



Shamrock News

10/24/19

Gym floor update: The gym floor and bleacher installation should be completed by Saturday, October 26, with the gym back in service on Monday, October 28. It will have to be temporarily out of service for a few days in the future for the logo to be painted at center court.

Congratulations:

- To Tyler Coyne who was chosen as the St. Patrick September High School Student of the Month.
- Cozie Brown who placed 2nd team All CMAC in varsity cross country. She is the first female in school history (to our knowledge) to finish that high. Plus she is now the school record holder.
- To grades 5-8 volleyball teams on their seasons.
- To middle school cross country on their season. Congratulations to Tessa Roe on breaking her own school record.

Vision Screening: The Ionia County Health Department will be here on Mon., Oct. 28 to screen students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. If you have a child that you would like to be screened, please let the office know.

Hearing Screening: The Ionia County Health Department will be here on Wed., Oct. 30th to screen students in K, 2nd and 4th grades. If you have a child that you would like to be screened, please let the office know.

Hall Walking: Hall walking is open to the public starting November 5, 2019 through April 3, 2020 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on days that St. Patrick School is in session (full days of school only). You may enter the building using the center set of doors on West Street. **Hall walking is NOT available on Mondays when childrens faith formation classes are in session.**

On-line Spirit Wear Store: Hoodies and dress code polo shirts are now available online through Fabricated Customs. Visit this [link](#) to see what is available and/or place an order.

Friday, November 1 - All Saints Day Mass
Holy Day of Obligation

Grades 9-12 7:30am (arrive by 7:25 for attendance)
Grades K-8 9:30am

Halloween Parties: Elementary Halloween parties will take place in the afternoon on Oct 31, see classroom newsletters for details. The Halloween parade for parents is at 3:15pm. Students will walk from their classrooms to the gym, walk around the gym and walk back to their classrooms. Parents may view the parade in the gym or office hallway.

Halloween Costume Contest for Middle and High School Students:

Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed to wear a costume on Oct. 31. Middle school students will be allowed to change into their costume after Mass. Students will receive an out of dress code slip for the most creative, the funniest and best overall costumes. All costumes must be appropriate (Grandma approved, nothing gory or anti-Catholic) and must be an actual costume (not leggings/sweatpants and a t-shirt). **NO JEANS ALLOWED.**

Portland Community Fund Association Christmas Giving Program:

Applications for the Portland Community Fund Association's Christmas Giving Program are available in the school office, Portland City Hall, churches, library, and Tom's Pharmacy. Any family residing in the Portland School District that may need assistance or anyone who knows of someone who could use the extra assistance should fill out an application. For more information call Lisa Balderson 517-930-1651 or Sandy Klein 517-526-0529.

Scrip Credits: Scrip credits have been posted to student tuition accounts for the period of June 8-September 30, 2019.



Calendar of Events



10/25 No School - Staff Professional Development Day
End of 1st Quarter
Var. Cross Country Regionals @ DeWitt
Var. Football vs. Burr Oak @ PHS 7p

10/26 Var. Volleyball CMAC @ Potterville

10/28 ICHD Vision Screening for grades 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9

10/29 Michael James Mette Concert for high school 10a
PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch
Michael James Mette Concert for middle school 12p
Michael James Mette Concert for the Parish 6p

10/30 ICHD Hearing Screening for grades KG, 2 & 4

Mass with Fr. Durkee Grade 9-12 9:30a
QuizBowl @ SPS 4:30p
Fr. & JV Volleyball @ Jackson Northwest 5p

10/31 Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a
Elementary Halloween Parties
Elementary Halloween Parade 3:15

11/1 All Saints Day Mass grades 9-12 7:30a
All Saints Day Mass grades K-8 9:30a

11/2 Var. Cross Country Finals @ MIS
Football Regionals

11/3 Athletic Association Meeting in Room 216 6p

St. Patrick School Board—Policy & Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chair and Other Committee Members Needed

The St. Patrick School Board is currently looking for nominees to help co-chair the Policy & Strategic Planning Committee. The Policy & Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for updating and maintaining the School Handbook, various policies, and the Strategic Plan for the school. Board 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 current board consists of members from the parish at large including school parents, parishioners, alumni, and community members.

All Board committees are also looking to add additional members to their groups. Below you will find a list of each committee that makes up the School Board. Being a member of a committee will result in meeting just with your committee, so the bi-monthly board meetings are not required.

- Policy & Strategic Planning
- Mission Effectiveness
- Marketing & Communications
- Development, Admissions & Enrollment
- Finance

If you are interested in the Policy & Strategic Planning Committee co-chair position and/or being a member of one of our various committees, please fill out this form to nominate yourself or someone you know: <http://bit.ly/SPSchoolboardnomination>. If you are interested in being a member of a committee, please specify which committee you are interested in when filling out the form.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please reach out to Melissa Schrauben, Board Chair at schoolboard@portlandstpats.org.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

FEATURING THE “YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIR”

Calling all singers grades 3 thru college to help us celebrate the
4:00pm Christmas Eve Liturgy.

Practices are held in the music room of the school—Room 304
(access thru the cafeteria entrance)

Mark the following dates and times:

NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23 AND DEC 7 from 10:00—11:30am

DECEMBER 14 AND 21 from 10:00—Noon

We will sing on Tuesday, December 24th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Questions? call Therese Jandernoa 517-526-0406





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Faculty, Staff, and Students
Cordially Invites You to our annual ...*

Veterans' Day

Observance

Monday, November 11, 2019

10:00 AM

School Gymnasium

Cookies and Coffee reception

following in the Parish Hall

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St. Patrick Catholic School, 122 West St Portland, Michigan 48875 (517)-647-7551

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!



Michael James Mette Concert

Join us on Tuesday, October 29th for a concert featuring MJM7. MJM7 is a Catholic family band comprised of Michael James Mette and 4 of his daughters: Gabriella (15), Trinity (14), Charity (12), and Cecilia (10) who join him on stage. The Mette's gifts of music, joy, & family life offer the boldness and innocence of youth with the wisdom and depth of lived experiences. The events fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing, and an invitation to prayer. The music is uplifting without being preachy, creating an environment that is engaging without being confrontational. The concert empowers all ages to pray more fully and worship more freely. Bring a friend! You won't want to miss this unique event. The concert is free, donations are accepted.

10:00 am with high school students
12:00 pm with middle school students
6:00 pm for the Parish
In the Parish Hall



Holiday Wreath Sale



It's that time of year again! Students going on the Foreign Language Trip during the summer of 2021 are selling wreaths to help fund their overseas travel. The wreaths are all handmade from Fraser Fir at Korson Tree Farm in Sidney, MI. These beautiful wreaths will look fantastic hanging on your door, business, or barn! There is a wide variety of wreath sizes including 50' roping available if you are interested! Order forms and money are due on November 4th. Wreath pick up will be at the Scheurer Farm (3861 E Peck Lake Rd, Ionia) tentatively scheduled for Nov. 26. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick School.

Prices:	10" -- \$18	20" -- \$36	48" -- \$75
	12" -- \$22	30" -- \$55	54" -- \$95
	16" -- \$30	36" -- \$65	50' Roping -- \$45