



Shamrock News

2/12/21

Congratulations:

- To Nevaeh Miller, the high school student of the month for November.
- To Emma Scheurer, the high school student of the month for December.
- To Seth Frawley, the high school student of the month for January.
- To Grant Dixon, Heartlands Institute of Technology student of the month from St. Pat's for February.

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.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Mass is at 9:30am on February 17. Students in grades 9-12 only will be attending Mass in the church. This Mass will be closed to the public. Students in grades 6-8 will attend Mass virtually from the Parish Hall and grades 1-5 will attend Mass virtually from the gym. Students in all three locations will receive ashes. Families will be able to sign-up for the 6pm Mass when the Parish Office sends out the notification.

Snow Day Notifications: St. Patrick School will notify parents of school closures by the following methods: Reminds from Mrs. Smith or Mr. Hodge, on Facebook, pop-up on the school website, the office phone message recording and a parent email blast. Portland Public Schools may send a text or recorded phone call to parents. New families are not in the PPS system and will not be added at this time. St. Patrick School falls under Portland Public Schools on TV and radio stations.

School Payments: Cash will no longer be accepted in the school or parish offices for school tuition or school fees. You may pay online through Smart Tuition, write a personal check, obtain a money order from the post office, or a cashiers check from a bank/credit union. If you pay by credit card there is an additional convenience fee.

February 17, & 24 March 10, 17 & 24
No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

February 15-16
No School - President's Day/Mid-Winter Break

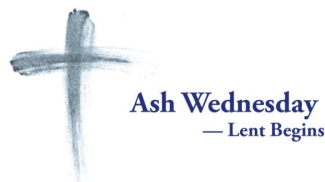
March 12
No School - Professional Development Day

Shamrock Auction: Raffle tickets are now available for the 2021 Shamrock Auction! Buy yours today @ <http://bidpal.net/shamrockauction2021>

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

PRE-ACT, ACT and ASVAB Testing Dates: Students will be testing in the Parish Hall on the dates listed below:
ASVAB for juniors: Thursday, February 18, 11:37am-2:20pm
ASVAB for sophomores: Friday, February 19, 11:37am-2:20pm
ACT for juniors: Tuesday, March 2, 7:30-11:30am (Juniors will enter the Parish Hall and are required to leave the building when finished.)
ACT with accommodations for juniors: Wed-Th, March 3-4, 7:30a-2:20pm

St. Patrick School and Parish email addresses: We changed from the @portlandstpats.com to .org over a year ago. Some of the emails are no longer being forwarded. Please check the email address when you send them to your child's teacher, the office or principals.



Calendar of Events



2/12	JV & Var. Boys BB @ Dansville 5:30p		Ash Wednesday Mass - see above 9:30a
2/14	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	2/18	Mass for grades 1-4, live streamed 9:30a
2/15	No School - President's Day/Mid-Winter Break		ASVAB for Juniors in Parish Hall 11a
	Bowling vs. Fowler @ Meadow Bowl Lanes 3p		Var. Girls BB vs. Potterville @ PMS 6p
2/16	No School - President's Day/Mid-Winter Break	2/19	Stations of the Cross for grades 1-6 10:20a
	7/8 Boys BB @ Laingsburg 5p		Open campus lunch for seniors
	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Bath 5:30p		ASVAB for Sophomores in Parish Hall 11a
	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p		JV & Var. Boys BB @ Potterville 5:30p
2/17	Ash Wednesday	2/21-22	Senior Trip
	No Busing		



2021 St. Patrick School Trap Team

Invites students in grades 6-12 and their parents to an information/recruitment meeting

Thursday, February 18

6p.m.-8p.m.

Oak Hill Gun Club
1900 S. Pline Road
Lyons, MI 48851

New and returning shooters invited.

Try out trap shooting on the new virtual Dryfire.

Join the fastest growing and safest high school sport!

All shooting during the league takes place at Oak Hill Gun Club except the State and National Tournament. League info available at miclaytarget.com

Contact Cortney Smith for additional information

517-647-7551

cortneysmith@portlandstpats.org

FROM PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Good afternoon parents,

The current reduction in routes is being evaluated every two weeks. **This notice is to inform you of the continuation of this plan for the next two weeks (Feb 15 - 26).** We have made progress on our driver shortage but it will take time for new drivers to be certified. We are still in need of bus and van drivers. Please see the table below for routes that will be cancelled.

