



Shamrock News

11/12/21

Dear school families - we thank you for your support in our great start to the school year. Our students, our school families, and our teaching staff have stated loud and clear that a break is needed. Our next scheduled break is for Thanksgiving which is scheduled for November 24-26. Please note that NO school, homework, or athletic activities are allowed to be scheduled on these dates. We want everyone to have this time off to relax and rejuvenate so we can prepare for the three weeks that are left before Christmas break which will also include our middle and high school exam week (please see our exam week schedule in this newsletter).

We also understand that many students will be taking Monday off from school to go deer hunting. We wanted to offer a gentle reminder to please make sure you contact the office in advance if your student will not be in attendance on that date. Please be safe and good luck on your hunt!

Congratulations:

- To the high school Student of the Month for September, William Chislea.
- To the high school Students of the Month for October, Peyton Carr and Jamelyn Forist.

Elementary Christmas Program: The elementary Christmas program will not take place this year. However, there will be a special Christmas video sent out in lieu of the program. The following groups will be included in the video: grades PS-5, middle school choir, high school choir, and a special staff video.

Please Dress for the Weather: Colder weather is upon us and we require K-5 grade students to go outside for recess. Please remember to wear boots, winter coats, hats, gloves, tights and snow pants when it is needed.

High School Yearbook Orders: Yearbook order forms were given to students this week. Orders placed before December 1, are \$35. Orders placed after that time are \$40 and will be collected until April. Checks should be made out to St. Patrick School and given to Mrs. Rockey or the school office along with the order form. Orders can also be placed online at www.inter-state.com/order by entering the code **62362D**.

Monday, Nov. 15 - No Busing
PPS not in session

November 24-26 - Thanksgiving Break

Hall Walking: Hall walking is now open to the public through April 1, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Mondays-Fridays on full days of school only. You may enter the building using door #7 on West Street.

Portland Community Fund: Christmas Giving Program Applications are available in the school office. The form is due on Tuesday, November 16th at City Hall. This is available to residents within the Portland School District.

Smart Aid Applications: Just a reminder that the deadline for the first round of scholarships for 2022-23 is due on December 5th. Information was originally emailed to all families on Oct. 11th and again this week. The application and instructions are available on the website under Tuition/Scholarships.

Mind Over Matter Committee News: The committee is organizing a thanksgiving day filled with service activities on November 19. To kick off the events, the students will enjoy cider and donuts in the morning. Following cider and donuts, big rocks and little rocks will be decorating charity shoeboxes and deciding what they want to put inside. After lunch, the middle and high school students are choosing whether to rake or do a service activity at the school.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Christmas Choir needs YOU!



WHO: ALL SINGERS Grade 5 thru College

WHERE: St. Patrick School MUSIC ROOM #115

*enter thru middle set of doors on West St.

WHEN: NOV. 13, 20 and DEC. 4, 11 ~ 10am -

11:30am DEC. 18 and DEC. 22 ~ 10am - NOON

WHY: TO SING AT THE 6:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Questions? Call James Tavazde OR Therese Jander-noa @ 647-6505 X423

NOTE: College Age Singers must have attended a Protecting God's Children Awareness Session.



Calendar of Events



11/13 5/6 Boys BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a
11/15 No busing - PPS not in session
7/8 Boys BB vs. P-W @ SPS 5:30p
11/17 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
Quiz Bowl @ Bath 4:30p
6th grade Boys BB @ IHM 6p
11/18 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
7/8 Boys BB @ Laingsburg 5p

PTO Wine Tasting at the Wheel 6p
5th grade Boys BB @ St. Joseph (SJ) 7:15p
11/19 Jean and spirit wear day
Thanksgiving
Senior Open Campus Lunch
11/20 5th grade Boys BB vs. Resurrection @ SPS 10a
6th grade Boys BB vs. St. Mary @ SPS 11:15a

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www.portlandstpatrs.com

The yearly St. Patrick School Calendar is [here](#).



Bring your family, friends, or just yourself!

High School Students: We have a great opportunity coming up! Dec. 3-4, we will have a NET team here to put on a retreat for you. They will be here during the school day on Dec. 3rd, and will come back to host an overnight retreat that evening into Saturday. We will be staying overnight in the school, so come join us for tons of fun! Sign up for the overnight retreat at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_cgRQc7x7REDD422HJ53G5pQ68S9wOOzLXCI5ZM6DmU/edit. See you there!

8th Grade Students: We will be joining a NET retreat taking place at Sts. Peter and Paul on December 10th during school hours. Transportation will be provided. More information is coming soon!

If you have any questions regarding these events, please contact Brandy Holt at brandyholt@portlandstpats.org.

Umbrellas and Blankets for sale: The Athletic Association has St. Patrick black umbrellas for \$15 and 50" x 60" black nylon fleece picnic blankets with green fleece interior and water resistant poly liner back for \$30. These



would make excellent Christmas presents. Please contact the school office or an Athletic Association member to purchase one.

Christmas Spirit Week



Monday, December 13th: *Christmas Character Day*

Dress as your favorite Christmas character from a book or movie. Jeans may be worn.

Tuesday, December 14th: *Let your Light Shine*

Dress up with lights, tinsel, and anything shiny. Jeans may be worn.

Wednesday, December 15th: *Christmas Hat & Sock Day*

Dress up in your favorite Christmas hat and socks. Jeans may be worn.

