



Shamrock News

2/7/20

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.

Smart Aid Applications: Just a reminder that the deadline for the second round of scholarships for 2020-21 is due on February 21. The application and instructions are available on the website under Tuition/Scholarships.

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.

Football shirts and sweatshirts: St. Patrick Football State Finalist shirts/sweatshirts can be ordered commemorating the boys' fabulous season! Visit this [link](#) and order by Feb 8th at 8pm.

Friday, February 14

1/2 Day of School

Grades 6-12 dismissed at 11:25a; no busing available

Grades K-5 dismissed at 11:40a; busing available

Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 - 4:00 pm

No after school child care

Monday, February 17

No School

President's Day/Mid Winter Break

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

Art Supplies requested: Mrs. Shoup is asking for 9" paper plates and paper egg cartons. No Styrofoam or plastic please.

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

Feb. 12 - High School Liturgy of the Hours at 9:30a

Feb. 13 - K-8 Rosary 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!

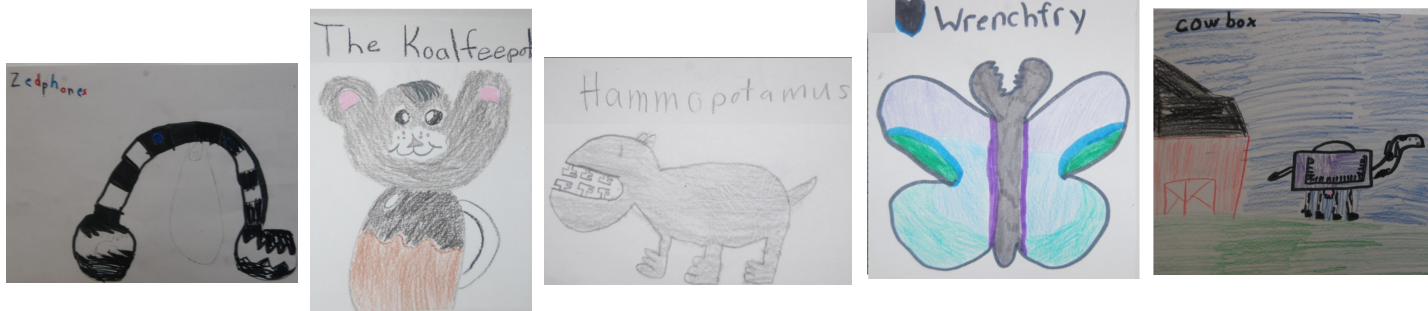


Calendar of Events



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| 2/7 | JV & Var. Boys BB @ Dansville 6p | 2/13 | Rosary for grades K-8 9:30a |
| 2/8 | 5/6 Grade Girls BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a High School CSW Dance in Parish Hall 7-11p | | Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7p |
| 2/9 | Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6p | 7/8 | Grade Girls BB @ Potterville 5p |
| 2/9-10 | Senior Class Trip to Boyne Mountain | | JV & Var. Girls BB @ Bath 6p |
| 2/10 | Bowling @ Dansville 3:30p 7/8 Grade Girls BB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5:30p | 2/14 | Half day of school grades 6-12 dismiss 11:25a no bus; grades K-5 dismiss 11:40 busing available No afterschool child care |
| 2/11 | PFCU - Student Branch during elementary lunch Chess Club (grades 6-8) 2:30 - 3:40p Chess Club (grades 3-5) 3:50 - 5:00p School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p | | Elementary Valentine Parties Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences 8a-12p & 1-4p PTO Uniform Sale room 208 11a-12p Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-4p |
| 2/12 | Liturgy of the Hours for grades 9-12 9:30a Drama Club Grades 3-12 room 109 3:45-4:45p 5/6 Grade Girls BB @ St. Mary Westphalia 5p PTO Meeting in room 115 6p | 2/17 | NO SCHOOL - President's Day/Mid Winter Break Bowling vs. Central Montcalm @ Meadow Bowl Lanes 3:30p |

Library News: In addition to their weekly library visits, elementary classes have been visiting once a month for extra reading activities and literacy projects. In December, kindergarten through 5th graders created a book called "12 Days of Christmas at St. Pat's" in which the principal gave us gifts such as out-of-dress code slips, statues of Mary, and kindness. In January, we read a book of poems entitled *Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant* that highlights such strange creatures as the clocktopus, tweazils, and pop-up toadsters. Then each student created, drew, and named their own combination of animal and everyday item. Students came up with their own names like algueator, tucavision, hammeroo, and frying panteater. See pictures of some of these crazy creatures below. And stay tuned for more creativity from our elementary students.



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.

Festival of Tables

A fun event for women of all ages!

Imagine a room full of beautifully decorated tables
at the Church of the Nazarene in Portland;

A fabulous, sit-down luncheon,
prepared with generous amounts of
TLC and served by your table hostess;
Followed by our guest speaker, Katie Edick.

The proceeds of this event will benefit
the Portland Area Ministerial Association.

You are invited to host (decorate) a table or enjoy as a guest!
Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm.

There will be a Silent Auction and we are looking
for donations of any homemade crafts,
gift certificates, etc. If you have anything that you
would be willing to donate to the Silent Auction or
as a door prize, please bring it to the Church of the Nazarene,
St. Patrick's office, or the Festival of Tables.

Tickets are now available for \$15 at
St. Patrick's Parish Office and the Church of the Nazarene
during regular business hours.

Call Sue Kreiner at 517-566-8010 if you would like
to host a table or order tickets by mail.



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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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