



Shamrock News

1/24/20

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. This does not apply to preschool. Both parties must sign a Student Referral Form.

Preschool and Kindergarten Open House: The Open House will take place in conjunction with the All School Open House 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 that we held in previous years.

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 and were sent home for elementary students in their Friday folders.

*Catholic Schools Week
January 26 - February 2*



Ballet Performance: Grace Maria Heins (5th grade) will be performing with her ballet company CBT (Children's Ballet Theatre) this Friday, January 24th at the Breslin Student Events Center for the Harlem Globetrotters half time show. The event starts at 7pm.

NHS Blood Drive: The St. Patrick NHS Chapter's recent blood drive was a great success! We exceeded our goal of 42 units of blood, collecting 51 units! Thank you to all who donated the gift of life, and to our outstanding NHS members for making the drive run smoothly. Our final blood drive of the school year is on March 24th.

Please note the following changes to our weekly school Mass schedule:

- Jan. 29 - all school CSW Mass at 9:30a
- Jan. 30 - no K-8 Mass
- Feb. 5 - High School Liturgy of the Hours at 9:30a
- Feb. 6 - K-8 Mass with Fr. Stephen Durkee (Dir. Of Priestly Vocations for Grand Rapids Diocese) at 9:30a



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

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



1/26	Catholic Schools Week begins		Drama Club Grades 3-12 room 304 3:45-4:45p
1/27	CSW - dress comfy day		JV & Var. Boys BB @ P-W 6p
	7/8 Grade Girls BB @ P-W 5p	1/30	CSW - dress in favorite color
1/28	CSW - dress up as a teacher		4-8 grade GeoBee in Parish Hall 2:20p
	Delegation of students attend Mass at St. Andrew		7/8 Grade Girls BB vs. Laingsburg @ SPS 5:30p
	Secondary Candlelight Rosary in gym 7:30a		JV & Var. Girls BB @ Fowler 6p
	Elementary Candlelight Rosary in gym 8:50a	1/31	CSW - dress shamrock super spirit jean day
	PFCU - Student Branch during elementary lunch		CSW bowling for grades K-5
	Chess Club (grades 6-8) 2:30 - 3:40p		CSW pep rally and movies/games for grades 6-12
	Chess Club (grades 3-5) 3:50 - 5:00p		Guest Speaker Dr. David Den Braber grades 6-12 9:30a
	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. P-W @ PMS 6p		Open Campus Lunch for Seniors
1/29	CSW - dress Sunday best, bring canned/boxed food		JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Fowler @ PMS 6p
	Mass - All School CSW Mass 9:30a	2/2	Celebrate Catholic Schools at Mass 9:30a

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



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

PortlandStPats.com



We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

Attention Family & Friends of St. Patrick School!



Saturday, April 25 @ the Portland Knights Hall
Begins at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$25 / person

Don't miss this night of fun!

Tickets include delicious food, drinks, and entry into the Shamrock appreciation raffle, as well as a live and silent auction, raffles, 50/50, entertainment and more!

The Shamrock Auction fundraiser was implemented in 2003 in an effort to boost fundraising profits. It has become one of the largest fundraisers for the school with proceeds split 50/50 between the school and athletic association. With your help, in 2019 we surpassed \$1,100,000 in total funds raised to date!

To ensure our success this year, please consider a cash, gift card, or item donation.

All donations can be turned into the School Office between the hours of 9:00-3:00 and must be dropped off by April 1, 2020. Questions? Contact Mike or Ann Kissane @ kissanes@hotmail.com

As always, thanks for your continued support for St. Patrick School.
Mike & Ann Kissane and Jason & Jennifer Chamberlain, Shamrock Auction Co-chairs

Name & contact number:	Donation:(Cash amount/description of item)
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