



# Shamrock News

1/15/21

### **Congratulations:**

To the football team on their state semifinal win last week.

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

**Blood Drive:** The National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive on January 19th from 10:30 am to 4:45 pm. To schedule an appointment, contact an NHS member, log onto red-crossblood.org (sponsor code: St. Patrick), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Elementary Valentine Parties:** Elementary Valentine parties will be held on Friday, February 12, this is a half day of school. Please see classroom newsletters for more information.

**Friday, February 12:** Is a half day of school; there is no busing.

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Elementary conference forms are in Friday folders. Middle and high school conference forms were emailed earlier this week. A teacher or parent may request a conference as needed. All conferences PS-5 will be held virtually, grades 6-12 will be virtual or in-person. Conferences will take place on Friday, February 12 from 12:30-4:00pm.

**PRE-ACT and ACT Testing Dates:** Students will be testing in the Parish Hall on the dates listed below. Students will enter the Parish Hall and juniors (not sophomores) are required to leave the building when finished.  
PRE-ACT for sophomores: Thursday, February 11, 7:30-11a  
ACT for juniors: Tuesday, March 2, 7:30-11:30a  
ACT with accommodations for juniors: Wed-Th, March 3-4, 7:30a-2:20p

**Free hot lunches:** Free hot lunches will continue until the end of the school year! If you have a high school or middle school student and they buy the a la carte items, those will still have to be paid for. If you have any questions, please contact Audra Pline at audrapline@portlandstpats.org or Steve Pell at spell@portlandk12.org or call 517-647-2984.

**SmartAid:** The Round 3 deadline for SmartAid is February 22.

### **January 18**

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### **January 27, February 3, 10, 17, & 24**

No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

### **February 12**

1/2 day of school

Dismissal: 11:25a for grades 6-12, 11:40a for grades KG-5  
No busing · No preschool · No afterschool childcare

**Protecting God's Children Sessions:** There will be a session on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – Live session at Aquinas (may change to virtual). You will have to sign-up online at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org). Please sign-up a few days before the scheduled session. You will be sent a link to join the session and you must log in on time if it is virtual.  
In order for anyone to work with the students, either as an employee, volunteer or chaperone, diocesan guidelines state that it is mandatory that a criminal background check be done every five years. Also, anyone having access to the students must attend a "Protecting God's Children Awareness Session" (also known as VIRTUS).

**Mental Health Awareness Week:** This will take place the week of January 25-29.

**Out of dress code options:** students can either wear a colored shirt with dress code pants or full body color special to each day.

**Depression Monday (green)**

**Anxiety Tuesday (blue)**

**OCD Wednesday (purple)**

**ADD/ADHD Thursday (orange)**

**PTSD Friday (red)**

**Raising money for mental health (Change for Change):** We will be donating money to The Right Door. There are two teams: middle school against high school. Put dollar bills and silver coins in your own bin to earn positive points and pennies in the other team's bin to take points away from them. Bins will be in Mrs. Garcia's office. Winners will get an out of dress code day and ice-cream.



## Good Luck at States!



## Calendar of Events



1/16 Football Finals vs. Powers North Central in Brighton 2p  
1/18 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
1/19 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30a-5p

1/20 Mass for grades 9-12, livestreamed 9:30a  
1/21 Mass for grades 1-4, livestreamed 9:30a



# 2021-2022 School Calendar

1/5/2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Aug 2021	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31	1	2	3
Sep 2021	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
Oct 2021	27	28	29	30	1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
Nov 2021	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
	[1	2	3	4	5
Dec 2021	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
Jan 2022	29	30	1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
Feb 2022	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31
	3	4	5	6	7
Mar 2022	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	[24	25	26	27	28
Apr 2022	31	1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18
May 2022	21	22	23	24	25
	28	1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11
Jun 2022	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
	[28	29	30	31	1
Jul 2022	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
Aug 2022	25	26	27	28	29
	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
Sep 2022	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31	1	2	3
Oct 2022	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24

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### Daily Schedule

Preschool: 8:30a-11:30a and 12:30p-3:30p  
 Grades KG-5: 8:40a-3:45p (lunch 11:50a-12:35p)  
 Grades 6-12: 7:30a-2:20p (lunch 11:07-11:34)  
 Mass KG-8: Thursday at 9:30a  
 Mass 9-12: Wednesday at 9:30a

### Notes

#### August 2021

High School Orientation (pictures/schedule/ChromeBook for high school students)  
 Welcome Back Open House (5:30-7:00 p.m.)  
 25 First Day of School: Grades KG-12 (full day)  
 30-31 First Day of School: Preschool

#### September 2021

3-6 No School - Labor Day Break  
 School Picture Day (grades PS-8)  
 Homecoming

#### October 2021

22 No School - DOGR PD Day  
 28 P/T Conferences (4:30-7:30p)  
 29 Half Day (7:30-11:25a/8:40-11:40a) - P/T Conferences (12:30-3:30p) - End of Q1

#### November 2021

24-26 No School - Thanksgiving Break

#### December 2021

17 Half Day - Christmas Break begins (7:30-11:25a/8:40-11:40a)

#### January 2022

3 School Resumes  
 17 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 21 End of First Semester

#### February 2022

11 Half Day (7:30-11:25a/8:40-11:40a) - P/T Conferences (12:30-4:00p)  
 21-22 No School - Mid-Winter Break

#### March 2022

4 or 11 No School - Staff PD (date to be announced)  
 25 End of Third Quarter

#### April 2022

4-8 No School - Spring Break  
 15 No School - Good Friday  
 18 No School - Easter Monday

#### May 2022

13 Last Day for Seniors (full day)  
 15 Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony  
 23-24 Last Day for Preschool (PS graduation on May 25)  
 30 No School - Memorial Day

#### June 2022

10 Half day - Last Day for Students KG-11 (7:30-11:25a/8:40-11:40a)

- St. Patrick School reserves the right to make calendar changes as necessary.
- This calendar contains 180 days of student instruction and 30 hours of staff development.
- Up to 4 half days are allowed. Diocesan and State of Michigan criteria have been met.
- Inclement weather days beyond statutory limit of 30 instructional hours may be added to the end of the school calendar.