



Shamrock News

1/25/19

Dear School Parents,

I wanted to let you know that I have been out sick pretty much the entire past two weeks with a severe sinus infection. I would like to offer my most sincere apologies if I have been slow to respond or if you have received information about something that is important at the last minute or if I may not have responded at all. Lord willing, I will be back to work on Monday and hopefully back to 100%; I will do my best to get caught up in a short amount of time.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hodge

Welcome New Staff: St. Patrick School would like to welcome two new faces you may have seen around school this week. We welcome Mrs. Amber Ingraham as our new middle school science teacher and Miss Celia Estival Monteliv as our kindergarten student teacher from Spain.

Congratulations: To senior Brandon Scheurer who was named as the Sports Scene Male Athlete of the Week last week. Brandon has also been named as finalist in his pursuit of winning a Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholarship.

Protecting God's Children: Ss. Peter and Paul in Ionia will be holding a Protecting God's Children session on Monday, February 18 at 6:00 pm. Please register online at www.virtus.org prior to the session. You must attend one of these sessions before you can volunteer or be a chaperone at St. Pats.

Dressing for the winter weather: Elementary students should wear boots to school every day from the Monday after Thanksgiving until March 4. This date may be extended based on the weather. When wearing skirts, girls should wear tights or snow pants for recess.

PTO February Meeting: The February meeting has been changed to Wednesday, February 13.

Subs are needed: We are always looking for substitute teachers for our school. Prospective candidates need to have 60 credit hours of college level classes. If you are interested or know someone who is interested please sign up through WillSub at willsub.com. We recently increased the full day payment to \$90 a day.



NHS Blood Drive

Our recent blood drive was a great success! We collected 49 units of blood when our goal was 41. Thank you to all our NHS members who made it a success and all who donated the gift of life! Don't forget to save the date for our next drive at the school on March 19th.



Catholic Schools Week

January 27 - February 2

ALOHA

Reminder to return your Shamrock Auction donation slip along with \$25 or a note of what you'll be donating. If you are unable to donate at this time, please return the slip and note it at the bottom. The Shamrock Auction is on April 27 at 6 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/shamrockauction>.



Calendar of Events



1/27-2/2 Catholic Schools Week - please see attached
1/27 Mass for Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off 9:30a
1/28 Bowling vs. Carson City @ Sheridan Lanes 3:30p
7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Bath 5p
1/29 Chess Club MS 2:30-3:40p
Chess Club Grades 3-5 3:50-5:00p
JV & Var. Boys BB vs. P-W @ PMS 6p
1/30 All School Mass for Catholic Schools Week 9:30a
5/6 Grade Girls BB @ St. Thomas 5p
JV & Var. Girls BB @ P-W 5:30p

1/31 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
Coding Club in room 200 2:20-3:45p
7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Dansville 5p
JV & Var. Boys BB @ Fowler 5:30p
2/1 Bowling vs. Potterville @ Meadow Bowl Lanes 3:30
JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Fowler @ PMS 6p
Middle School Dance in Cafeteria 7-10p
2/2 6/5 Grade Girls BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION



The Stewardship Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Stewards that give of their time, talents and treasure for the good of the Parish. All are welcome!

When: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Time: After 4:30 p.m. Mass

Where: St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Come enjoy some delicious food and get a chance to win a door prize while sharing in conversation and fellowship!

Also, the winners of the Youth Stewardship Contests will be announced.

School closing phone calls: Portland Public Schools has an automated phone system that automatically calls parents to inform them of school closings. St. Pat's students enrolled in shared time classes were automatically placed in their system. Calls will be made when Portland Public Schools will be closed. If the call is due to inclement weather, St. Pat's is automatically closed as well. Please be aware that there may be occasions when you may receive a call when it does not affect our students. For example, if St. Pat's is not in session and PPS cancels due to a snow day. Or PPS is closed for a reason that would not close St. Pat's such as a power outage. Please be conscious of what the closing is for and if it affects St. Pat's. Phone calls will go out to all people in their system. If you do not want to receive the phone calls, please call our office and we will have you removed from their system. If you do not receive a call, and would like to, let the office know and we can verify your phone number with PPS.