Unfortunately, the district is not in a position to return to 15 routes, from our current 12, until we hire three new drivers. Even with the addition of three new drivers we are still redeploying four district employees who typically do not drive for us but are certified. For the district to be fully staffed with drivers we need to hire a total of six drivers this year. If we can get three for now, then we can go back to 15 routes with no substitutes.

In an effort to attract more drivers the district is doing the following:

- All bus drivers will make a minimum of \$20/hr* which is a 25% increase in pay for the remainder of this school year.
- We have a \$500 signing bonus for new drivers that drive for PPS for the remainder of the year and a \$500 referral bonus for any employee who refers a driver to us.
- We offer part time, full time, and substitute hours. Dedicated daily routes are currently available.
- PPS will pay all costs associated with driver education and certification.

*\$20/hr includes the 2% end of the year bonus

I ask all of our parents to help us support recruiting new drivers. If you know of anyone who might want to drive please send them to us. They can contact my office at (517) 647-4161.

I am really sorry for the significant inconvenience this has on families. We have great drivers and staff at the bus garage and they would love nothing more than to transport all of our students to school every day. Please know that as soon as we can resume normal operations we will do so.

Again, my apologies for this inconvenience.

Will Heath
 Superintendent
 Portland Public Schools

Day	Date	No Transportation		
Monday	2/15/21	No School		
Tuesday	2/16/21	No School		
Thursday	2/18/21	Bus G (1)	Bus H (18)	Bus I (2)
Friday	2/19/21	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (22)
Monday	2/22/21	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (6)
Tuesday	2/23/21	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
Thursday	2/25/21	Bus G (1)	Bus H (18)	Bus I (2)
Friday	2/26/21	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (22)



Shamrock Auction 2021: A Virtual Event A Night to Celebrate the Strength of the Shamrocks!

Saturday, April 24, Begins at 6:00 p.m

No matter where you are this year don't miss this night of fun!
Join us from your home or a friend's, in a small group or by yourself. All you need is
Internet access to join our event and support St Patrick School!

Online events include:
LIVE auction, silent auction, raffles, 50/50, and more!

Raffle tickets are now available @

<http://bidpal.net/shamrockauction2021>

ALL ARE WELCOME!
No Entry fee will be charged

In light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic and the many unknowns that still lay before us, many of the businesses that we have relied on in the past for larger donations are unable to help us this year. We recognize that this may be your situation as well. We humbly ask for your consideration. Anything you can do is truly appreciated! Please consider a cash, gift card, or item donation to help make this year's auction a success.

Donations can be turned into the school office between the hours of 9:00-3:00 and **must be dropped off by April 1, 2021**. 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)

Our 19th annual auction-based fundraiser provides funding for both academic and athletic programs at St. Patrick School as well as a fun night of fellowship. The proceeds from this annual event have enabled us to continue our tradition of excellence both in the classroom and in our athletics. With your donations and support of this event, we have surpassed \$1,100,000 in funds raised.



SCAN OUR QR
CODE OR VISIT
OUR FACEBOOK
PAGE FOR INFO ON
HOW TO ATTEND!



HEARTLANDS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
THE CAREER CENTER FOR IONIA COUNTY

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

2/18/2021 | 4-6 PM

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
CONSTRUCTION
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CULINARY ARTS
DIESEL
EDUCATIONAL CAREERS
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS
HEALTHCARE FOUNDATIONS
MACHINE TOOL
PLANT & ANIMAL SCIENCE

IT IS THE POLICY OF IONIA COUNTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT NO PERSON ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR ANCESTRY, AGE, GENDER, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, MATERIAL STATUS, OR DISABILITY SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION IN ANY PROGRAM, SERVICE, ACTIVITY OR IN EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH IT IS RESPONSIBLE. INQUIRIES RELATED TO DISCRIMINATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: PLANNER/MONITOR, 2191 HARWOOD ROAD, IONIA, MI 48846 (616-527-4900)



CASH FOR CLASSROOMS

Nominate a St. Pat's Teacher!

Visit PFCU's website to learn more & nominate a teacher every week:
<https://www.pfcu4me.com/cashforclassrooms>

WEEKLY \$150 WINNERS (JANUARY-MAY)

DETAILS: MUST BE A CURRENT PREK-12 FULL-TIME, PART-TIME OR SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AT A PUBLIC, CHARTER OR PRIVATE SCHOOL • ENTRIES CARRIED OVER WEEK TO WEEK (NOMINEES CONTINUE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN UNLESS PREVIOUSLY SELECTED AS A WINNER) • LAST DAY TO ENTER: MAY 28, 2021