



Shamrock News

11/14/19

Congratulations: Congratulations on a fine performance in the Portland Community Play *The Wizard of Oz* to the following students: Veronica White, Simon White, Francis Austen and Maria Austen. If you haven't seen it yet, shows are Nov. 15 & 16.

Semi Finals Football Game: St. Pat's will be playing Climax-Scotts at 1:00 at Portland High School this Saturday, Nov. 16. NO PASSES will be accepted. Admission fee is \$7.00.

Gym Will Be Closed: The gym floor will need to be off-line Wednesday, November 27th through Thanksgiving break to paint center court.

Please Dress for the Weather: Cold weather is upon us and we require K-5 grade students to go outside for recess. Please wear boots, winter coats, hats, gloves, tights and snowpants.

Blood Drive: The National Honor Society is holding a blood drive on Tuesday, Nov. 26 in the Parish Hall from 10:30a-5p.

Annual Food Drive: Our annual can/box food drive will be on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Please send in a non-perishable item with your child.

Adult Volunteers Needed: We are looking for adult volunteers to help at Chess Club. Volunteers are needed from 2:30-5pm on Tuesdays beginning in January. You must be Virtus trained.

Virtus Training for Volunteers: Virtus training can now be completed online for our volunteers. If you would like to chaperone a field trip or help in the school, please go to virtus.org. Choose first-time registrant on the left side of the website. Paid positions at St. Patrick School must take the training in person.

Shoebboxes: We are collecting shoebboxes for a Christmas Service Project. Please send them in by Nov. 22. Thank you.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for grades K-8. Entry forms were sent home last week and are due back by Nov. 21st.

Friday, November 15 - No School

Opening day of firearms deer season

Wed., Nov. 27 - Sun., Dec. 1 - No School

Thanksgiving Break

Save the Date: Our Annual Elementary Christmas Program will take place on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 2p & 6p in the gym.

Jean and Spirit Wear Day: Friday, Nov. 22 is a jean and spirit wear day for all students.

Out of Dress Code Day: Tuesday, Nov. 26 will be an out of dress code day for all students.

Gym Shoes: We have a new gym floor, now let's protect it. Please wear clean, rubber soled tennis shoes to gym class. You may wear tennis shoes to school however, they must be clean for class. No heels, flats or boots will be allowed in gym class.

Smart Aid Applications: Just a reminder that the deadline for the first round of scholarships for 2020-21 is due on December 19th. Information was emailed to all families on Oct. 18th. The application and instructions are available on the website under Tuition/Scholarships.

Hall Walking: Hall walking is now open to the public 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.**

PTO Wine Tasting

Thursday, November 21



Calendar of Events



11/15	NO SCHOOL—Opening day of firearms deer season	11/22	Jean and spirit wear day
11/16	5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. Our Savior Lutheran @ SPS 10a Football Semi Final vs. Climax-Scotts @ PHS 1p		Open Campus Lunch for Seniors Middle School Dance in Parish Hall 7-10p (backup 12/6)
11/18	7/8 Grade Boys BB @ P-W 5p	11/23	Football Finals in Marquette
11/19	PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch	11/25	Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast in Parish Hall 11a
11/20	Mass for Grades 9-12 9:30a 5/6 Grade Boys BB @ St. Thomas 6p FAFSA Workshop in Parish Hall 7p	11/26	All students out of dress code Community Service Day - Details to follow Annual Food Drive - bring nonperishable food item NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30a-5p PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch
11/21	Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a 7/8 Grade Boys BB vs Laingsburg @ SPS 5:30p PTO Wine Tasting at the Wagon Wheel 6:30p	11/27-12/1	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

FAFSA Completion Workshop

November 20th, 2019

7:00 pm

St. Pats Parish Hall

College can be expensive! Make sure your student doesn't miss out on those federal grants...can you say free money? The FAFSA application also helps students qualify for federal loans if needed. This workshop is for seniors and their parents to receive basic information on the FAFSA, ask any questions, and complete the FAFSA application. The sooner the application is finished, the better chance your student will have to receive more funds.

Darcy Kampfschulte from the financial aid office at Aquinas will be joining us. An important list of things to bring will be posted in an upcoming newsletter and the school Facebook page!

Applications with the Counselor

Tuesday - Fridays

7:00 - 7:30 am

1:30 - 2:40 pm

Room 205

Does your student have questions about college, job, FAFSA, or scholarship applications? Encourage them to join Mrs. Garcia in room 205 before and after school!

Academy Night

November 25, 2019

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Gerald R. Ford Museum

303 Pearl Street NW

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

Are you interested in learning more about the nation's service academies? Liaison officers from all five service academies have been invited. Each will provide a presentation and provide information tables where students can ask questions.

Ave Maria Fall Fest

November 23, 2019

5:30 pm

Domino's Farms, Ann Arbor

Learn about scholarship opportunities! This is a free event but registration is due by November 18th at avemariafoundation.org

UPCOMING:

***Classroom counselor lessons based on mental health survey results (6th - 12th grade).**

***Senior meetings with the counselor.
*Lunch Bunch (K-5)**