

As we enter the Fall season, we pray for a bit of a reprieve from the warm temperatures that our faculty and students have endured so far this year. Don't forget we have an 11:30 dismissal next Friday, 9/28, to allow our families to celebrate Homecoming with the Washington community. The parade kicks off at 2 PM. Be sure to look out for our IRISH band members marching and playing along with other grade school students in town.



Friday, September 27

Orange & Black Dress Day

Tops and Bottoms!

11:30 SCHOOL RELEASE
NO AFTERCARE

Check out our IRISH BAND
marching in the parade!



When **Grace (5th)** noticed her classmate begin to panic when he realized he was not ready to go when the announcement for the bus to his sporting came over the intercom. She calmly told him to get ready, and she would clean up his stuff. To top it off, **Evelyn K. (5th)** noticed he was about to leave without his water bottle and caught him in time to make sure he took it to stay hydrated during his competition. It was a great way to end the school day!



**By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples, if
you love one another.**

J O H N 1 3 : 3 5



Have you ever noticed the beautiful pots outside our main entrance? **Mrs. Engstrom** uses her time, talent and treasure to put together new floral arrangements for all of us to enjoy each season!

Parents, let us know if you catch someone being a Good Disciple. We would love to share it in a future issue!



Sometimes schedule changes create the perfect opportunity for collaboration. Our 8th and 1st grades shared library time recently, and everyone enjoyed it!



Confirmation Signing



Our 7th graders signed their commitment beginning their studies and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.

Psalm 37:5 “Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.”

New this year, **5th-8th grade students** please consider signing up to clean up the gym after home basketball and volleyball games, and you will be allowed in that night's game for **free!** 7th & 8th grade students are allowed to use one of these as a confirmation project. We are looking for 3 students for each home game.

Sign up link is below. **Thank you!**

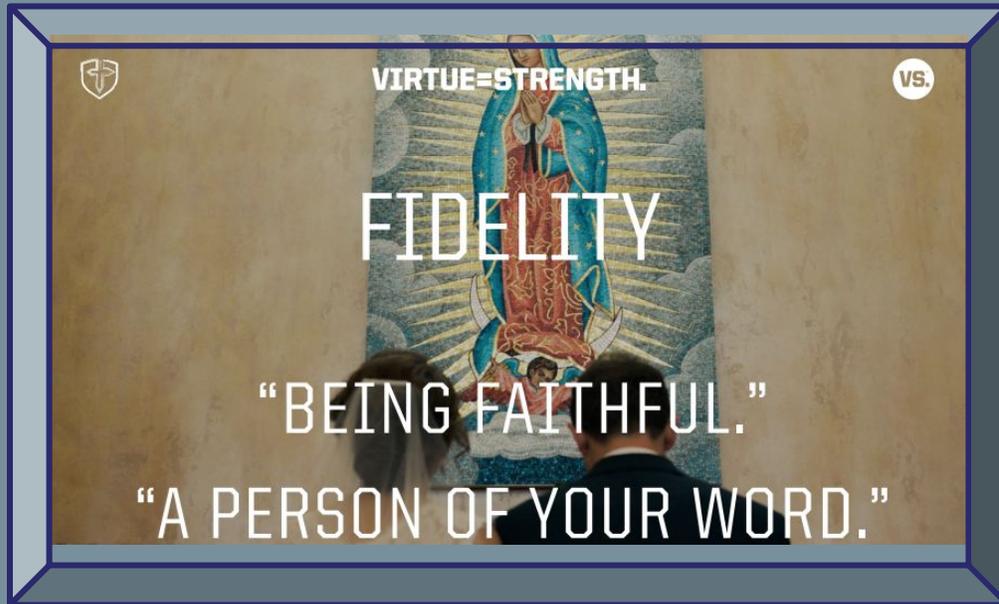
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Families, please consider signing up to greet and bring up the gifts at **weekend masses**. This is a great opportunity to serve the parish together as a **family**. Sign up link is below. **Thank you!**

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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK



**YOU DON'T NEED
TO BE PERFECT.
JUST BE BETTER
THAN YOU
WERE YESTERDAY**

**Test all things;
hold fast what is good.
Abstain from every form of evil.**

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

INFIDELITY

Not keeping your word.

