



Shamrock News

3/19/21

Congratulations: Congratulations to Ethan Kiter for being the March student of the month at Heartlands Institute of Technology.

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 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.

Wednesday, March 31

Rice Bowl Lunch - NO HOT LUNCH on this day
Hot dog lunch will be served with a free-will donation to the rice bowl.

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

No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

Friday, March 26

No Buses - PPS not in session

Friday, April 2

No School - Good Friday

April 5-9

No School - Spring Break

High school course selection forms: The forms were passed out to students in grades 8-11 this week. They are due back to Mrs. Garcia or Mr. Hodge by Wednesday, March 31.

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

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. Track sweatshirts, t-shirts and long sleeved shirts are now available to order. While you are there, check out the St. Patrick spirit wear shirts, jackets and pullovers.

High School Yearbooks: High school yearbooks are available for purchase at the school or online at book.hrimaging.com. Orders online are \$40. Orders in person are \$35 until April 30, and \$40 starting May 1. Forms were handed out this week or you can give your order to Ms. Bennett.



Calendar of Events



3/19 Boys Bowling Regionals @ Crooked Creek in Saginaw 10a
JV & Var. Boys BB @ Potterville 5:30p
Var. Girls BB vs. P-W @ PMS 7p
3/20 Girls Bowling Regionals @ Crooked Creek in Saginaw 10a
3/22 5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. St. Mary Westphalia @ SPS 5:30p
Var. Girls BB District vs. Webberville @ Fowler 5:30p
3/23 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30a-4:45p
Var. Boys BB District vs. Fowler @ Lansing Christian 5:30p
5/6 Grade Girls BB vs. St. Mary Westphalia @ SPS 5:30p
3/24 No Busing

Mass for grades 9-12, live streamed 9:30a
Var. Girls BB District Finals @ Fowler 7p
3/25 Mass for grades 5-8, live streamed 9:30a
Var. Boys BB District Finals @ Lansing Christian 7p
3/26 No Busing
End of 3rd Quarter
Jean and spirit wear day
Stations of the Cross for grades 7-12 10:20a
Bowling State Finals
3/27 Bowling State Finals

St. Patrick School

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K - 5 Reading Month Activities

March 2021 “Get In the Game... READ!”



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 	22	23 D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)	24 Wacky Wednesday (students dress mismatched clothes and crazy hair)	25	26 Hats Off to Reading (wear your favorite hat) Read-A-Thon	27

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

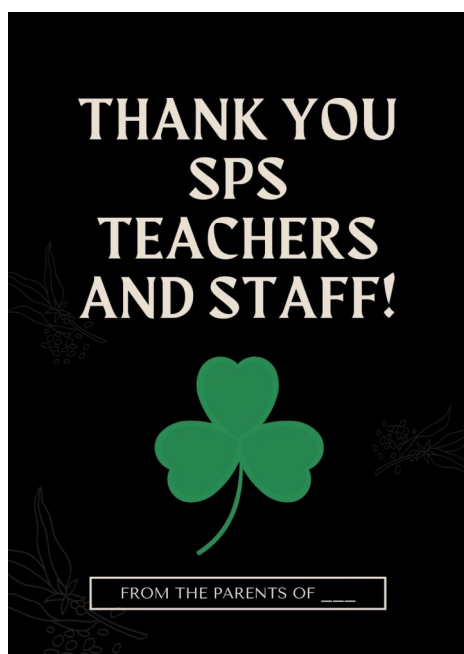
1/4 page (5 1/2" x 4") = \$30

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 for more information.





St. Patrick Rice Bowl Project 2021



Each year the junior high school helps put together the Rice Bowls for St. Patrick Parish. We are holding our 8th annual school wide Rice Bowl Project. (St. Patrick Parish has made the decision to not use the individual Rice bowls this year but we will continue with the project.)

The students will be provided a hotdog and chip lunch. This will be provided by the staff and student council of St. Patrick School. In the spirit of Lent we ask that a free will donation be contributed to the large Rice Bowl created for the project. One of the suggested Catholic Relief Services activities is eating a conservative family meal and giving the saved portion to the project. We are taking this idea and doing it as a school family Rice Bowl Project.

The recommended donation is what you would “normally spend” on your school lunch. Please bring your donation to school on Wednesday, March 31st, when the hotdog lunch will be provided in the cafeteria. At the beginning of the lunch line you can place your donation in the Rice Bowl and enjoy your lunch knowing that you have made a difference for many needy families. If your child is unable to have a hotdog lunch, please bring a sack lunch. Hot lunch will not be available on this day.

The proceeds of the project will be contributed to the Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Patrick Russman

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St. Patrick School

Operation Rice Bowl Coordinator



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.

