



Shamrock News

11/8/19

Congratulations:

- To the varsity volleyball team on a great season.
- To Samantha Smith (9th grade) for winning a Lansing Board of Water and Light Trivia Contest for careers in energy.
- To Rhiannon Pohl who had her poem "The Storm Inside" published in the Live Poets Society of New Jersey's publication entitled American High School Poets: Of Faith and Love.

Regional Finals Football Game: St. Pat's will be playing Kinde North Huron at 1:00 at Portland High School this Saturday, Nov. 9. NO PASSES will be accepted. Admission fee is \$6.00.

Veterans Day Assembly: We will be honoring Veterans on Monday, Nov. 11 at 10am. Students are encouraged to invite Veterans to our assembly from outside as well as in the Portland area. We will begin in the gym for the assembly with a cookie and coffee reception following in the Parish Hall.

Veterans Day: Students may wear patriotic clothing from the waist up on Monday, Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

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 virtue trained.

Shoebboxes: We are collecting shoeboxes 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 are being sent home this week and are due back by Nov. 21st.

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

Friday, November 15 - No School
Opening day of firearms deer season

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.

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

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.

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.**



Calendar of Events



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| 11/9 | Football Regional Finals vs. Kinde North Huron @ PHS 1p 5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. St. Joseph (Pewamo) @ SPS 10a | 11/13 | Mass for Grades 9-12 9:30a QuizBowl @ PW 4:30p PTO Meeting in room 115 6p |
| 11/11 | Veterans Day Assembly in gym 10a Veterans Day Reception in Parish Hall 11a 7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. Fulton @ SPS 5:30p | 11/14 | Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a 7/8 Grade Boys BB @ Fowler 5p |
| 11/12 | PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch 5/6 Grade Boys BB @ St. Gerard 6p | 11/15 | NO SCHOOL—Opening day of firearms deer season |
| | | 11/16 | Football Semi Finals 5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. Our Savior Lutheran @ SPS 10a |

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.



*The St. Patrick Catholic School
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

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

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Christmas Choir needs YOU!



WHO: ALL SINGERS Grade 3 thru College

WHERE: MUSIC ROOM – enter thru Cafeteria

WHEN: NOV 2, 9, 16, 23 and DEC 7 ~ 10am – 11:30am
DEC 14 and DEC 21 ~ 10am – NOON

WHY: TO SING AT THE 4:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
Questions? Call Therese Jandernoa @ 647-6505 X423

**NOTE: College Age Singers must have attended a
Protecting God's Children Awareness Session**

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)**



STATE LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

COMMUNITY NOMINATIONS

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Gain new skills and inspiration to lead change

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HOBY SEEKS STUDENTS WHO ARE:

- Outstanding communicators
- Critical thinkers
- Creative problem solvers
- Strong decision makers
- Sensitive to others
- Have the courage to speak out and challenge
- Have an interest in community service & leadership
- Want to make a difference

NOMINATE A STUDENT TODAY!



Dates, locations and the nomination form can be found by visiting:
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