



Shamrock News

12/6/19

Congratulations: To the High School Student of the Month for October, Payton Russman.

Jean and Spirit Wear Day: Friday, Dec. 13 is a jean and spirit wear day for all students.

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

Toys For Tots: St. Patrick NHS will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children in need in our community in partnership with the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. When you are out shopping give thanks by helping us give every child a Merry Christmas. A collection box will be available outside the school office through December 12th. Also, watch ABC 13 each morning to see how many toys we have collected!

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.

Blood Drive: The St. Patrick Catholic School National Honor Society hosted a blood drive before Thanksgiving as part of our schoolwide Day of Giving. We were able to collect 32 units of blood. Thank you to all who donated and also to all our excellent NHS members who represented our school so well! Our next blood drive at SPS is scheduled for January 21st.

Friday, Dec. 13 - No afternoon busing
Portland Public Schools - morning only

- 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, or keep a spare pair here.

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.

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.

Come, Come Emmanuel



Calendar of Events



12/6	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Webberville @ PMS 6p Middle School Dance in Parish Hall 7-10p (rescheduled)	12/11	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a 5/6 Grade Boys BB @ St. Mary Westphalia 6p JV & Var. Girls BB @ P-W 6p PTO Meeting in room 115 6p
12/7	QuizBowl League Tournament @ Laingsburg 9a 5th Grade Boys BB vs. St. Thomas @ SPS 10a 6th Grade Boys BB vs. St. Joseph (SJ) @ SPS 11:15a	12/12	Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a 7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5:30 JV & Var. Boys BB @ Webberville 5:30p
12/8	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6p	12/13	Jean and spirit wear day No busing at dismissal (PPS AM only) Toys for Tots Promotion @ ABC 13 Studio 5:15a Mental Health Pie Assembly grades 6-12 in gym 10:15a Open Campus Lunch for Seniors JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Saranac @ PMS 6p
12/9	Advent Wreath Lighting in the gym 1:20p Bowling @ Potterville 3:30p 7/8 Grade Boys BB @ Potterville 5p	12/14	5th Grade Boys BB vs. St. Mary Westphalia @ SPS 10a 6th Grade Boys BB vs. Resurrection @ SPS 11:15a
12/10	Mental Health Speaker Grades 6-12 in gym 8a PFCU - Student Branch during elementary lunch JV Boys BB @ Vestaburg 5:30p School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p		

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.



Take a look at the growing number of items in the lost and found in the elementary hallway. There are hats, gloves, water bottles, bowls, sweatshirts, jewelry, etc. Items that remain on December 20th will be donated to the uniform sale or local charity.

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.





Mental Health Awareness Week

December 9th—13th

6th-12th grade

Each day will represent a different area of mental health. Students will learn about each topic in the morning announcements and participate in either a lunch time activity or assembly to bring awareness of the importance of mental health. Students can wear a t-shirts with the special color of the day. Uniforms will be required from the waste down.

Monday: Depression (**BLUE**)

Tuesday: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) (**RED**)

Wednesday: ADD/ADHD (**YELLOW**)

Thursday: Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) (**GREEN**)

Friday: Anxiety (**PINK**)

...and now to the fun part! Mrs. Garcia will be counting students who participate. There will be a first, second, and third place winner to “pie” teachers and staff in the face. Students will choose their own representatives.

1st: 10 pies

2nd: 5 pies

3rd: 2 pies

Teachers and Staff who can be “pied”

Principal Hodge	Miss Bennett	Mrs. Garcia	Mr. Smith	
Mrs. Antaya	Mr. Austen	Mrs. Martin	Principal Smith	Mr. Rocky

PreACT Dates

Freshmen: January 9th, 2020

Sophomores: January 7th, 2020

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January 5, 2020, 8:30-1:00
Room 208

Use Parish Hall entrance.

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Save the Date!

St. Patrick School Open House

Are you or is someone you know interested in an alternative, faith-based education for your children?

Meet the principals and teachers, take a guided tour of the school, talk to school families.

Sunday, March 1, 2020
Following the 11:30 Mass
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

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