



Shamrock News

11/19/21

No newsletter next week: Please note since next week is only a two-day school week, there will be no newsletter. We wish all our families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Stay home when sick: Please remember to keep your child(ren) home if they are sick. Fever, vomiting, and diarrhea require all students and staff to be symptom free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

Bus routes return to normal: The Portland Public School bus route reduction ends this week.

Congratulations: To Hayley Fleischer who is the Ionia County Career Center Student of the Month for November.

Lunch/recess volunteers needed: St. Patrick School is looking for lunch/recess volunteers. Anyone who has VIRTUS training and a completed background check is eligible. Volunteers will join two teachers who rotate daily throughout the month. Lunch begins at 11:40 a.m. and ends at 12:35 p.m. Lunch duty is a time to be visible in the lunchroom and assist students when needed. At approximately 12:10 p.m., students go outside for recess. Two teachers and a volunteer will accompany students to Alton Park, the black top, or inside recess. Please contact the main office if you know of any parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousins, alumni, state workers, etc. who are interested. Thank you for your consideration.

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.



November 22-26 - No Ionia County Career Center
November 24-26 - Thanksgiving Break

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 last 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**.

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.

Smart Aid Applications: Just a reminder that the deadline for the first round of scholarships for 2022-23 is 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.



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 Tavadze OR Therese Jander-noa @ 647-6505 X423

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



Calendar of Events



11/20 5th grade Boys BB vs. Resurrection @ SPS 10a
6th grade Boys BB vs. St. Mary @ SPS 11:15a
11/23 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30a-5p
11-24-26 Thanksgiving Break
11/29 Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Ceremony 9:25a
7/8 Boys BB vs. Bath @ SPS 5:30p
11/30 JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Lansing Christian @ SPS 6p
12/1 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a

5/6 Boys BB @ St. Mary Westphalia 5p
12/2 Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a
7/8 Boys BB @ Dansville 5p
12/3 High School Net Retreat 7:30a-2:20p
JV & Var. Girls BB @ Lenawee Christian 5:30p
12/4 Quiz Bowl League Tournament @ Laingsburg 9a
5/6 Boys BB vs. St. Thomas @ SPS 10a
12/5 Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p

St. Patrick School 122 West Street Portland, MI 48875

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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 [this link](https://forms.gle/HKled6dDMMqkHScv6). (https://forms.gle/HKled6dDMMqkHScv6) 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.

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.

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.

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.



The National Honor Society is coordinating a Toys for Tots drive again this year. It begins on November 19th and ends December 10th. The boxes will be outside the school office and new, unwrapped, toys can be dropped off during school hours. This year we are having a school wide competition for who can collect the most toys, with the teams being, high school, middle school, upper elementary (3-5) and lower elementary (K-2). Please be sure to drop the toys off in your class's respective box. Thank you and happy holidays!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

November

Elementary Counseling Lessons

- ◆ K: Self-Esteem
- ◆ 1: Self-Respect
- ◆ 2: Self-Respect: Be "Shore" of Yourself
- ◆ 3: Self-Respect
- ◆ 4: Leadership Skills
- ◆ 5: Leadership Skills: Take Me to Your Leader!

Middle School Counseling Lessons

- ◆ 7: Anxiety/Depression

High School Counseling Lessons

- ◆ 10: Self-Esteem
- ◆ 11: Growth Mindset
- ◆ 12: Accepting Feedback

IMPORTANT TEST DATES

SAT (11th Grade): March 23, 2022

Upcoming

As you all may know, I am a resource for all students. This year, I will be providing Minute Meetings to all students. Minute Meetings are used by many school counselors to get to know their students. These are not to be mistaken for individual counseling. Minute Meetings will be held outside the students' classroom in my comfy bungee chairs. They will last about a minute and will be a fun way for me to get to know each and every student better. I look forward to seeing them all! Some examples of questions I may ask:

Tell me one word to describe yourself.
What is one thing you want me to know about you?

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Blood Drive
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An Expression of Gratitude from the Fall Festival Committee

Many hands make light work. ~John Heywood

The Fall Festival Committee would like to thank the community, parish, and school families for the overwhelming support for this year's event! The Fall Fest profits are used to fund our athletic programs here at Saint Patrick School, and couldn't be done without the support from those that purchased raffle tickets, take-out meals, and volunteered their time and energy. The take-out dinner, while not our true community gathering, was a feast second to none and many helped to pull this off! The outpouring of time, talent, and treasure is what made this event a true success. Congratulations to our Fall Fest raffle winners:

\$5000 winners-Cindy Selden and Gladys Stiffler

\$1000 winner-Beth Theis

\$500 winners-Tom and Cindy Brown, Dan and Mary Jo Schneider, Patricia Bogard, and Nancy Schrauben

We are also looking for new people to join our committee. Please contact our Athletic Association President Andy Mosser at 517-897-0260 if you are interested.

Thank you,

Jill Scheurer

Fall Fest Chair



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Welcome new coordinators



Julia Schmitt :
Ordering Coordinator

Hello, I am a lifelong member of St. Patrick's parish, I graduated with the class of 2009 at St. Patrick's High School. I am the daughter of Chris and Kaye Sandborn, and married to Casey Schmitt. We are blessed with two children. I work for the State of Michigan, with the Medicaid Policy Program. I enjoy reading, being outdoors and spending time with my friends and family. I am excited to volunteer my time and talents to continue to facilitate and grow our Scrip program!

Hi, I'm Liz Brinks, and I'm new to St. Patrick's Catholic School. My kids just started attending St. Pats this year, and we couldn't be happier with the decision we made. I have 3 kids, 4, 3 and 9 months and have been married to my husband Sam for 6 years. I work at an oncology clinic in Grand Rapids and am currently in Nursing School. I have a background in graphic design, and enjoy creating fun and bright designs. I'm excited to be part of Scrip at St. Pats and hope to help grow the program.



Liz Brinks:
Marketing Coordinator



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