



Shamrock News

2/21/20

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.

Faith & Future Scholarship: Beginning fall 2020, every kindergarten, 6th grader, and 9th grader in the diocese will be eligible for this scholarship. You must complete the [scholarship application](#), subscribe to the [Catholic-Schools4U.org blog](#) and to the weekly newsletter from digital safety experts [Protect Young Eyes](#) and register at a catholic school before April 30, 2020. Registration information will be sent out soon.

Congratulations: To the Heartlands Student of the Month for February, Marisa Huggler.

Registration Information for 2020-2021: Registration letters were mailed to families on Friday. Please note that Emergency Records and Tuition Contracts will need to be returned by March 5, 2020.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 am Mass for grades 9-12 - students must be in class at 7:25 for attendance

9:30 am Mass for grades K-8

Elementary Dismissal: Students in grades K-5 who are walkers and ride the bus are dismissed with the first bell at 3:40pm. Students who are picked up are dismissed with the second bell at 3:45 pm.

Additional Reconciliation Times During Lent: Fr. Mike will be holding additional reconciliation times. Secondary students can attend after school on Fridays.

Every Friday: February 28 through April 3 at 2:30 pm

Every Tuesday: March 3 through March 31 at 5:00 pm

Every Saturday: February 29 through April 4 at 9 am and 3 pm

SHAMROCK AUCTION

ENTRY AND RAFFLE TICKETS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE ONLINE AT:

BIDPAL.NET/SHAMROCKAUCTION2020



APRIL 25, 2020



Calendar of Events



2/21	Smart Aid 2020-21 Deadline Round 2 JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Fulton @ PMS 6p	2/27	Drama Club Grades 3-12 room 109 3:45-4:45p No School Mass
2/22	Var. Girls BB vs. Potterville @ PMS 2:30p		5/6 Grade Girls BB @ IHM 6p
2/24	Civil War Assembly for grades 3-5 Room 209 10a Bowling vs. Carson City @ Meadow Bowl Lanes 3:30 7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Fowler 5p JV & Var. Girls BB @ Ashley 6p	2/28	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Laingsburg 6p Jean and spirit wear day Bowling Team Regionals in Grand Rapids 8a Stations of the Cross 10:20a Open Campus Lunch for Seniors
2/25	ACT for Juniors in Parish Hall 7:30a PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch Chess Club (grades 6-8) 2:30 - 3:40p Chess Club (grades 3-5) 3:50 - 5:00p 7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Bath 5p	2/29	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p Banner Presentation 1/2 time of varsity Boys BB game Bowling Individual Regionals in Grand Rapids 8a 5/6 Grade Girls BB vs. St. Mary (Westphalia) @ SPS 10a
2/26	Ash Wednesday Mass for grades 9-12 7:30a ACT with Accommodations 8:15a Mass for grades K-8 9:30a	3/1	Uniform Sale in room 208 8:30-1:00p School Open House 12:30-2p; PS & K Parish Hall 1p Athletic Association Meeting in room 216 6p
		3/6	NO SCHOOL - Staff professional day

New Security Camera: When arriving at the office entrance, there is a new security camera located right above the button you push to gain entrance (in the same device). Please look into this camera not the one in the ceiling corner. It is often hard to identify people in their winter hats and scarfs.

Save the Date: Grandparents Day for elementary students will be on Thursday, May 14.

From the Cafeteria: I have made the decision to stop involving the elementary teachers in sending home lunch balances. We have an online service called "Send Money to School" that can be used to monitor your student's account. You will need your students ID number to register and I am more than happy to provide that to you if you do not have it. With this service you can also make payments online if you choose (there is a fee to do so). If you would like to continue to send cash or checks to school that is fine as well. I know online and in the news we have seen instances where students have been "shamed" for having a negative balance on their lunch account. Our system is set up to be a debit program as opposed to a credit Program, but I do understand that life happens and every now and then we all get a little behind. I have never, and will not ever, shame a child nor not feed a child. I will however reach out to you, the parent, to let you know that your child owes a balance. If you have any questions please feel free to e mail me at audrapline@portlandstpats.org.

