store is open throughout the school year!

Most Reverend Louis Tylka cordially invites you to the

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.