



Shamrock News

12/3/21

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.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Laynie Meredith for being chosen as the Portland Beacon October Athlete of the Month.

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.

Christmas Program Recording: The K-5 Christmas program will be recorded on December 9th during their normal music time. Students should dress in their Christmas clothes/Sunday best on this day.

Let's go SHAMROCKS!

December 17 - 1/2 day of School K-12, all students dismiss at 11:30a, no busing at dismissal
No preschool, daycare, or afterschool childcare

December 20-January 1 - Christmas Break

NHS Blood Drive: The recent blood drive hosted by the National Honor Society went well collecting 44 units of life-saving blood! Thank you to all our donors and volunteers for making this a success. Our next drive at the Parish Hall is scheduled for January 18th.

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.

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.

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.

Come, Come Emmanuel



Calendar of Events



12/3	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Lenawee Christian 5:30p		JV & Var. Girls BB @ Laingsburg 5:30p
12/4	Quiz Bowl League Tournament @ Laingsburg 9a 5/6 Boys BB vs. St. Thomas @ SPS 10a	12/9	Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a 7/8 grade Boys BB @ Saranac 5p
12/5	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	12/10	8th grade NET Retreat @ Ionia Ss. Peter & Paul Senior Open Campus Lunch Boys Bowling vs. Dansville @ Meadow Bowl 3p JV & Var. Girls BB @ P-W 5:30p
12/6	Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Ceremony 10:20a 7/8 Boys BB vs. Potterville @ SPS 5:30p	12/11	5th grade Boys BB vs. St. Joseph (SJ) @ SPS 10a 6th grade Boys BB vs. Our Savior Lutheran @ SPS 11:15a
12/7	Christmas Concert (for students only) 10a JV & Var. Boys BB @ CC-C 6p		
12/8	All School Mass 9:30a 5/6 grade Boys BB @ St. Joseph (Pewamo) 5p		

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.

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!

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



Bring your family, friends, or just yourself!

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!

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!

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



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