



Shamrock News

1/17/20

Important Security Announcement

Childcare: For parents who use before and after school childcare, please note that door #6 will only be unlocked from 7:00 – 7:30 a.m. Any other time you are dropping off or picking up a child from childcare, you will need to use the security system that is in place. This means you will need to press the button and look in the camera so the childcare supervisor can identify you before letting you in the building to drop off or pick up your child.

Bus Riders Grades 6-12: Any student in grades 6-12 who ride the bus to school and arrive before 7 a.m. should use door #6 and follow the above procedure to enter.

Please note this will be in effect beginning Monday, January 13, 2020.

Afterschool Hall Walking: Effective, January 13, 2020, hall walking will take place from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday when school is in session for a full day. We are sorry if this causes any inconveniences. The time has been changed for security purposes.

Congratulations:

- To Leah Kissane for being Heartlands January Student of the Month.
- To the 7/8 grade boys basketball team for a great season.
- To the 6th grade boys basketball team for a great season and winning the CYL Tournament.
- To the 5th grade boys basketball team for a great season.

All School Open House: The Open House will take place on Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 12:30-2:00pm. We are asking all school families to invite a family that does not currently attend St. Pat's to the Open House. If a current family invites a family to the Open House and they enroll, that family will receive out of dress code slips. If the new family stays for a full year and enrolls the following year, the referring family will receive a \$300 credit towards tuition. Does not apply for preschool. Both parties must sign a Student Referral Form.

Monday, January 20
No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Preschool and Kindergarten Open House: The Open House will take place on Sunday, March 1. Please meet in the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m. for a short presentation. Teachers will be available to answer any questions. This Open House replaces the evening Open House.

St. Pat's High School Career Planning Class needs you! Students love guest speakers and would like to hear from a variety of professions and from current college students. If you are willing to share your educational or occupational journey with us, or if you have tips for life after high school, please contact Anne Bennett at annebennett@portlandstpats.org or 517-647-7551 ext. 217.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Friday, February 14. Information was emailed to parents of secondary students last week and are in the Friday folders for elementary students this week.

National Honor Society Blood Drive: The St. Patrick NHS is holding a blood drive on Tuesday, January 21, in the Parish Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adult Volunteers Needed for Chess Club: Volunteers are needed from 2:30-5 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning in January. You must be Virtus trained. Please contact Mrs. Smith if interested.

**In the event of a snow day,
the entire St. Patrick campus is closed.**

**This includes the school, church and parish office.
All Masses, meetings, games and practices will be canceled.**



Calendar of Events



1/17	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p	1/22	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
1/19	Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest in gym 12:30p		Bowling @ Carson City 3:30p
1/20	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		Drama Club Grades 3-12 room 304 3:45-4:45p
	Bowling @ Central Montcalm 3:30p		JV & Var. Boys BB @ Fulton 6p
	JV & Var. Boys BB @ Morrice 5:30p		JV & Var. Girls BB @ Morrice 6p
1/21	NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30a-5p	1/23	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
	PFCU - Student Branch during elementary lunch		7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Fowler 5p
	7/8 Grade Girls BB vs. Fulton @ SPS 5:30p	1/24	Jean and spirit wear day
	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Fulton @ PMS 6p		4/5 Grade GeoBee Preliminary Round in Parish Hall 3:30p
		1/26	Catholic Schools Week begins

Benefit for Charlene (Kahle) King

St. Mary Cathedral Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a benefit for Charlene, SPS class of 1990, on Sunday, January 19, 2020.

Charlene is undergoing surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation treatments for cancer. Her copay medical costs have exceeded \$8,000.00 and are ongoing.

There will also be a silent auction, bake sale and 50/50 raffle at the breakfast. Breakfast will be served after the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses at St. Mary Cathedral, 229 Seymour St., Lansing, MI. If you have any questions or would like to donate items to the silent auction or bake sale, please call Fran Kahle (Charlene's mom) at 517-647-6142.



Entry and raffle tickets for the 18th annual Shamrock Auction on April 25th are available for purchase online at bidpal.net/shamrockauction2020. Raffle tickets are capped at varied amounts, so buy them early!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: Boys and Girls ages 9-14 are invited to take part in the Knights of Columbus Council 2168 free throw contest on Sunday, January 19, 2020, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the St. Patrick gym. Please call Rex Waltersdorf if you have questions at 517-420-8932.

