



# Shamrock News

1/8/21

## Congratulations:

- Congratulations to the following students who are their class winners in the Knights of Columbus Citizenship Essay contest:

8th grade	Emma Kwiecinski
9th grade	Addison Scheurer
10th grade	Cozette Brown
11th grade	Carly Scheurer
12th grade	Matthew Frazee

**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.

**Portland Public Schools change in calendar:** Portland Public Schools have extended their virtual instruction days through March 26th. These days will occur each Wednesday except January 20 and March 3. There will be no busing on the days that PPS is virtual. These days will continue to be listed in the upper right corner of our newsletters.

**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](mailto:audrapline@portlandstpats.org) or Steve Pell at [spell@portlandk12.org](mailto:spell@portlandk12.org) or call 517-647-2984.

**Protecting God's Children Sessions:** Here are the January 2021 sessions: Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – Live Virtual Zoom Session; Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. – Live Virtual Zoom Session; 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.

In order for anyone to work with the students, either as an employee, volunteer or chaperone at St. Pats, 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).

## January 13 & 27

No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

## January 14 & 15

PPS 1/2 day - No busing at dismissal

## January 18

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Cold weather is here:** Please come to school dressed for the weather. Wear winter jackets, hats, gloves and boots. We require K-5 grade students to wear rain or snow boots for recess when it is wet, muddy or snowy. Staying indoors is not a choice.

**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 [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) (sponsor code: St. Patrick), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**School Uniforms:** If you are in need of any school uniforms, please email the PTO at [pto@portlandstpats.org](mailto: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.



## Calendar of Events



1/9 Football Semifinals vs. Kinde North Huron @ PHS 2p  
 1/10 Athletic Association Virtual Meeting 6:30p  
 1/13 No Busing  
 Mass for grades 9-12, livestreamed 9:30a  
 PTO Virtual Meeting 6p

1/14 Mass for grades 5-8, livestreamed 9:30a  
 No busing at dismissal - PPS 1/2 day  
 1/15 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester  
 Open Campus Lunch for Seniors  
 No busing at dismissal - PPS 1/2 day



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

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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.