Thursday, December 16th: *A Long Winter's Nap (comfy day)*

Dress in your favorite comfy clothes. Jeans may be worn.

Friday, December 17th: *Ugly Sweater Day*

Dress up in your favorite ugly sweater. Jeans may be worn.

2021 Winter Exam Schedule

Secondary Schedule (Grades 6-12)

Monday, December 13: Regular full day of school

Tuesday, December 14:

7:30 - 11:07 Regular morning school day schedule
11:37 - 12:09 5th hour class
12:12 - 12:44 6th hour class
12:50 - 2:20 **7th Hour Exam**

Wednesday, December 15:

7:30 - 9:00 **1st Hour Exam**
9:10 - 10:40 **2nd Hour Exam - No busing at 10:40 am**

Thursday, December 16:

7:30 - 9:00 **3rd Hour Exam**
9:10 - 10:40 **4th Hour Exam - No busing at 10:40 am**

Friday, December 17:

7:30 - 8:50 **5th Hour Exam**
9:00 - 10:20 **6th Hour Exam**
10:30 - 11:30 **All School Mass - No busing at 11:30 am**

- If a student (gr. 10-12) does not have an exam during a class period, they should not be in the school during that time unless specifically directed to be there by their teacher.
- High school students will be allowed to leave the building as soon as their second exam of the day is complete except on Friday. On Friday, all students who have a sixth hour exam are required to stay for Mass.

Bus Changes: Portland Public Schools reduced bus routes schedule beginning Monday, October 18th:

Day		No Transportation		
Monday		Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
Tuesday		Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
Wednesday		Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
Thursday		Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)
Friday		Rotation		
Friday Rotation	Oct 22	No School for St. Pat's		
	Oct 29	1/2 Day for St. Pat's - No Busing		
	Nov 5	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Nov 12	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Nov 19	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)

Seniors Abby Weller and Kayla Florian will be collecting non-perishable food items next week for Thanksgiving as their Capstone Project. The donations will be given to Portland Backpack for Bellies, an organization that offers meals and snacks to children for free. Requested food items are listed below. Please do not give anything in glass containers. Students should bring their items in on their respective Mass days (Nov 17/18). There is also a box located outside the main office doors for parents, or anyone else wanting to donate.

Thank you!



Portland Backpack for Bellies

Free Weekend Food for Portland Kids

Food Drive Items

16 oz peanut butter in plastic containers
20oz squeezable jelly
18+oz Oatmeal
Canned Spaghetti Sauce & Box noodles
Ramen Noodles
Bear Creek (or similar) Family soup mix
Box Macaroni & Cheese
Refried Beans
Spanish rice
Canned Tuna/chicken
Granola Bars
Egg noodles
Cream chicken or mushroom soup
Fruit Snacks/Cups

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

November 1st - 14th



St. Pat's PTO has teamed up with *Good News! Book Fair*, a Catholic-based company, to hold a virtual book fair!

ORDER ONLINE:

www.goodnewsbookfair.com/Virtual-Fair/
Enter Code "SHAMROCK" at check-out!

**Submit Orders Online By:
November 14th, 2021**

QUESTIONS?

Contact St. Pat's PTO:
pto@portlandstpats.org



Teacher Wish Lists

Please consider purchasing a book for your student's classroom! Listed on the SignUp Genius link below is the list of teachers who submitted a wish list to us. Please be sure to use this SignUp Genius to ensure they do not receive duplicate books:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A5AB2CA7F9C16-good>. Once you receive your order in the mail, please send the donated book(s) to the school! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Orders will be shipped directly to your home. Free shipping for orders of \$25+!



ST. PAT'S PTO

WINE NIGHT AT THE WHEEL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH AT 6:30 P.M.

Our annual wine & beer tasting at the Wheel is BACK! Join us for a fun evening of sampling wines and beers, enjoying heavy hors d'oeuvres, and trying your luck with 50/50 raffles and gift basket giveaways!

SPACE IS LIMITED! RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY BY CALLING THE WAGON WHEEL DIRECTLY AT 517-647-4989! \$25 PER PERSON.



Portland Public Schools is announcing the following Transportation Incentive Program to begin on October 11, 2021. School bus and van driver employment opportunities are available with both Portland Public Schools and METS.

Wages

Transportation salaries will be increased by \$1.50/hr making our base run rate \$20/hr for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

Signing Bonus

The following signing bonus will be provided to all newly hired drivers:

- \$3,000 for a fully certified bus driver that begins employment before January 1, 2022
- \$2,000 for a fully certified bus driver that begins employment after January 1, 2022
- \$1,000 for any uncertified bus or van driver

Miscellaneous

The District will pay for all necessary bus driver training courses. Individuals will receive \$250 for taking and completing the training courses. All driver related costs (fingerprint, CDL, etc.) will be reimbursed. Drivers will be offered PTO and Holiday Pay.

Retention Bonus

All drivers will receive a retention incentive of \$1,000 for their continued employment into the 2022-2023 school year.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in driving part time or full time please have them contact our HR Specialist Diana Graef at dgraef@portlandk12.org or call our office at (517) 647-4161.



**American
Red Cross**



Blood Drive
St. Patrick Catholic School
140 Center Street, Portland

Tuesday, November 23, 2021
10:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Sponsored by St. Patrick Catholic School National Honor Society. To schedule an appointment, log on to RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: St Patrick), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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