



Shamrock News

3/5/20

Diocesan Program Effectiveness Survey: It is time to complete our annual Diocesan Program Effectiveness survey. Listed below is the link to the 2019-20 Program Effectiveness Survey. We ask that all school families complete a survey. The survey takes only about 10 minutes to complete. The deadline for completing the surveys this year is April 3.

Here is the link for the parent/community survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019-20EffectivenessParentCommunity>

When you get to the page that says, "Thank you for completing your survey," please print it off, sign it, and send it in to the school office. Once we receive this, each one of your school-aged children will receive an Out of Dress Code pass.

Congratulations:

- To Marian Pearson for placing 5th at regionals last Saturday. She will be bowling at States this Saturday at Royal Scot in Lansing.
- To the Girls Bowling Team on a great season and finishing 5th at regionals.
- To the Boys Bowling Team on a great season and finishing 13th at regionals.
- To the Senior class for reaching 70% or above on completing the FAFSA.

Animal Donation Boxes: As a way to help Animal Shelters in our community, we will be collecting food, toys and other pet supplies from March 2nd to March 16th. Two animal donation boxes have been set up in the school outside of the office and outside of Mrs. Garcia's room (counselors office). Feel free to drop them off any time the school is open. If there are any questions please contact the school office.

Shamrock Pride  Go Marian!
Good Luck at States

Thursday, March 5
No busing at dismissal (PPS AM only)

Friday, March 6
NO SCHOOL - Staff PD Day

Registration Information for 2020-2021: Registration letters were mailed to families. Please note that Emergency Records and Tuition Contracts were due March 5, 2020. Please return them to the school office as soon as possible.

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

Student Spotlight: The spring issue of The Shamrock newsletter will be mailed in April. We are looking for students to feature in the STUDENT SPOTLIGHT area on page 2. If your student has done something that makes you especially proud, please send us a paragraph or two about their achievement, along with a picture. Send the information to shamrockeditors@gmail.com. The deadline is March 15, 2020. To see previous issues of The Shamrock, go to the school website, www.portlandstpats.com and click on OTHER>ALUMNI.

SHAMROCK AUCTION

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

BIDPAL.NET/SHAMROCKAUCTION2020



APRIL 25, 2020



Calendar of Events



- 3/5 JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Saranac @ PMS 6p
- 3/6 NO SCHOOL - Staff professional development
Var. Girls BB District Tournament @ Lansing Christian 7p
- 3/7 Individual Bowling States @ Royal Scot Go Marian!
- 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/9 Var. Boys BB District Tournament
- 3/10 PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch
Chess Club (grades 6-8) 2:30 - 3:40p
Chess Club (grades 3-5) 3:50 - 5:00p

- Var. Girls BB Regional Tournament
- 3/11 Fr. Stephen Durkee Visit 7:30a
Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
Drama Club Grades 3-12 room 109 3:45-4:45p
PTO Meeting in room 115 6p
- 3/12 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
Var. Girls BB Regional Tournament
- 3/13 Open Campus Lunch for Seniors

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.

Monday Night Community Dinners: St. Patrick Church is in charge of getting student workers for this Monday Night's 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.

Attention Parents of Current 5th Graders and 8th Graders:

Here's a chance to receive FREE tuition money ... \$150 for your child's tuition for the 2020-21 school year! Those 5th graders and 8th graders returning to St. Patrick for 6th and 9th grade are eligible for the Faith & Future Scholarship from the Diocese of Grand Rapids. See below on what you have to do to apply.

Attention Parents of New Students in grades 6 or 9:

If you have not attended St. Patrick before and wish to send your child for 6th or 9th Grade, you are eligible for a \$100 scholarship. Apply by April 30th to qualify for the chance to win free tuition for the entire year! (Check with St. Patrick School office for other possible tuition assistance opportunities that are available to new students.) See below on what you have to do to apply.

