



# Shamrock News

2/22/19

**Calendar Information:** Please keep an eye on the newsletter, school website, parish calendar, and Facebook page for any information relating to dates and events being rescheduled due to the many snow days we've encountered this winter.

**Mass Change:** Please note we will have a change in the Mass schedule again for next week. Students in grades K – 8 will attend Mass on Wednesday, February 27 and high school students will attend Mass on Thursday, February 28.

**2019-20 Enrollment Information Coming Soon:** We are finalizing our enrollment letter for the upcoming school year and hope to have this important information in the mail by the end of next week.

**Scholarship Information Coming Soon:** Many of our school families applied for scholarship assistance through Smart Aid in the fall. This information will be coming out soon now that enrollment information has been prepared and approved for the upcoming school year.

**Monday, April 22:** Please be aware that Monday, April 22 will be a full day of school. It was previously scheduled as a No School Day but now we will be in session and follow our regular class schedule that day.

**Friday, June 7:** Please be aware that Friday, June 7 will now be a full day of school.

**Drama Club:** Drama Club for middle and high school students will begin soon. If your student is interested, please meet in Ms. Bennett's classroom during lunch on Monday, February 25. Information for Elementary Drama Club is coming soon.

## **Congratulations:**

- To our Students of the Month for December:

Lower Elementary: Patrick Austen  
 Upper Elementary: Ally Denney  
 Middle School: Joshua Snitgen  
 High School: Summer Russman

- To our Students of the Month for January:

Lower Elementary: Ethan Chamberlain  
 Upper Elementary: Naomi Hass  
 Middle School: Alexis Hilliard  
 High School: Anna Schasser

**Save the Day:** Grandparents Day has been scheduled for Thursday, May 23. More information to follow.

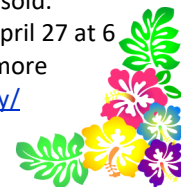
## Shamrock Pride

### **ALOHA**

The \$100 Big Kahuna Raffle tickets are almost sold out! Contact Ann Kissane at 517.604.1852 to secure your chance at the \$1,000 grand prize. Only 100 tickets will be sold. The Shamrock Auction is on April 27 at 6 p.m. in the Knights Hall. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/shamrockauction>.



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## **Calendar of Events**



2/22	Bowling Regional Team Tournament in Muskegan 9a 7/8 Grade Girls BB vs. Laingsburg @ SPS 5:30p JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Fulton @ PMS 6p	2/27	Heartland's Tour for 10th Grade 7:30a Mass for grades K-8 9:30a 6th Grade Girls BB @ Our Savior Lutheran 6p Var. Boys BB Tournament vs. Webberville @ Fowler 6p
2/23	Bowling Regional Individual Tourn. in Muskegon 8a 5/6 Grade Girls BB vs. St. Mary (Williamston) @ SPS 10a 2nd Grade Reconciliation 10a	2/28	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a Coding Club in room 200 2:20-3:45p JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p
2/25	6/5 Grade Girls BB @ St. Thomas 5:30p 7/8 Grade Girls BB vs. Bath @ SPS 5:30p JV & Var. Girls BB @ P-W 5:30p	3/1	Bowling MHSAA Finals @ Battle Creek Senior open campus lunch Var. Boys BB Tournament @ Fowler 7p
2/26	Chess Club MS 2:30-3:40p Chess Club Grades 3-5 3:50-5:00p 7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Dansville 5p PTO Meeting in room 115 6p	3/2	Bowling MHSAA Individual Finals @ Battle Creek 5th Grade Girls BB vs. St. Mary (Westphalia) @ SPS 10a 6th Grade Girls BB vs. St. Joseph (St. Johns) @ SPS 11:15a
		3/3	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p

## 30th Annual Right to Life of Michigan

### High School Oratory Contest

***You Are the Pro-Life Generation!***

***Speak Up! Speak Out! Speak Life!***

The Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund is sponsoring a High School Oratory Contest! There are cash prizes and the state winners will travel to S. Carolina this summer to compete in the national competition.

Contestants are to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on one of the four life issues below and make a 5-7 minute presentation to a panel of judges:

ABORTION, EUTHANASIA, INFANTICIDE, EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH/

HUMAN CLONING

Local Prizes - \$100 - \$50 - \$25

State Prizes - \$500 - \$300- \$200

Local contest will be held Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m. at the St. Patrick Parish Hall. State contest will be held Saturday, April 27, in the Lansing area.

