



# Shamrock News

2/26/21

**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.

**Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year:** A letter was emailed to all parents to officially open the enrollment for next fall. We are using continuous enrollment which means that you do not need to do anything to register your child(ren) for the 2021-2022 school year if returning in grades K-12. The \$50 per student registration fee and \$75 per family technology fee will be added to your first SMART Tuition payment. New students in preschool, kindergarten and older grades will need to fill out the paperwork which can be found on the website. Please see the letter for more information.

**Students not returning for the 2021-2022 school year:** Families will need to complete an exit survey to be unenrolled for the 2021-2022 school year. Exit surveys can be obtained by contacting the school office. If you fail to notify the school about unenrolling a child by June 1, 2021, your SMART Tuition account will be billed for the upcoming school year.

**Virtual Open House:** Our Annual Open House will be virtual this year due to COVID 19. There will be a link to it on the website in the near future. Help spread the word that we are now enrolling for the next school year and about our multi-age preschool and kindergarten classes.

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

**Changes in contact information:** Please contact the school (and Parish) office if you have made any changes in your contact information. This includes if you recently moved, changed your phone number or email address.

### March 4, 5 & 26

No Buses - PPS not in session.

### March 10, 17 & 24

No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

### March 12

No School - Professional Development Day

**Lost and Found:** Our lost and found is growing. There is a winter jacket, sweatshirts, St. Pat's jackets, hats, gloves/mittens, water bottles and a pair of tennis shoes. The lost and found is located in the hallway outside the office.

**St. Patrick School Trap Team:** Registration is open to students in grades 6-12 for the spring league. Please contact Mrs. Cortney Smith by March 19th if you are interested in joining the team.

**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.

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



## Calendar of Events



2/26 JV & Var. Boys BB vs. CC-C @ PMS 6p

3/1 Bowling vs. Central Montcalm @ Meadow Lanes 3p  
7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Saranac 5p

3/2 ACT for Juniors in Parish Hall 7:30a  
Reconciliation for Sophomores 9:20a  
Var. (only) Boys & Girls BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p  
JV (only) Boys & Girls BB @ Laingsburg 5:30p

3/3 ACT w/accommodations for Juniors 7:30a  
Mass for grades 9-12, live streamed 9:30a

3/4 No Busing  
ACT w/ accommodations for Juniors 7:30a

Mass for grades 1-4, live streamed 9:30a  
7/8 Grade Girls BB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5:30p  
JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Fulton @ PMS 6p

3/5 No Busing  
Open campus lunch for seniors  
Stations of the Cross for grades 7-12 12:40p  
JV & Var. Boys BB vs. P-W @ PMS 6p  
JV & Var. Girls BB @ Morrice 6p

3/6 JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Morrice @ PMS

3/7 Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p



# K - 5 Reading Month Activities



## March 2021 "Get In the Game... READ!"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Jeans are allowed <i>Team up for Reading</i> (wear sports jersey/shirts)	<b>2</b> D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)	<b>3</b> Design a team jersey	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

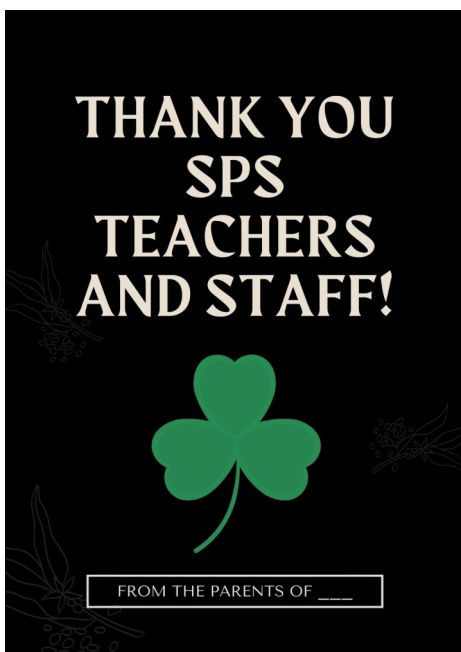
## Calling all Parents, Grandparents, Alumni, and St. Pat's Supporters

Leave a personal message in the 2021 St. Patrick High School Yearbook. Congratulate a grad, show your school support, shout out to a student, thank the staff. See examples below for ideas.

### Prices:

- 1/16 page (1 3/8" x 4") = \$8
- 1/8 page (2 3/4" x 4") = \$15
- 1/4 page (5 1/2" x 4") = \$30
- 1/2 page (5 1/2" x 8") = \$60
- Full page (8" x 11") = \$100

Create your own ad or have the yearbook staff design one for you. Contact us at [Yearbook@portlandstpats.org](mailto:Yearbook@portlandstpats.org) for more information.



## 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 (March 1st - 12th). We have made progress on our driver shortage and I am hopeful that this **MAY** be our last extension of the route reduction plan. As soon as we are able to return to our scheduled 15 routes we will do so, even if it is during the next two weeks. As we make progress towards returning to 15 routes we will still be short on drivers and desperately need substitutes.

