



Shamrock News

3/26/21

Congratulations:

- To the Girls Bowling Team on making it to States.
- To Marian Pearson and Amy Shaw on making it as individuals to States for Bowling.

NHS Blood Drive: The recent blood drive sponsored by the St. Pat's NHS Chapter was a great success. We collected 65 units of life-saving blood! Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of so many. Thank you for taking the time during this holy season of Lent to practice this act of mercy. While this was our last drive sponsored by the NHS for the school year, the need is ongoing. To find a place to donate blood locally visit redcrossblood.org.

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

Shamrock Auction: The Shamrock Auction is only **1 month away** and the Auction Committee is working hard to put together a fun virtual event for everyone to enjoy. You can do your part to support the school and athletics by, not only bidding on items on April 24th, but by **buying your raffle tickets now!** Since there will be no entry fee this year, the Auction Committee is asking each St. Patrick family to buy a few extra raffle tickets. Our goal is for each St. Patrick student to sell three of the Tuition Raffle tickets which are \$25 each. You can purchase tickets for the tuition raffle, or any of our other raffles online at www.bidpal.net/shamrockauction2021 or by sending \$25 / ticket in an envelope marked Shamrock Auction Tuition Raffle to school with your child. The Auction Committee and the students of St. Patrick appreciate your support!

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.

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.

Friday, April 2

No School - Good Friday

April 5-9

No School - Spring Break

April 13* (Tues.), 21 & 28

No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

High School Yearbooks: The price of a high school yearbook has been reduced. Due to the generosity of local businesses and the hard work of our yearbook staff, we can now offer yearbooks for \$30 each until April 30, and for \$35 starting May 1. If you have already purchased a yearbook, you are eligible to receive a \$5 "rebate" per book. Ms. Anne Bennett will contact you about your preferred method of rebate. Contact anneben-nett@portlandstpats.org with questions. Make checks payable to HR Imaging. You may also purchase books online at <http://book.hrimaging.com/>. The discount does not apply for online purchases.

PTO Fundraiser: We have some exciting news about the PTO Candle Fundraiser! Would you like a chance to win a PARTY at THE PORT?!! Spread the word to your friends and family, and share the candle fundraiser Facebook post from the St. Pat's Facebook page! Our friends at The Port have graciously offered to award a FREE Candle Making Party or Painting Party (for up to 4 party participants) to one lucky winner! For every \$100 sold (any combination of melts, tins, or jars) you sell/purchase, your name will be entered into a drawing to win this fantastic prize! Feel free to use one order form and add your family members' and friends' orders with yours to earn more prize entries in your name! Submit your orders to the school office along with your payment. Orders are due by March 29th. If you have any questions, or would like to revise your order, please don't hesitate to contact us! Your St. Pat's PTO Executive Committee, Jenny Lafferty, Julie Wight, Jenni Brown & Melanie Schneider. pto@portlandstpats.org

Amy & Marian

Good Luck at States
Lady Bowlers!



Calendar of Events



3/26 Girls Bowling States @ Super Bowl in Canton 9a
3/27 Var. Track @ Aquinas College 8a
Girls Bowling Individual States @ Super Bowl in Canton 9a
5/6 Grade Boys & Girls BB Green & White Games @ SPS 9a
3/29 JV BB & SB vs. Lakewood @ FFF 4:30p
3/30 NHS Induction Ceremony in the Gym 7p
3/31 Big Rock/Little Rock Easter Egg Hunt

Rice Bowl Hot Lunch
Var. BB & SB vs. Ionia @ FFF 4p
JV BB & SB @ Ionia 4:30p
4/1 Students may wear shorts to school
4/2 No School - Good Friday
4/5-9 Spring Break

St. Patrick School

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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.

Lost and Found: Our lost and found is growing. There are sweatshirts, sweaters, St. Pat's jackets, hats, gloves/mittens, water bottles, keys, a speaker, glasses container, 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.



K - 5 Reading Month Activities

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Fitness Day (students enjoy exercise stations)	30 D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)	31 Popsicle Day (students enjoy popsicles)			



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.

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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!**

PRIZE GIVEAWAY: For every \$100 sold/purchased, your name will be entered to win a Candle Making Party or Painting Party at The Port!

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

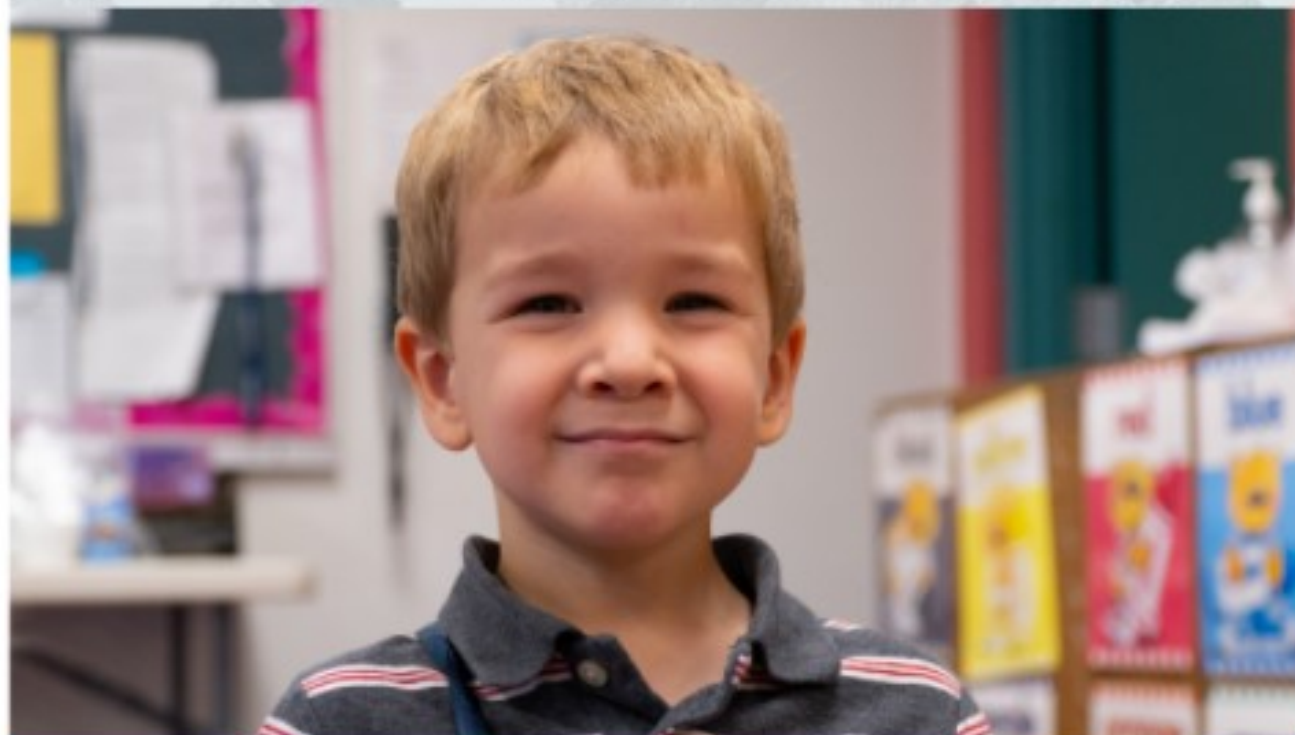
Cash or Check
Payable to
St. Pat's PTO

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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