SUPPORT ST. PAT'S PTO!

Candle Fundraiser

March 15th - 29th



Name (Last, First): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Scents	Quantity		
	Wax Melts \$5.00 each	8 oz. Tin \$10.00 each	12 oz. Jar \$20.00 each
Lilac <i>This scent captures the serene beauty of a field of lilacs in peak bloom.</i>			
Snickerdoodle <i>This scent has notes of sugar, cinnamon, honey and butter rounded out with a smooth base of creamy vanilla.</i>			
Lake Michigan <i>This will transport you to a sand dune overlooking the sandy shores of Lake Michigan. This is truly a fresh scent that is enjoyed year round.</i>			
Black Raspberry <i>The tartness of ripe black raspberries is well balanced by a mellow and natural vanilla note, making this a pleasant fruity fragrance without being too sweet.</i>			
Shamrock <i>This scent was blended specifically for St. Patrick's Shamrocks! It combines the freshness of recently cut flowers with the subtle earthiness of fresh cut grass.</i>			
Total	\$	\$	\$
Grand Total	\$		

**St. Pat's PTO
teamed up with
Courtney's Candles
and The Port!**

**PLEASE SUBMIT
YOUR ORDER FORM
& PAYMENT TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE BY
MARCH 29TH!**

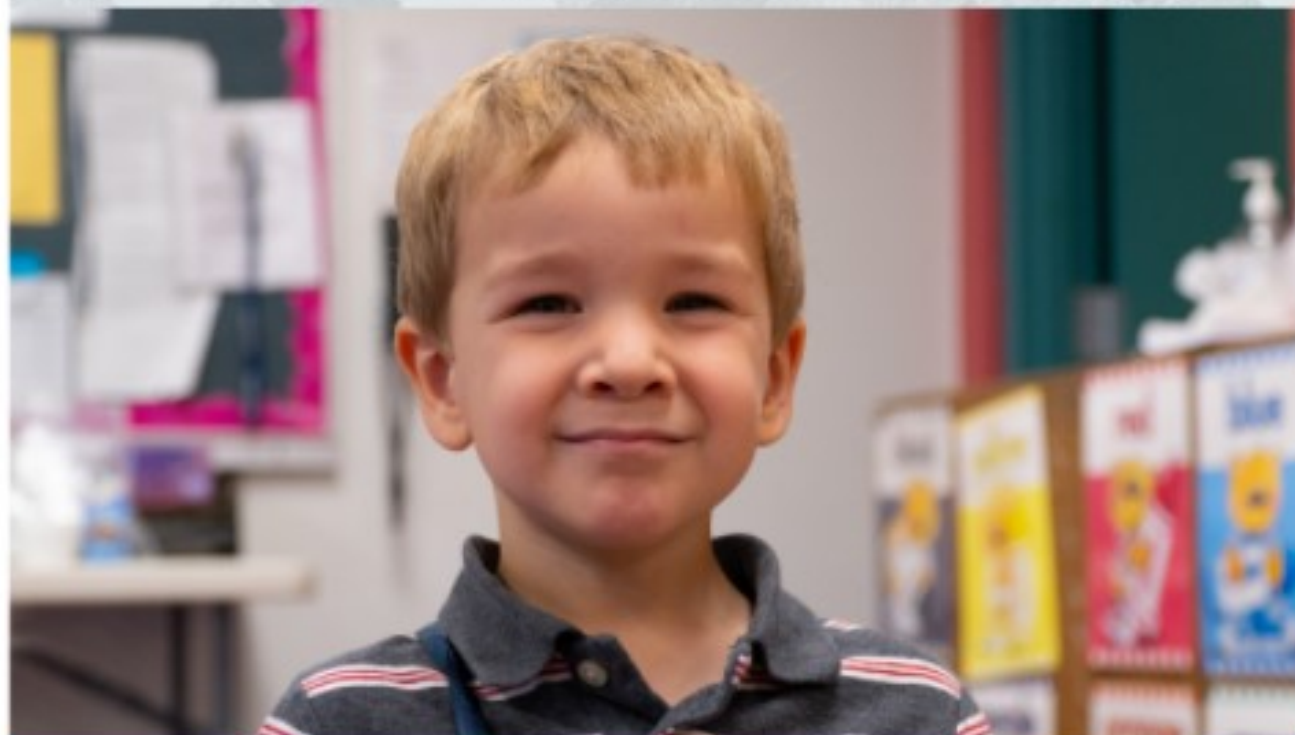
**Cash or Check
Payable to
St. Pat's PTO**

Questions? Contact Us!
pto@portlandstpats.org

Orders will be available for pick-up mid to late April. You will be contacted with further details and instructions closer to this date.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS



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!

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