Please see the table below for routes that will be reduced.

### Background information on bus route reduction plan:

The district currently has 15 routes and is short 6 drivers. We are currently pulling 3 certified employees from their current positions to substitute during this shortage. Because of this shortage the district has reduced 3 daily routes. This is done on a rotation so that each family only needs to find transportation one day per week. 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	3/1/21	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (6)
Tuesday	3/2/21	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
Wednesday	3/3/21	Bus G (1)	Bus H (18)	Bus I (2)
Thursday	3/4/21	Portland Public No School		
Friday	3/5/21	Portland Public No School		
Monday	3/8/21	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (6)
Tuesday	3/9/21	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
Wednesday	3/10/21	Virtual Instruction Day		
Thursday	3/11/21	Bus G (1)	Bus H (18)	Bus I (2)
Friday	3/12/21	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](mailto:kissanes@hotmail.com)

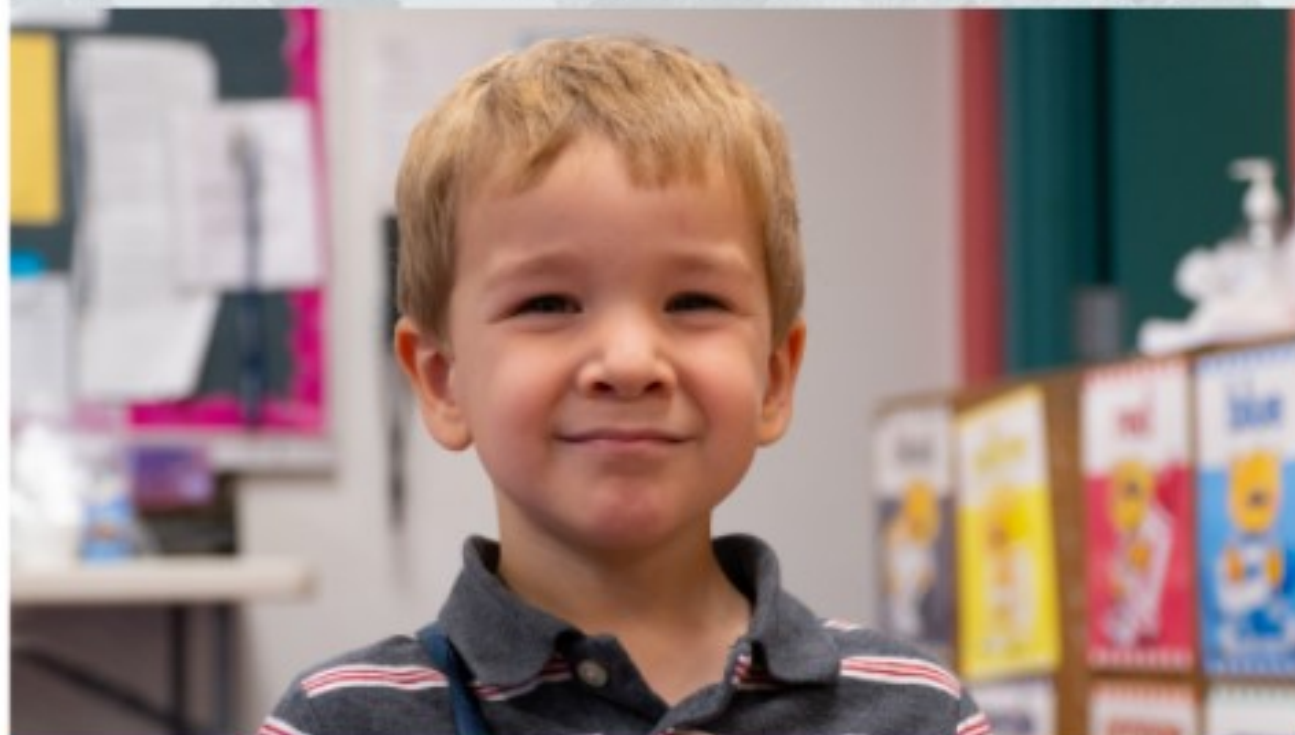
As always, thanks for your continued support for St. Patrick School.  
Mike & Ann Kissane and Jason & Jennifer Chamberlain, Shamrock Auction Co-chairs

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.*



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## Welcome Scholarships Available For New Preschool & Kindergarten Families!

***Give your child a Catholic school education right from the start!***

Beginning in fall 2021, families who are new to Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids will have access to Welcome Scholarships for their preschool and kindergarten students, worth up to \$750 toward tuition!

Catholic school students grow in faith & grace and achieve more in school & life.  
These benefits have greater impact the longer students are in Catholic schools!

***Apply for the Welcome Scholarship today at [CatholicSchools4U.org](https://CatholicSchools4U.org)!***

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