



# Shamrock News

3/11/21

**St. Patrick's Day:** Students in grades K-8 will be allowed to wear festive St. Patrick spirit wear from head to toe on Wednesday, March 17. Grades 9-12 will be allowed to wear their festive St. Patrick spirit wear on Friday, March 19. (St. Joseph Day) Hair color (applied at home) must wash out before school on Thursday. Jeans are allowed on both days.

**NHS Blood Drive:** The National Honor Society Blood Drive will take place on Tuesday, March 23 from 10:30am - 4:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS for an appointment.

**Program Effectiveness Surveys:** It is time to complete the annual diocesan satisfaction survey. Please take the time to complete this survey at your earliest convenience. It will only take about 10-15 minutes to complete. **The survey must be completed by Thursday, April 15.** We truly value and appreciate your feedback. This year the survey will be for [grades 5-8](#) and [grades 9-12](#). Families that return the last page of the survey by April 16 will receive out of dress code slips.

**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.

**March 17 & 24, April 13\* (Tues.), 21 & 28**

No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

**March 26**

No Buses - PPS not in session

**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.

**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.

**Reminder:** Raffle tickets for the Shamrock Auction are on sale now. **\$100 Raffle tickets are buy two, get one free until March 17 - St. Patrick's Day!** Grand prize is \$3,000! Visit <https://one.bidpal.net/shamrockauction2021> to purchase all of your raffle tickets.

**Lost and Found:** Our lost and found is growing. There are sweatshirts, St. Pat's jackets, hats, gloves/mittens, water bottles, keys and a St. Pat's blanket. The lost and found is located in the hallway outside the office. Items left in the lost and found after school on April 1 will be donated to the uniform room or a local charity.

**School dress code polos and spirit wear:** Visit [Fabricated Customs](#) website for their sale on dress code polos for just \$11.25. While you are there, check out the St. Patrick spirit wear shirts, jackets and pullovers.

**Nominate a Teacher:** Visit [PFCU's website](#) to nominate a St. Pat's teacher to win \$150.00.



## Calendar of Events



3/12 No School - Professional Development Day  
JV & Var. Boys BB @ P-W 5:30p  
3/14 Daylight Saving Time begins  
3/15 Bowling @ Fowler E-Lanes 3p  
7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Pottsville 5p  
JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Lansing Christian @ PMS 6p  
3/16 5/6 Grade Boys BB @ St. Mary Westphalia 5p  
JV & Var. Girls BB @ Fowler 5:30p  
3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day  
No Busing  
Mass for grades 9-12, live streamed 9:30a  
JV & Var. Boys BB @ Fowler 5:30p

3/18 Mass for grades 1-4, live streamed 9:30a  
7/8 Grade Girls BB @ Laingsburg 5p  
5/6 Grade Girls BB @ St. Mary Westphalia 5p  
3/19 No Heartlands classes  
Open campus lunch for seniors  
Irish Dance Performance for grades 7-12 12:40p  
Irish Dance Performance for grades K-6 1:20p  
Bowling Regionals @ TBD 3p  
JV & Var. Boys BB @ Pottsville 5:30p  
JV & Var. Girls BB vs. P-W @ PMS 6p  
3/20 Bowling Regionals @ TBD 3p

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# K - 5 Reading Month Activities

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 	15	16 D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)	17 St. Patrick's Day (wear shamrock gear head to toe)	18 Bowling for Words (bowling in the classroom)	19	20

## 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

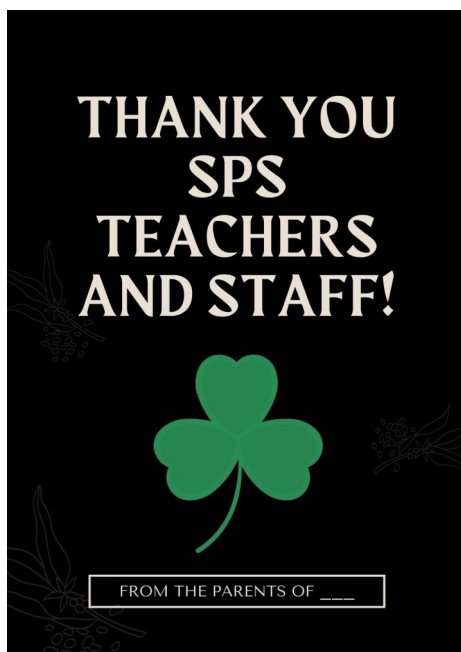
1/4 page (5 1/2" x 4") = \$30

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.