Failing to admit or own up to mistakes.

**Not following team/school/group
rules.**

Breaking promises.

Telling lies.

NEXT VIRTUE IS...

Prayerfulness



CHALLENGE: Say this prayer every morning before you get out of bed next week.

GOD GRANT ME THE
SERENITY
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS
I CANNOT CHANGE,
COURAGE
TO CHANGE THE
THINGS I CAN AND
WISDOM
TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

Why Should We Pray?

St. Teresa of Ávila: *"Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love."*



SOFTBALL

Lily B, Addi M, AJ B, & Ericka M



Eighth Grade Night



BASEBALL

Griffin K, Jaxson H, & Madden E

THANK YOU 😊

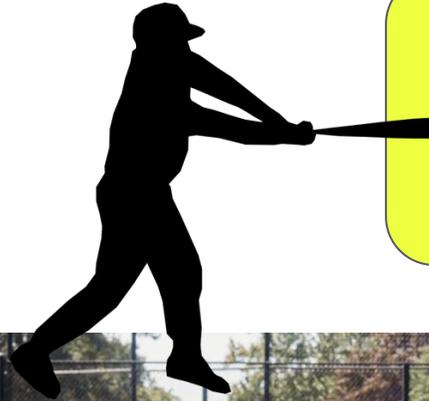


CROSS COUNTRY

Ella R, Emily C, Kate M, & Grace R



Congratulations!



Breaking News:
ROBERT L had a walk-off double vs Lowpoint Washburn!



BASEBALL REGIONALS GAME #1

September 25th at 4:30PM at Washington Park Field #5

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

SEPTEMBER 21st AT 11AM

Metamora St Mary's



Breaking News:
ASHLYN C had a
2-run homerun to
take the lead vs
Henry Senachwine
in the Regional
Championship!

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

Love • Learn • Lead

IRISH Athletics



CITY MEET CHAMPS!

PRAY, HOPE, AND...

donut
worry

"PRAY, HOPE, AND DON'T (DONUT 🍩) WORRY. WORRY IS USELESS. GOD IS MERCIFUL AND WILL HEAR YOUR PRAYER."
-ST. PADRE PIO



MONDAY, SEPT 23RD

DONUTS AFTER LUNCH TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. PADRE PIO, PROVIDED BY: PARENT MINISTRY

3rd & 4th Graders...



CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children in grades 3 and 4 are welcome to join a choir to sing at the 4:30 mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals occur on eight Saturday mornings, beginning Sept. 14 at 9 am. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Clare Tschirn by phone or text (309-566-9309). Or just talk to me after Mass! I am excited to be able to have our children once again lead us in song for Christmas!

Upcoming Dates

9/21/24	Softball vs McNabb Putnam Co Sectional @ Metamora High School 11 AM
9/23/24	Cross Country St. Jude Meet @ Donovan Park 4:15 PM
9/24/24	Girls Basketball vs Roanoke Benson @ Home 5:30 PM
9/25/24	Cross Country Tazwood Conference Meet @ Mineral Springs Park 4 PM
9/25/24	Baseball Regional Semi-final @ Home 4:30 PM
9/26/24	Girls Basketball vs Epiphany @ Home 5:30 PM
9/27/24	11:30 Release for WCHS Homecoming Parade (NO AFTERCARE)
9/28/24	Boys Baseball Regional Final @ Roanoke Benson 10 AM
9/28/24	Girls Basketball vs Peru Catholic @ PND 6 PM
9/30/24	Girls Basketball @ South Pekin 4:30 PM
10/1/24	Girls Basketball @ St. Philomena 5:30 PM
10/3/24	Cross Country Rocket Run @ Alpha Park 4:15 PM

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.



Illinois Flag Commission

New State Flag Design Contest

Beginning Tuesday Sept. 3, the Illinois Flag Commission will start accepting public for a new state flag design.

**Want to
Make
History?**



The Illinois Flag Commission is seeking input in re-designing the state's 55-year-old flag!