Spring Issue of The Shamrock Newsletter: The spring issue of The Shamrock will be mailed in early April. If you have information for the What's Happening column (births, engagements, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, etc.) or ideas for articles, please send them to shamrockeditors@gmail.com. You can also put the information in an envelope clearly marked SHAMROCK NEWS, and drop it at the parish office or in the collection basket. Deadline for the spring issue is March 15, 2020.

PFCU Student Branch News: Get in the habit of saving, it can really pay off! Enter to win a water bottle filled with candy and \$50 deposited into your account just for saving your money, we draw a winner every month! You can also win a gift card, earn prizes, and get candy. Come see us, we're open every Tuesday during lunch in the school.



ACT Information for Juniors

Standard ACT No Accommodations (most Juniors)

On February 25th, all juniors, except those with specific accommodations, will be taking the ACT. Students should not go to their locker or any other part of the building. They will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:25 am and testing will begin promptly at 7:30 am. Juniors can dress comfortably and will be able to go home directly after the test. They are not allowed, for any reason, back in the building for the remainder of the school day. Please see the information below for more details.

PLEASE BRING: Number two pencils (no mechanical) and an approved calculator (TI-30, TI-34, TI-73, TI-82, TI-83, TI-84, TI-84 plus C, TI-Nspire any model excluding the CAS models, Casio, Casio Prizm, Casio 9750 GII, or Casio 9860 GII).

Students may also choose to bring a snack and water bottle.

ACT With Accommodations

Most students with specific accommodations for the ACT will be testing on February 26th. If the student's accommodated test date is a different date (February 28th), please check your email for more detailed information. Since the 26th is Ash Wednesday, we would like these students to attend mass at 7:30 and then go straight to the Parish Hall. Students will need to request missing work for this day in advance and can complete their work at home on the 25th (no Juniors are allowed in the building on the standard test date, February 25th). Testing may last through the end of the school day. In the rare event that this small group does not finish in one day, testing may extend to the next day.

PLEASE BRING: Lunch, Chromebook and charger, headphones, number two pencils (no mechanical) and an approved calculator (TI-30, TI-34, TI-73, TI-82, TI-83, TI-84, TI-84 plus C, TI-Nspire any model excluding the CAS models, Casio, Casio Prizm, Casio 9750 GII, or Casio 9860 GII).

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ACT Timeline

February 25: Most of the juniors will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:25am to begin testing at 7:30am. Testing will be done by noon and they will leave the building. Students with accommodations will stay home and work on missing work for February 26th or 28th.

February 26: (only students with accommodations/all other students are in class) 7:30 – Mass...8:15 – Begin Testing...30 minute lunch break...2:20 or earlier – End Testing (testing might extend to the 27th if needed).

February 28: (one student with a different accommodation) 7:30 – Begin Testing...30 minute lunch



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Faith & Future Scholarship



***\$100 for every kindergartner, 6th grader,
and 9th grader!***

Starting fall 2020, every Catholic school student in kindergarten, 6th grade, or 9th grade will be eligible to receive the Faith & Future Scholarship: \$100 toward tuition!

There's even a \$50 bonus if he or she finished 5th or 8th grade in one of our Catholic schools. That's up to \$150!

***Apply for the Faith &
Future Scholarship at
CatholicSchools4U.org***

**Enroll by April 30 for
a chance to win free
tuition for one year! One
kindergartner, one 6th
grader, and one 9th grader
will win.**

**Find contest rules at
CatholicSchools4U.org.**

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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Buy your entry tickets and raffle tickets online at: bidpal.net/shamrockauction2020



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• **Reloadable Cards:** Buy gift cards, then reload them on-the-go!

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- Sign in at MyScripWallet.com
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Orders placed by 7:00 p.m. on Monday will be delivered on Friday. For more information about the scrip program, visit the school website or contact your Scrip Program Coordinator: Julie Wight, phone: 517-449-6597, scrip@portlandstpats.org.

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