Catholic Schools Week (January 26 - February 2, 2020)

Theme: "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Monday, January 27, 2020:

- Preschool – 12th treated to donuts as we kick off CSW
- Student dress-up day: Comfy Day - no jeans

Tuesday, January 28, 2020:

- Delegation of SPS students to attend Mass at St. Andrew Cathedral in Grand Rapids
- All students will pray a candlelight rosary
- Student dress-up day: Dress up as a Teacher - no jeans

Wednesday, January 29, 2020:

- Grades K-12 celebrate the Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. Mass
- All students celebrate the "Souper Bowl" by bringing a donation of canned/boxed food
- Student dress-up day: Sunday Best - school appropriate clothing, no short skirts/dresses, no bare shoulders, no flip flops

Thursday, January 30, 2020:

- Ice Cream/Popsicles will be served to all students at lunch
- Student dress-up day: Favorite Color Head-to-Toe - no jeans

Friday, January 31, 2020:

- Guest Speaker Dr. David Den Braber to speak to students in grades 6-12
- Middle and High school students will celebrate with a pep assembly
- Middle and High school students treated to movies/games in the afternoon
- Elementary school students will celebrate with bowling
- Student dress-up day: Shamrock Spirit Day – this will be a jean/spirit wear day for all students

Sunday, February 2, 2020:

- Come celebrate with us as we end Catholic School's Week at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, February 8, 2020:

- High School students celebrate Catholic School's Week with a semi-formal dance

2020 STEWARDSHIP ART PRIZE

The St. Patrick's Stewardship Committee is sponsoring an "art prize" competition for all middle school youth of the parish. The winners will be announced at the Stewardship Celebration on February 1, 2020 in the Parish Hall following 4:30 p.m. Mass.

First Place - \$100.00/per team
Second Place - \$50.00/per team
Third Place - \$25.00/per team

Teams may consist of 1-2 people per entry. The entry may be a sculpture, collage, painting, poem, drawing, etc., portraying stewardship. Use your imagination!!!! Be sure to include the entry form with your submission. All entries must be turned in to the Parish Office or Mrs. Weems's classroom (SPS Room 100) by Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Faith Formation students may drop off their project after class in SPS Room 100 or turn in to Mrs. Lori Thelen. Any questions about drop offs, call Lisa Lehnert at (517) 526-0322.

Entry Form for 2020 Stewardship Art Prize competition

Name(s) _____ Grade _____

Parent's name(s)

Parent's email(s)

Description of project (or identifying picture attached to entry form)

2020 STEWARDSHIP POSTER CHALLENGE

The St. Patrick's Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a poster challenge for all 4th and 5th grade students of the parish. The winners will be announced at the Stewardship Celebration on February 1, 2020 in the Parish Hall following 4:30 p.m. Mass.

**First Place - \$25.00/per person
Second Place - \$15.00/per person
Third Place - \$10.00/per person**

Poster theme: "Stewardship is....."

Posters must be on 22" x 28" poster board. Posters are to be designed by teams of two. The poster may consist of a drawing, picture collage, painting, poem, etc. Use your imagination!!!! Be sure to include the following for each student: name, grade and parent's email on the back of the poster. All entries must be turned in to the Parish Office or Mrs. Weems's classroom (SPS Room 100) by Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Faith Formation students may drop off their project after class in SPS Room 100 or turn in to Mrs. Lori Thelen. Any questions about drop offs, call Lisa Lehnert at (517) 526-0322.

Portland St. Patrick Catholic School All-School Open House



Sunday, March 1, 2020
12:30 — 2:00 p.m.
122 West St., Portland, MI

Please enter through the main office doors, off of Church Street.

All families of students in preschool and/or kindergarten should meet in the parish hall at 1:00p.m. for a short presentation on our multi-age classes. Teachers will be available to answer any questions.

- Explore academic and extracurricular opportunities
- Meet school staff
- Review scholarship options
- Talk with current families
- Learn more about our school where a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is encouraged

Why St. Patrick Catholic School? Earn college credits through dual enrollment classes both on and off our campus • Leading standardized test scores • STEAM curriculum

- Inclusive clubs, activities and athletic teams for all students
- Safe and supportive environment
- Low staff turnover
- PS — 12 in one building

Join Our School Family — Now Enrolling!

Preschool — 12th grade

Find out more about St. Patrick Catholic School

517-647-7551

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We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

SAVE THE DATE

Shamrock Auction's Night of Pure Imagination

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, PORTLAND

Join us for a fun-filled night with good food, cold drinks, music, live and silent auction items, raffles and much more - all in support of our school and athletic association!

Let your imagination run wild as you enter the
SHAMROCK FACTORY!



Last year's Auction attendees bid on plenty of entertaining items: Detroit Tigers tickets, wine tours and "sign-up parties" - which included a seafood boil, pool party, a day at the lake and a fall hayride!