



Shamrock News

11/21/19

No Newsletter: Please note since next week is only a two-day school week, there will be no newsletter. We wish all our school families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Congratulations:

- To the football team on making it to the State Championship Football Game this Saturday.
- To Samee Teachworth for being Heartlands November Student of the Month.
- To Cozie Brown who was named as The Portland Beacon October Student-Athlete of the Month for cross country.
- To Grace Heins for her part in the Children’s Ballet Theatre presentation of “The Nutcracker.”

State Championship Football Game: St. Pat’s will be playing Pickford at 2:00 at NMU Superior Dome in Marquette, MI this Saturday, Nov. 23. Admission fee is \$10.00.

Gym Will Be Closed: The gym will to be closed Wednesday, November 27th through Thanksgiving break to paint center court. There is no access to the gym during this time.

Christmas Program: Our Annual Christmas Program for grades PS-5 will take place on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 2p & 6p in the gym.

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

Jean and Spirit Wear Day: Friday, Dec. 6 & 13 are jean and spirit wear days for all students.

Christmas Festive Wear Day: Elementary students will be allowed to dress in Christmas festive clothing on Friday, Dec. 20.

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

Friday, Nov. 22 - No School
Football State Championship Game in Marquette Nov. 23

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

Recess Reminder: Elementary students are outside for recess unless the weather prohibits, as outlined below:

- Wind chill 10°F and higher: students will have recess at Alton Park.
- Wind chill 0-9°F: students will have recess in the parking lot.
- Wind chill below 0°F: students will remain indoors.
- Raining: students will remain indoors.
- Recess location is subject to change at the discretion of supervising teachers.

Please Dress for the Weather: We cannot stress how important it is to have your students dressed appropriately for the weather. This means elementary students are required to have boots, snow pants, winter jackets, gloves and hats. It is recommended to bring them daily.

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

Get the Remind App: Don’t miss out on important reminders and emergency information. For grades PS-8 text 81010 with the message @4464h2. For high school text 757.847.9886 with the message @793fhh. You can also receive them via email by going to remind.com. This app allows you to receive the messages in real time for emergencies and general information.



Go Shamrocks!



Calendar of Events



11/23	Football State Championship vs. Pickford @ Marquette 2p	6th Grade Boys BB @ IHM 5p	
11/25	Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast in Parish Hall 11a	12/4	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
11/26	All students out of dress code	7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5:30p	
	Community Service Day - details on the next page	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Lansing Christian 6p	
	Annual Food Drive - bring nonperishable food item	12/5	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
	NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30a-5p		Christmas Program PS-5 in the Gym 2p & 6p
	PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch	12/6	Jean and spirit wear day
	7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. Fulton @ SPS 5:30p		Open Campus Lunch for Seniors
11/27-12/1	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break - Gym Closed	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Webberville @ PMS 6p	
12/2	7/8 Grade Boys BB @ Bath 5p	Middle School Dance in Parish Hall 7-10p (rescheduled)	
12/3	CPR/First Aid Training for Seniors	12/7	QuizBowl League Tournament @ Laingsburg 9a
	Freshman/Sophomore Retreat in Parish Hall 7:30-2:20		5th Grade Boys BB vs. St. Thomas @ SPS 10a
	PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch		6th Grade Boys BB vs. St. Joseph (SJ) @ SPS 11:15a
	Kindness Assembly for Grades K-8 in Gym 1p	12/8	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6p

Zeke Has Retired: Zeke has retired from the PALS (Pet Assisted Learning Services) and will no longer be visiting our classrooms.

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.

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.

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 children's faith formation classes are in session.**

2019 Winter Exam Schedule

Secondary Schedule (Grades 6-12)

Monday, December 16: Regular full day of school

Tuesday, December 17:

7:30 - 11:07	Regular morning school day schedule
11:37 - 12:09	5th hour class
12:12 - 12:44	6th hour class
12:50 - 2:20	7th Hour Exam

Wednesday, December 18:

7:30 - 9:00	1st Hour Exam
9:10 - 10:40	2nd Hour Exam - No busing at 10:40 am

Thursday, December 19:

7:30 - 9:00	3rd Hour Exam
9:10 - 10:40	4th Hour Exam - No busing at 10:40 am

Friday, December 20:

7:30 - 8:50	5th Hour Exam
9:00 - 10:20	6th Hour Exam
10:30 - 11:30	All School Mass - No busing at 11:30 am

Grades 6-12 dismisses immediately following Mass and Grades K-5 dismiss at 11:40a on Dec. 20. Busing is available for elementary students at dismissal.



Fr. Peter Vu's new book: Feel free to check out Fr. Peter Vu's new book "**Inspiration Coffee & Wisdom Tea: Daily Delights at the Divine Coffeehouse**" on www.barnesandnoble.com, www.amazon.com, www.ReverendPeterVu.com, www.FatherPeterVu.org. It's a great gift

for yourself or your family & friends. Don't forget to pass on a few good words about it by mouth or social media.



Day of Giving Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Kindergarten through 12th grade students will work in Big Rock/Little Rock groups doing the following activities:

- Food Drive - nonperishable items will be collected and delivered to a local food bank by the Student Council.
- Make baby fleece tie blankets.
- Make baby fleece hats.
- Write a letter to Santa. (Macy's \$1 donation)
- Wrap shoeboxes and divide up a list of items to bring in December to fill the boxes.
- Make Thanksgiving Cards for local nursing homes. The National Honor Society officers will deliver them in the afternoon.
- Blood Drive - sponsored by the National Honor Society.

The cost of the fleece blankets and baby hats was covered by school families who sent in monetary donations this week. Thank you for your generosity.