## 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)
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*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.*



**SUPPORT ST. PAT'S PTO!**

# *Candle Fundraiser*

**March 15th - 29th**

St. Pat's PTO has teamed up with Courtney's Candles at The Port to offer you the following:

**SCENTS:**

LILAC

SNICKERDOODLE

LAKE MICHIGAN

BLACK RASPBERRY

SHAMROCK

**OPTIONS:**

CANDLE TIN (8 OZ.)

CANDLE JAR (12 OZ.)

WAX MELTS

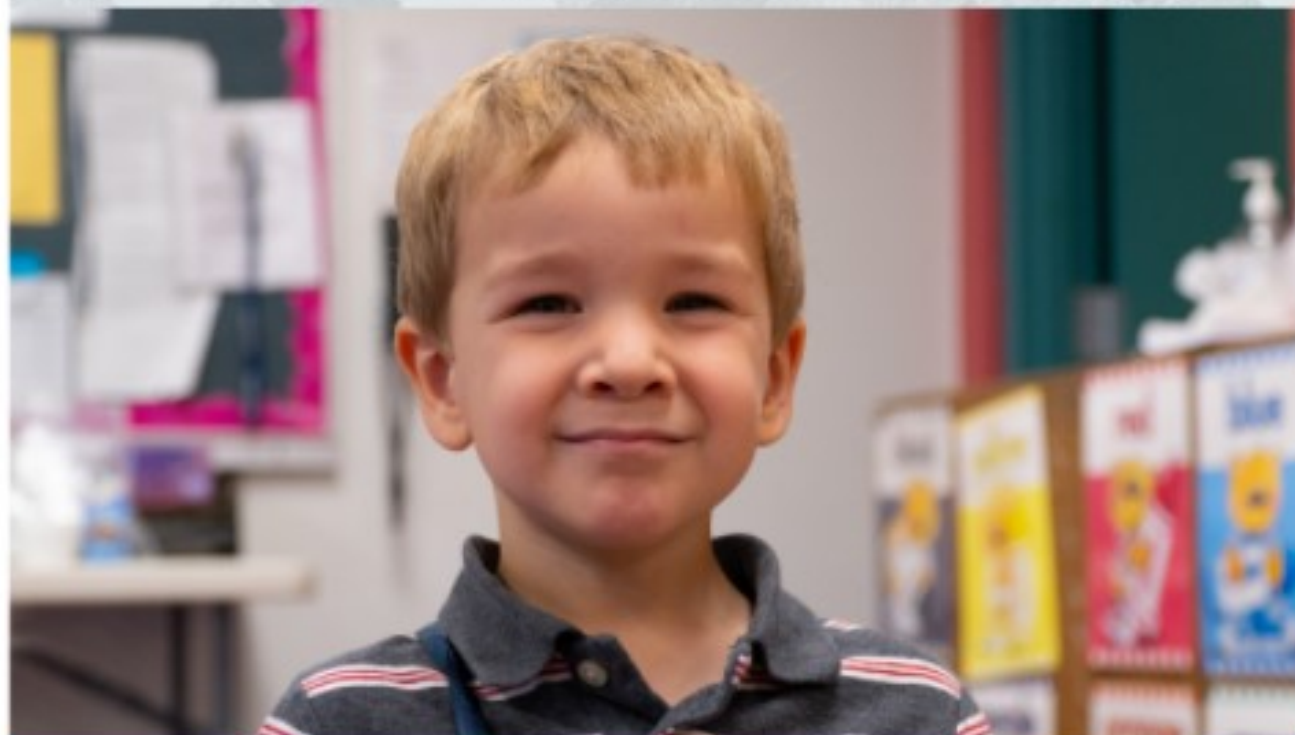
**ORDER FORMS  
WILL BE SENT  
ON MONDAY,  
MARCH 15TH!**



Questions?  
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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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