

# The Shamrock



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## Upcoming Events

By: Ashley Diaz

- **October 21st-25th:** Community Week!
- **October 29th:** First Quarter Ends.
- **November 1st:** All Saints Day.
- **November 3rd:** Open House from 3pm-5pm.
- **November 4th:** Picture Day.
- **November 8th:** Harvest Dance from 6pm-10pm!
- **November 11th:** Veteran's Day. No school.
- **November 26th:** Dress Down Day, Pep Rally, and Parent-Teacher Conferences from 3pm-6pm.
- **November 27th-29th:** Thanksgiving Break.
- **November 28th:** Thanksgiving Day.
- **December 8th:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- **December 19th:** Dress Down Day.
- **December 20th-31st:** Christmas Break.
- **December 25th:** Christmas Day.



### DEACON RAYMOND'S CORNER

By: Jaylin Carty

Q: "What's the longest word in the English Language?"

A: "Smiles, because there is a mile between both the s's!"



Thank you, Deacon Raymond, for your warm and humorous contribution to the newspaper!

# Guidance Counselor

By: Cleia Monteiro

Saint Patrick Academy welcomes our new guidance counselor, Ms. Adam (picture on the right). She offers helpful advice and information to all students. Her door is open during school hours, and she is always happy to answer any questions. As a new member in the family, she shared a few things about herself.



Like any other staff in our school, Ms. Adam had to decide what her career would be. There is a point in our life where we must decide the path we want to take in our future. Ms. Adam explains when she decided to become a guidance counselor, by saying, "I had worked as a Human Resources Manager right after graduate school. I then decided to stay home when I started a family. I worked as a substitute teacher and realized I enjoyed working in a school. I saw an ad for a school counselor graduate program and realized it would be a perfect fit for me!" She attended Boston College for her undergraduate degree and Assumption College for her Master's in School Counseling.

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# Mix and Mingle

By: Fernando Ibanez

With the start of the new school year, the Student Council decided to greet the new students in a special way. On August 30th, the freshmen class and transfer students were welcomed by having an event called the Mix and Mingle. During the last period of the day, the students and faculty met in the gym to participate in group activities, that would help people to get to know each other. The students played: blow wind blow, sharks and minnows, and a hula hoop race.



During the activities, the students communicated with one another and started to feel more comfortable around their peers. It was a great welcoming event and extremely fun for new and older students. Freshman, Andy Barros, commented on his experience and stated that the Mix and Mingle was "a great event that helped me get to know other students and be able to interact with others from different cities and backgrounds." Andy, along with many other students, hope to see more events like this one in the future.

# Freshmen Retreat

By: Abisola Oladipo

Saint Patrick's has a tradition of having annual retreats for all four classes. They attend their own retreats to build up and strengthen the community within the class. For as long as one can remember, going to Mother of Hope Camp has belonged to the freshmen class. This retreat has always been nerve racking, but exhilarating. The freshmen class this year continued this tradition by going through the challenging



rope courses and exercises. This retreat is specifically designed as an ice breaker for the freshmen and an example of teamwork.



Krystal Valentine (picture on top right) described her experience and feelings about the retreat by saying, "it was really fun, and it helped me to get to know my classmates more." Sergio Espinoza (picture on left) also believed that while the "parkour course was challenging" he now feels more open and closer with his class. This retreat is specifically designed as an ice breaker for the freshmen and an example of teamwork. These types of retreats allow us to become more vulnerable and closer with our class.

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# Soccer

By: Angel Benitez

The school's soccer team is currently a club and often play scrimmages with other high schools. The team has faced North Providence High School with a 0-4 loss on their first game. Then, it faced Narragansett High School on the second scrimmage but lost 0-3. In a following match against Narragansett High School, the team demonstrated their progression with a hard, earned 1-1 tie.

In the words of Edwin Hernandez-Zanella, who plays as a defender, says, "Over the course of many practices, we have worked on refining our skills. Our first game with Narragansett High School was a 0-4 loss, but we took it as an opportunity to look at our mistakes and fix them. Later, we showed our capability of working together socially and improve as a team." Through teamwork and effort, the soccer team will surpass past losses and build unforgettable memories.

