



Shamrock News

2/5/21

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.

Ash Wednesday: Students in grades 9-12 only will be attending Mass at 9:30am. This Mass will be closed to the public. Families will be able to sign-up for the 6pm Mass when the Parish office sends out the notification.

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.

Infinite Campus: Parents and students can use Infinite Campus to monitor their grades, check for missing assignments, view report cards and progress reports, see their schedules, view emails that were sent out from the school, and check attendance. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher. If you have logged into Infinite Campus and do not remember your password or username, please follow the prompts on the sign-in page. If you have never logged in and misplaced your username and password, please call the office. The link for Infinite Campus is [here](#).

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: Conference forms were emailed or sent home. 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 as scheduled by the teacher and parent. Conferences will take place on Friday, February 12 from 12:30-4:00pm.

February 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

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

PRE-ACT, ACT and ASVAB Testing Dates: Students will be testing in the Parish Hall on the dates listed below:
PRE-ACT for sophomores: Thursday, February 11, 7:30-11am
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

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

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.

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.

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

Go Shamrocks!



Calendar of Events



2/9	School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	2/12	No Busing - Portland Public School not in session
2/10	No busing - PPS Virtual Day Mass for grades 9-12, livestreamed 9:30a PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p		1/2 Day of School - No preschool, No pm childcare grades 6-12 dismiss 11:25; grades K-5 dismiss 11:40 Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment 12:30-4p
2/11	Mass for grades 5-8, livestreamed 9:30a Pre-ACT for sophomores in Parish Hall 7:30a	2/14	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p
		2/15-16	No School - President's Day/Mid-Winter Break

St. Patrick School Trap Team

2021 Spring League

Open to students in grades 6-12

Season runs March 30 - May 23
Registration open from February 5 - March 29
League events take place at Oak Hill Gun Club
1900 S. Pline Road, Lyons, MI 48851

Head Coach: Craig Corbeil

Assistant Coaches: Troy Smith, Amanda & Ben Teachworth

Schedule: Wednesday evenings and/or Sunday afternoons
Flexible schedules

Hunters safety or completion of league SAFE program required.

Contact Cortney Smith to register or for additional information.

517-647-7551

cortneysmith@portlandstpats.org



FROM PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Good afternoon parents,

Two weeks ago we reduced three of our bus routes daily. This reduction in routes will be evaluated every two weeks. **Our driver shortage has not improved and therefore we are extending the route reduction plan for the next two weeks.** Please see the table below for routes that will be reduced.

Unfortunately, the district is not in a position to return to 15 routes, from our current 12, until we hire three new drivers. I have received a lot of feedback on our route cancellation. There are a few misconceptions to school transportation. Public schools are not required to provide transportation to general education students. We are also not funding for transporting general education students. There are districts who do not provide transportation and their funding does not change. **As a district we pride ourselves on providing a safe ride to school for our students. Our goal is to continue to provide that service as we know it decreases numerous barriers to students accessing their education.**

I am really sorry for the significant inconvenience this will have 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	2/8/21	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (6)
Tuesday	2/9/21	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
Thursday	2/11/21	Bus G (1)	Bus H (18)	Bus I (2)
Friday	2/12/21	Portland Public Schools - No School	St. Pat's 1/2 day	



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.



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