



Shamrock News

12/4/20

Congratulations:

- To Cozie Brown and Laynie Meredith on being named Lansing State Journals Division 4 All Area in Cross Country.
- To Chase Fitzsimmons (OL), Connor Cross (QB), Derec Fedewa (RB), and Shane Cook (WR/TE) for being named All-Region by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.
- To Pat Russman for being named Division 2, Region 2, Coach of the Year!

Awaiting a COVID test: If a person in your household is awaiting a pending COVID test result, we ask that students in the family stay home until the result is received. Students can attend classes virtually.

Progress Reports: An email was sent to parents this week to inform you that progress reports for the second quarter (students in grades 3-12) are available on the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal. In order to view your student(s) progress report, please log into the portal, select the appropriate student, select Documents, select the appropriate report, view/print.

Infinite Campus: We encourage all parents and students to check Infinite Campus on a weekly basis, at minimum. Please check in with your child and ask about any concerns, missing assignments and what to do to improve. Students should reach out to their teachers by email communication when there are questions and/or problems that need to be resolved. If additional assistance is needed, then parents may reach out to the teachers.

SMARTAID Scholarship Information: The deadline for the second round of scholarships for 2021-22 is due on January 3, 2021. The application and instructions are available on the website under Tuition/Scholarships. Apply early! Limited funds are available.

Thanksgiving Meal: You asked for it!!!! Better late than never!!! We **WILL** be having our Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, December 10!!!! Your delicious meal will be Pygmy turkey legs (chicken drumsticks), mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, and pumpkin pie or apple crisp. On Thursday the 10th this will be the only lunch choice offered. You know you want it!!!

December 9 & 16, January 6 & 13

No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

December 17

No busing at dismissal for grades 6-12

December 18

1/2 day of school - No Preschool - No busing at dismissal grades 6-12 dismiss at 10:40a, grades K-5 dismiss at 11:40a
No after school childcare

December 21 - January 3

Christmas Break

Day of Giving: The Day of Giving has been occurring when we are able. The Blood Drive took place on Nov. 24. The shoeboxes were assembled this past week. We will be making the blankets when the high school students can attend school again. Monetary donations as well as backpacks and suitcases will continue to be accepted in the office. Thank you for your generosity.

Blood Drive Results: The recent blood drive hosted by the members of the St. Patrick National Honor Society went quite well! While we fell short of our goal of 42 units, we collected 35 units of life-saving blood thanks to the generosity and support of our school and parish community. The next blood drive here at St. Pat's will be on January 19th. Please sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org now, or see any NHS member after the first of the year.

Annual Food Drive: Our annual can/box food drive will take place on Thursday, December 10. Please send in a non-perishable item with your child at that time.

Toys for Tots: Due to the pandemic families are struggling more than ever and need our help. This year St. Patrick School and Parish will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots School Spirit Challenge 2020. We are asking that you please drop off your donations in the donation box outside of the school office before December 10. Let's work together to make sure that every child wakes up with a present under the tree this Christmas.

Diapers and Pull-ups are needed: Positive Solutions, Informed Choices are in need of diapers (size 4-6 only) and Pull-ups (any size). Please drop them off at the school office.



Calendar of Events



12/6 Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p
Holly Jolly Dress Up Days - see attached
12/8 School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p
12/9 No Busing

12/10 Mass for grades 9-12, livestreamed 9:30a
Food Drive
12/11 Mass for grades 5-8, livestreamed grades 1-4 9:30a
Jean and spirit wear day

Free lunches for virtual students: The Food Service Department at Portland High School will have meal pick-up days on Monday and Wednesday from 12pm to 1pm by the loading dock across from the football field. They will provide lunches for seven days. If these times do not work for you or you have transportation issues please contact either:

Audra Pline at audrapline@portlandstpats.org or Steve Pell at spell@portlandk12.org or call 517-647-2984.

Uniform Room: If you are in need of any school uniforms, please email the PTO at pto@portlandstpats.org and items can be pulled from the uniform room for your child. The items can be sent home from school with your child, or made available for pick-up at the main school entrance. Include the following in your email request: your name, your child's name & grade (to send items home with), clothing item description (pants, short-sleeved shirt, long-sleeved shirt, skirt, dress, etc.), gender, size, color & quantity of each requested item. Feel free to have your child try on the items at home, and return any items back to the school that you don't want. For the items you keep, send cash or a check payable to "St. Pat's PTO" to school in an envelope marked "Uniform Room". Everything is \$1. Thank you!

Shop With Scrip: Please view your scrip account to update your contact information, especially your email address. Updates and notices regarding your physical card orders will be sent to the email address on your Shop With Scrip account. If you are unable to log in please contact Shop With Scrip by calling (800) 727-4715.

December 14th will be the last date to order cards and have the cards sent home with your student(s).

December 21th will be the last date to order physical cards and have the cards before Christmas Day.

December 28th no physical card orders will be placed.

Remember orders placed by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday will be delivered and available for pick up on Thursday at the Parish Office unless otherwise designated. 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.

Holly Jolly Dress Up Days at SPS

December 7th-11th

Monday - Santa Hat Day

(Dress up with your favorite Santa hat with dress code clothing top and bottom.)



Tuesday - Ugly Sweater Day

(Dress up in your favorite ugly Christmas sweater with dress code bottoms.)



Wednesday - Christmas Morning Day

(Dress up in your favorite Christmas morning Pajamas, no leggings!) 9th-12th CAN PUT THEIR GEAR ON AFTER MASS



Thursday - Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

(Dress up like a Christmas tree or present. Out of dress code, no leggings!)

5th-8th CAN PUT THEIR GEAR ON AFTER MASS



Friday - Favorite Christmas Character

(Dress up as a character from your favorite Christmas movie. Jeans are allowed, no leggings!)