**Application and typed speech must be received by the contest coordinator by Tuesday, March 5**

*For contest application and rules, contact contest coordinator: Pam Brown, 11744 Keefer Hwy., Portland, MI 48875 Ph: 517-647-7439*

*Email: [brownpambill@hotmail.com](mailto:brownpambill@hotmail.com) or look online:*

*[http://www.rtl.org/faith\\_school/oratory/oratorycontest.html](http://www.rtl.org/faith_school/oratory/oratorycontest.html)*

### Would you like to put your talents to work for St. Patrick School?

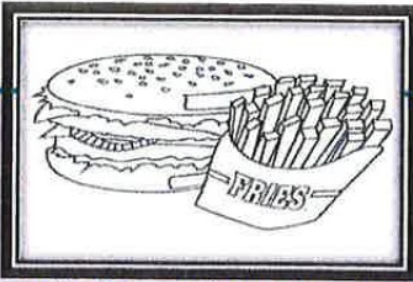
The school board is looking for nominees to help fill next year's board. We have openings for many of our subcommittees: development and admissions, finance, mission effectiveness, public relations/marketing, and strategic planning/policy.

Meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis and last about two hours. Committee work is done independently of board meetings and varies in time commitment.

The board consists of members from the parish at large including school parents, parishioners, alumni, and community members. Please fill out this form to nominate yourself or someone you know: <http://bit.ly/SPSschoolboardnomination>.

Questions may be directed to Annalise Laumeyer, board chair at [schoolboard@portlandstpats.com](mailto:schoolboard@portlandstpats.com).

Nominations will be accepted until March 15.



[Portland Community Fund Association](#)

*Neighbors helping Neighbors*

# **FLOOD RELIEF**

## **BURGER NIGHT**

At VFW Post 4090 - 1324 E Bridge St, Portland 517.647.4980

# **Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**3-8 pm**

**Cost \$10 - Burger, Fries & Dessert**

Sponsored by

**American Legion Post 129**

**VFW Post 4090**

Dinner donated by

Burger:	<b>Ox's Smoked Meats, Westphalia Sweet Carolina's BBQ, Lyons</b>
Buns:	<b>Tom's Food Center, Portland</b>
Fries:	<b>Portland Party Store, Portland</b>
Desserts:	<b>PCFA Board &amp; Neighbors</b>

**Live Music \* 50/50 Raffle \* Silent Auction  
Ice Jam Flood 2019 shirt sales**

**All proceeds benefit PCFA Disaster Relief**

PO Box 524, Portland 48875 - [www.portlandcommunityfund.org](http://www.portlandcommunityfund.org)

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](mailto: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

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

# Spring Classes Starting ... ...THURSDAY AFTERSCHOOL March 7!

*Program presented by New Expressions*

**Classes held at Westwood Elementary (Cafeteria) 883 Cross St.**

**Class will start at 4:15 PM to give everyone time to arrive at Westwood!**



Classes are \$7.50 per week. All ages for girls and boys!

Join a team, have some fun, and make new friends along the way! *Let your star shine!*

## Baton-Twirl Team

Registration and first class: THURSDAY, MARCH 7  
AT 4:15 PM!

Learn to twirl a baton and dance with twirling ribbons. We march in parades and perform too! *Be your best you!*



**Parents are invited to watch the first class!**

*We are excited to bring New Expressions Dance-Twirl to Portland! This spring will be a 10 week program, with classes returning in the fall:*

*All students will be invited to march in the **Downtown Grand Rapids St. Patrick's Parade March 16!** This will be our first parade of the year with many more to come including the **Portland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade!***

*Although our classes are mostly girls, boys are certainly welcome as well! We have two different uniforms for the parades. All parades are optional.*

**FOR INFORMATION:  
Call/Text (616) 328-4238  
Email [newexpressions.twirling@gmail.com](mailto:newexpressions.twirling@gmail.com)**

Please see registration form and class details on back.

## CLASS FEES

All classes are 40 minutes, 4:15 to 4:55 PM. This program will run for 10 weeks each Thursday afterschool, starting on March 7 and ending on May 30. There will be no class on March 21, April 4 & April 18. Classes are \$7.50 per week with a registration fee of \$4.50. **You may pay weekly** or in advance: ( $\$7.50 \times 10 \text{ weeks} = \$75.00 + \$4.50 \text{ Reg.} = \$79.50.$ ) We do accept credit & debit cards. Please make checks payable to New Expressions.

## EQUIPMENT FOR CLASS

Batons will be available for purchase at class. All prices include sales tax.

**BATONS** are \$25.00. You may also pay in 4 installments of \$7.00 on the first four weeks of class (\$28.00 total). Please note: These balanced batons are sized exactly for each student.



## PERFECT ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP CLASSES

Perfect attendance awards encourage accomplishment and achievement! All students with class perfect attendance will receive either a medal with a ribbon necklace, or a trophy depending how long they have attended. If you miss a class, you will have the opportunity to make it up.

## See you March 7!

Remember, all schools are welcome to join. Class start at 4:15 PM!

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(PLEASE PRINT) **BATON** (BRING FORM TO THE FIRST CLASS!)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_ PH# HOME ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL( ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ T

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