



Shamrock News

2/8/19

Important Announcement

Please be aware that we have reached 12 snow days and one two hour delay. To make up some of this time, we are cancelling the scheduled midwinter break and **school will be in session for a regular instructional day on Monday, February 18.** Please note that Portland Public School has also cancelled their midwinter break so busing will be available on this date. Don't forget to make this change to your personal calendars at this time.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Friday, February 15 from 12:30-4:00 pm. These conferences are optional unless one is specifically requested by a teacher. If we do not request a conference but you would like one, feel free to request one and a time will be given to you for that date. Information will be coming home with all elementary students soon. An email was sent to all secondary parents earlier this week.

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. Pat's.

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.

Monday Night Community Dinners: St. Patrick Church is in charge of getting student workers for the Monday Night Community Dinner at the First Congregational Church every second Monday of the month (September-May). The students will wash dishes, serve food, help carry trays for the elderly, and clean up. The dinner is from 4-6pm. No sign up is needed, just show up and help.

Friday, February 15

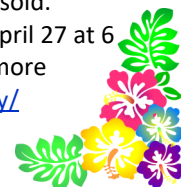
1/2 Day of School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Grades 6-12 = 7:30-11:25a, Grades DK-5 = 8:40-11:40a
No busing at dismissal. No afternoon Latchkey.
No am/pm preschool.

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>.



Calendar of Events



2/9	5/6 Grade Girls BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Fulton @ PMS 5:30p	No Mass - Rosary for grades K-8 9:30a Coding Club in room 200 2:20-3:45p	
2/10-11	Senior Class Trip to Boyne Mountain Resort	7/8 Grade Girls BB vs. Fulton @ SPS 5:30p	
2/10	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	JV & Var. Boys BB @ Bath 5:30p	
2/12	Chess Club MS 2:30-3:40p Bowling vs. P-W @ Fowler Lanes 3:30p Chess Club Grades 3-5 3:50-5:00p JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Dansville @ PMS 6p	2/15	1/2 Day of School - Parent/Teacher Conferences No busing at dismissal 6-12 11:25 DK-5 11:40 Personal Safety Presentation for Grades 6-12 9:30a Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-4p JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p
2/13	100th Day of School Celebration No Mass - Rosary for grades 9-12 9:30a 7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Bath 5p JV & Var. Girls BB @ Dansville 5:30p PTO Meeting in room 115 6p	2/16	2nd Grade Reconciliation 11a JV & Var. Boys BB @ Fowler 1:00p High School Winter Dance in Parish Hall 7-11p
2/14	Elementary Valentine Parties in the afternoon Heartland's Tour for sophomore class 7:30a	2/18	SCHOOL IN SESSION - busing available

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 or look online:

http://www.rtl.org/faith_school/oratory/oratorycontest.html

Label Contest

Turn in your labels to your teacher by:

Friday, February 15th

*(The date has been extended
due to all the snow days.)*

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***



Congratulations

To the stewardship contest winners.

Middle School Winners:

- 1st Place – Cozette Brown
- 2nd Place – Alexandria Bennett and Emma Honsowitz
- 3rd Place - Arianna FoxElster and Emily Snitgen
- Honorable Mention – Hayley Fleischer

Elementary School Winners:

- 1st Place – Braden Bozung and Logan Krieger
- 2nd Place – Marisa Weber, Kayla Weber and Paige Weber
- 3rd Place – Aiden Mosser and Gavin Groothuis
- Honorable Mention – Charlie Thelen and Auggie Teachworth
- Honorable Mention – Laynie Sherwood and Mattie Honsowitz

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/SPSchoolboardnomination>.

Questions may be directed to Annalise Laumeyer, board chair at schoolboard@portlandstpats.com.

Nominations will be accepted until March 15.

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