Attention Parents of next year's Kindergartners:

We all like discounts, right? If you plan on sending your child to St. Patrick for kindergarten in the fall of 2020, you can apply for the Faith & Future Scholarship from the Diocese of Grand Rapids and get \$100 toward your 2020-21 tuition!

What do you have to do to apply?

- Register your child for next year
- Complete the [scholarship application](#)
- Subscribe to the online Catholic-Schools4U.org blog
- Subscribe to the weekly digital newsletter [Protect Young Eyes](#)

Apply before April 30th and you will also qualify for a drawing to win free tuition for one year! Don't miss this opportunity ... Act now!



March Reading Month Events for Grades K-5



March 2020 "Reading is My Favorite Sport"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9 Reading Jogs the mind (<i>Wear comfy clothes - NO jeans, pj's, slippers or hats.</i>)	10	11	12	13 Big Rock/Little Rock Activity	14

HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR CORONAVIRUS

Keeping yourself and your family safe around respiratory illnesses

WASH YOUR HANDS

It's important. Most of us don't do it enough or aren't good at it. Scrub for 20 seconds. If you can't wash, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.



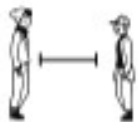
STAY HOME IF YOU'RE SICK

If you need medical care and think you may have been exposed to coronavirus, call your medical provider for instructions before going in.



KEEP GERMS OUT OF THE AIR

Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands. Or, use a tissue and throw it away.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Someone coughing? Move away – 6 feet or more.



DISINFECT SURFACES

Clean frequently-touched surfaces at home. Wash your hands after visiting public spaces.



ALWAYS BE READY

Risk of exposure remains low. But, start thinking about general, daily supplies – water and food staples or medications, for example. Visit www.ready.gov for suggestions.



MASKS

Masks are not a good prevention tool for healthy people. If you are sick, masks can help prevent the spread of germs. Health care workers or others caring for sick people should wear appropriately fitted masks (such as N95 respirators).



KEEP RISK IN PERSPECTIVE

Flu is actively circulating in Ionia County. Novel coronavirus is not. Practice good prevention (handwashing, staying home if sick, etc.). Get a flu shot if you haven't.



RELIABLE INFORMATION

Make sure you're getting accurate information. Bookmark <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and follow the Ionia County Health Department on social media.

 www.facebook.com/IoniaCountyHD/



IONIA COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

March 2, 2020



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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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.**

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



Using Scrip Makes Sense!

By using SCRIP, you can earn money toward your child's Catholic education without spending ANY extra money!

Does this sound too good to be true? It's not!

St. Patrick Parish participates in the Great Lakes Scrip Program. You create an account, then through the program you buy gift cards at face value to use when you shop. A portion of every purchase goes into your account, to be used for your child's Catholic education.

The savings add up fast!



Statistics show that if you use scrip JUST for groceries and gas, you can earn over \$300 per year. If you use scrip for dining out, home improvements, online shopping, etc. that number can easily double. If you enlist grandparents and others to buy scrip and direct their earnings to your account, the sky is the limit!

It's easy to do from home or on-the-go!

- **Scrip Now:** e-Gift certificates are available immediately. They can be printed out or downloaded to your phone and used electronically.
- **Reloadable Cards:** Buy gift cards, then reload them on-the-go!
- **Presto Pay:** No need to write a check to pay for scrip purchases, payments are transferred electronically!
- **My Scrip Wallet:** Mobile website lets you do everything from your phone.



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- Sign in with the information from your new account
- Click on SHOP
- Click on merchant logos to see what they have available
- Click on BONUS REBATES to see promotional bonus rebates
- Add items to your cart
- CHECK OUT

If you have signed up for Presto Pay, you are finished. If you do not have Presto Pay, you can pay for your order when you pick up your cards at the parish office.

Do it all on your phone by using My Scrip Wallet!

- Sign in at MyScripWallet.com
- All registered gift cards and Scrip Now will be in your wallet and ready to use.

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.

www.shopwithscrip.com

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