For guidelines or to submit your design, please visit:

<https://www.ilsos.gov/special/IFC/home.html>

Or submit by mail to:

The Illinois Flag Commission
Howlett Building Room 476
501 S. Second St.
Springfield, IL 62756

The commission will be accepting design ideas until **Oct. 18**

The commission will select 10 designs based on how they reflect the identity of Illinois and will host an online public survey for the public to vote on their favorites or to keep the current flag. Voting will begin Jan. 1 and last six weeks.

Contact Mrs. Hatton mhatton@stpatswashington.org for more info.

Join Our **PANTHERETTE DANCE CLINIC**

Learn a routine & perform it at a football game!

**K-4th
grade**

**Clinic: Oct. 5th 3:30-5:30pm
Performance: Oct. 11th**

\$35



Sign up here!

Email: ljmetz@wacohi.net

Clinic Location: Washington Community High School Register online by Sept. 26

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

Join Our **PANTHERETTE DANCE CLINIC**

Learn a routine & perform it at a football game!

**5-8th
grade**

**Clinic: Oct. 5th 3:30-5:30pm
Performance: Oct. 11th**

\$35



Sign up here!

What to expect:

- **T-shirt provided for performance**
- **Snack & goody bag given @ clinic**
- **Preview performance**
- **2 complimentary football tickets**

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2024 Pantherette Clinic Form & Information

The Pantherette dancers will be hosting a clinic at Washington High School. We would like to invite you to learn a routine with the Pantherettes and to be a part of a dance performance at a fall football game!

The Clinic:

When: Saturday, October 5th
Arrive Between 12:45-1:00 pm, clinic from 1:00-3:30 pm
Where: Washington High School
What to wear: An outfit that allows easy mobility

The Performance:

When: Friday, October 11th - Arrive Between 5:45-6:00 pm
(The performance will be held at the football game, and will take place between the Freshmen Football Game and the Varsity Football Game—approximately sometime between 6:30 and 7:15 pm.)
Where to drop off: Washington High School multi-purpose room
(The clinic dancers will walk over to the field with the Pantherettes.)
Where to pick up: Torry Gym
(Young dancers will not be permitted to leave unless there is a parent present to pick them up.)
What to Wear: An outfit that allows easy mobility & your Dance Clinic T-shirt

The Price: \$35 (This price includes 2 hours of dance instruction, a T-shirt designed by the Pantherettes, a snack, a goody bag, & 2 football game tickets)

Additional Information:

- A snack will be provided mid-session, but dancers may want to bring water bottles labeled with their names. Also if clinic dancers have a food allergy, please be sure to include that information in your sign-up.
- If parents would like to see a sample of what the dancers will perform, you may come to the Torry Gym at Washington High School at **3:05 pm**: doors will not open until **3:00 pm**. After all performances, at approximately **3:30 pm**, parents can pick up dancers by age group. After picking up their child, they should head to the MPR for their goody bag with football tickets.
- Clinic T-shirts can be picked up upon arrival at the performance.
- If you are unable to make the performance, clinic T-shirts can be picked up from the front office of the high school beginning **Monday, October 14th**.

Registration Options:

- **Online** - You may also access the link by going to www.wacohi.net, choosing "web store" on the left hand side, "activities", "Pantherette Clinic" *Online registration ends September 26th.*
- **Drop Off Registration** - Fill out the attached form, write a check to **Washington Pantherettes** and drop off at the front office of the high school in an envelope, labeled Lauren Metz or Pantherettes. *Drop-off forms must be received by September 26, 2024.*
- **Mail-in Registration** - Fill out the attached form, write a check to **Washington Pantherettes**, and mail to:
Washington High School Pantherettes
C/O Lauren Metz
115 Bondurant Street
Washington, IL 61571 *Mail-in forms must be received by September 26th.*
- **Walk-in Registration**- Arrive at the high school by 12:45 pm where forms will be available to fill out. You may write the check there. *Walk-in Registrants are not guaranteed a shirt or goody bag.*

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 lmetz@wacohi.net or ask a Pantherette dancer!

Pantherette "Paper" Clinic Registration 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

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 _____