Label Contest

Turn in your labels to your teacher by:

Friday, February 8th

The class (grades DK-5 & 6-12)
with the most labels turned in
per student will win:

***Out of Dress Code Day, Hot Chocolate
and Brownies***



St. Michael School Winter Carnival

St. Michael School, 325 Edwards St., Grand Ledge, invites you to our Winter Carnival Celebration on Friday, February 1, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Family fun for all ages includes food, carnival games, crafts, entertainment from Bruno the Magician and a silent auction. \$5 to admit children. Adults and children 2 and under are free. Food available a-la-carte. All are welcome!

Catholic Schools Week (January 27-February 2, 2019)
Theme: "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Sunday, January 27, 2019:

- Come celebrate with us as we kick off Catholic School's Week at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Monday, January 28, 2019:

- Preschool – 12th treated to donuts as we kick off CSW
- Elementary school students (grades DK, 1-3) will celebrate with bowling (the rest will bowl on Friday)
- Student dress-up day: Comfy Day

Tuesday, January 29, 2019:

- Delegation of SPS students to attend Mass at St. Andrew Cathedral in Grand Rapids
- All students will pray a candlelight rosary led by our Campus Ministry team
- Student dress-up day: Duct Tape Day (out of dress code clothing allowed underneath duct tape)

Wednesday, January 30, 2019:

- Grades K-12 celebrate the Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. Mass
- All students celebrate the "Souper Bowl" by bringing a donation of canned/boxed goods
- Student dress-up day: Sunday Best (School appropriate clothing - no short skirts/dresses, no bare shoulders)

Thursday, January 31, 2019:

- Grades K-8 celebrate the Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Ice Cream/Popsicles will be served to all students at lunch
- Student dress-up day: Hat Day

Friday, February 1, 2019:

- High school students will celebrate with a pep assembly during 4th hour
- High school students treated to movies/games in the afternoon
- Middle school students treated to sledding in the afternoon (weather permitting)
- Middle school students will celebrate the end of CSW with a dance
- Elementary school students (grades K, 4 & 5) will celebrate with bowling (the rest will bowl on Monday)
- Student dress-up day: Shamrock Spirit Day – this will be a jean/spirit wear day for all students



PFCU St. Pats Shamrock School Branch News

Did you know that students who use the PFCU school branch get an extra advantage to win money?

Students who make a deposit at the school branch will be given a ballot giving them a chance to win \$50 deposited directly to their PFCU savings account! This is only for students who utilize the school branch, so the chances of winning are exceptional!

In addition to winning at school, students are also eligible to win the PFCU Monthly Youth Promotion that is available to all youth credit union wide. Prizes range from \$100 gift cards to Amazon and Dicks Sporting Good to Michigan's Adventure tickets. Each month is a new chance to win! Every student that makes a deposit into their account or opens a youth account at PFCU is automatically registered to win.

Seniors: PFCU has a scholarship that you don't want to miss applying for! Check out www.pfcu4me.com to download an application for the McCrumb Scholarship! Whether you're pursuing a traditional 4 year degree or a skilled trade, it's your chance to win \$1,000 towards your continued education!

If you are not already signed up to use the school branch please visit us on a Tuesday when we are open to see how you can start gaining the benefits associated with PFCU!

Thank you,
Maddy Shellberg
Education Specialist

Attention SPS Parents, Family & Friends!



SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, April 27 @ the Portland K of C Hall

Begins at 6:00 p.m

Tickets are \$20 / person

Don't miss this night of fun!

Tickets include delicious food, drinks, and entry into the Shamrock appreciation raffle, as well as a live and silent auction, raffles, 50/50, entertainment and more!

The Shamrock Auction fundraiser was implemented in 2003 in an effort to boost fundraising profits. It has become one of the largest fundraisers for the school with proceeds split 50/50 between the school and athletic association. With your help, we hope 2019 is the year we surpass \$1,000,000 in total funds raised to date.

To reach this goal, we are asking every St. Patrick School family to donate \$25 cash or an item that will bring at least that value at the auction. Please complete the donation commitment form attached at the bottom of this letter no later than Friday, March 1, 2019.

All donations can be turned into the School Office between the hours of 9:00-3:00 and must be dropped off by April 1, 2019.

Questions? Contact Mike or Ann Kissane @ kissanes@hotmail.com

As always, thanks for your continued support for St. Patrick School.

Mike & Ann Kissane and Jason & Jennifer Chamberlain, Shamrock Auction Co-chairs

Family Name:	Donation: Cash amount/description of item	Unable to donate