



Shamrock News

12/10/21

This is the last newsletter for the year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for supporting St. Patrick School. Have a safe and relaxing Christmas break.

Congratulations: To Tessa Lawson for being the Ionia County Career Center Student of the Month for December.

Progress Reports: High School reports are posted for second quarter. Grades 3-8 will be posted next week.

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.

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.

Lost and Found: Take a look at the growing number of items in the lost and found outside the office. There are hats, gloves, water bottles, t-shirts, etc. Items that remain on December 17th will be donated to the uniform sale or a local charity.

December 17 - 1/2 day of school K-12,
all students dismiss at 11:30a

No preschool, daycare, or afterschool childcare
NO BUSING - PPS not in session

December 20-31 - Christmas Break

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (12/24): 6:00 pm
Christmas Day (12/25): 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Sunday (12/26): 8:00 am & 10:00 am
New Years Eve (12/31): 8:00 am
The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (1/1): 8:00am & 4:30pm

Reconciliation Times: Tuesdays 5:00-5:45 pm, Saturdays 10:00-11:00 am and 3:00-4:00 pm

*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*



Calendar of Events



12/10	Boys Bowling vs. Dansville @ Meadow Bowl 3p JV & Var. Girls BB @ P-W 5:30p	12/17	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Fowler @ PMS 6p 1/2 day of school K-12, all students dismiss at 11:30 No busing, preschool, daycare, or afterschool childcare 5th & 6th hour exams Mass for grades K-12 10:30a JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Fowler @ PMS 6p
12/11	5th grade Boys BB vs. St. Joseph (SJ) @ SPS 10a 6th grade Boys BB vs. Our Savior Lutheran @ SPS 11:15a	12/20-12/31	Christmas Break
12/13	Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Ceremony 12:40p Bowling vs. P-W @ Meadow Bowl Lanes 3p 7/8 Boys BB vs. Fulton @ SPS 5:30p 5th grade Boys BB @ St. Paul 6p 6th grade Boys BB @ St. Mary Williamston 6p	1/3/22	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Morrice 6p
12/14	7th hour exam JV & Var. Boys BB @ Saranac 5:30p School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	1/4	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Dansville @ PMS 6p
12/15	No Mass 1st & 2nd hour exams JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Saranac @ PMS 6p	1/5	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a JV & Var. Girls BB @ Dansville 5:30p
12/16	No Mass 3rd & 4th hour exams Elementary Christmas Parties 7/8 Boys BB @ Fowler 5p	1/6	Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a Bowling @ Central Montcalm 3p JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p
		1/7	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p
		1/8	K of C Free Throw Contest in the gym 9a Second Grade Reconciliation 10a JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Morrice @ PMS 6p
		1/9	Athletic Association Mtg. in Parish Hall 6:30p

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 - PPS not in session**

- 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.

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Group -- TIME CHANGE

High School Youth Group has a time change! First and foremost, because of retreats, events, and Christmas break, **High School Youth Group will not be meeting again until January 9th**. Because of the Mass time change that will be put into effect at the start of the New Year, **we will now be meeting Sundays from 11:00am - 12:30pm starting January 9th**. The location stays the same, Rm 110 in the school! Enter through doors #6 on West Street or find Brandy after 10am Mass to cut through the Parish Hall. Bring a friend and come hang out with us! We hope to see you there!

Middle School Youth Group -UPDATE!

Youth Group has been going GREAT! We have one more meeting on Dec. 13th before Christmas Break! After Dec. 13, Middle School Youth Group won't be meeting again until January 3rd, 2022. Time: Mondays after school from 2:30-4:00 in Room 110! Our first meetings went great, so bring a friend and come join us!

March For Life for high school students:

March For Life 2022 is happening! Mr. Hodge sent an email with the permission slip to all high school parents and students.

1. First and foremost, the March For Life this year is on **Friday, January 21, 2021**. We will be departing St. Pat's on Thursday morning and returning on Saturday evening. We will be traveling by bus through the Diocese, and we are planning for St. Pat's to have our own bus both there and back!
2. We will be staying two nights in the hotel, at either Capitol Hills Hotel or Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel, and there will be 4 people per room.
3. The initial cost of the trip is \$325 per person. St. Patrick does have a March For Life fund that we can issue scholarships out of, so please don't let the cost deter you from going! If the cost is the only thing stopping you from going, please reach out to either Randy Hodge or Brandy Holt and we can figure it out!
4. In order to save your spot, a \$50 deposit is due at the same time as your permission slip. This will be on a first come first serve basis, so the sooner you return your slip and deposit, the better!

We are greatly looking forward to experiencing this with your students! Please feel free to contact either Randy Hodge or Brandy Holt with any questions you may have! More information, including permission slips, is coming soon!

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

ST. PATRICK PARISH PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: A CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Join us for games, food, music,
crafts, and more!

DECEMBER 12TH • 5PM - 7PM
PARISH HALL

Bring your family, friends, or just yourself!

Hoops for Hope

Mara Schrauben, Katelyn Russell, and Lydia Meredith will be selling pink t-shirts to wear to the boys basketball game on February 4th against Saranac for their capstone project. All proceeds will be donated to cancer research. Pre-order your \$20 Hoops for Hope t-shirts by January 14th at 8pm from [Fabricated Customs at this link.](#)



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.



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