



Shamrock News

1/7/22

Congratulations:

- To the high school students of the month Payton Russman for November and Tessa Lawson for December.
- To the 5th-8th grade boys basketball teams on awesome seasons.

Protecting Young Eyes: Please read the information from PYE for Digital Trust Framework. This is a preparation tool for parents to teach responsible technology use. [This is the link.](#)

Nominate a teacher for the PFCU Cash for Classrooms: Each week from January - May, a different teacher will be randomly chosen to win a total of \$150 from Portland Federal Credit Union. You can nominate a current K-12 full-time, part-time or substitute teacher to win. [This is the link](#) for the nomination form.

Students recognize the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist:

Please take a moment to read the following [Blog Post](#). This is such significant data pointing to the effectiveness of Catholic schools, our catechesis on the Eucharist as well as the Catholic culture in our schools. It speaks volumes about the value of Catholic schools, especially to those that are interested in the quality of our Catholic identity and culture.

MAPS Testing: MAPS testing will be taking place over the next couple of weeks for students in grades K-8. Please make sure that your child(ren) have plenty of rest.

Shamrock Auction Committee: Do you like to help the school and have fun in the process? The Shamrock Auction Committee is looking for people to join the committee. You can be as involved as you want to be. Please contact Mike/Ann Kissane (517)604-1852 or Jason/Jenny Chamberlain (517)881-8392 for more details.

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

Thursday & Friday, January 13 & 14

No afternoon busing
Portland Public Schools mornings only

Monday, January 17

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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.](#)



**In the event of a snow day,
the entire St. Patrick campus is closed.**

**This includes the school, church and parish office.
All Masses, meetings, games and practices will be canceled.**



Calendar of Events



1/7	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p				PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p
1/8	K of C Free Throw Contest in the gym 9a		1/13	No afternoon busing	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
	Second Grade Reconciliation 10a			JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p	
	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Morrice @ PMS 6p		1/14	No afternoon busing	Senior Open Campus Lunch
1/9	Athletic Association Mtg. in Parish Hall 6:30p			JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p	
1/10	Bowling @ CC-C @ Sheridan Lanes 3p		1/17	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Bowling @ Fowler @ E-Lanes 3p
1/11	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Potterville @ PMS 6p				
1/12	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a				
	Bowling @ Central Montcalm @ Sheridan Lanes 3p				
	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Potterville 5:30p				

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

DECEMBER

Elementary Counseling Lessons

- K: Kindness
- 1: Superhero Kindness
- 2: Bullying-Avoid "Pie" Pressure!
- 3: Bullying Prevention-Penalty Box and Winner's Circle
- 4: Bullying Prevention-What's in your suitcase?
- 5: Bullying Prevention

Middle School Counseling Lessons

- 8: Gratitude

IMPORTANT TEST DATES

SAT (11th Grade): March 23, 2022



Snow Man Cookie Deep Breathing Exercise



Help the snow man prepare his cookies with this deep breathing exercise. Take a deep breath in through your nose to smell the cookies and blow the cookies off to cool it down.



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. Please contact the school office or an Athletic Association member to purchase one.



Youth Ministry

High School Youth Group -- TIME CHANGE

High School Youth Group has a time change! **High School Youth Group will meet on January 9th.** Because of the Mass time change, **we will now be meeting Sundays from 11:00am - 12:30pm starting January 9th.** The location stays the same, Room 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! 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, 2022.** 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. Please return your slip by Thursday, January 13th.

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!

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



3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

There is a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Monday, January 17, in the St. Patrick School gym for students in grades 6-12. The entry fee is \$5 per person for players and spectators (invite your friends and family to come and watch!); enter through door #1 by the school office. There will be a boys tournament and a girls tournament with a bracket for middle school and a bracket for high school. The winner of each will play each other at the end for an out of dress code slip. Teams can be co-ed if wanted and will be placed into the bracket accordingly. Grades 6-8 will start at 10:00 a.m. and high school will start at 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Cole Kinsman, Kyle Edlund, or Braxton Teachworth. All proceeds will go to purchasing picnic tables for the school as a part of their Capstone Project.



Please give blood.

American Red Cross

Blood Drive
St. Patrick Catholic School

140 Center Street, Portland

Tuesday, January 18, 2022
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



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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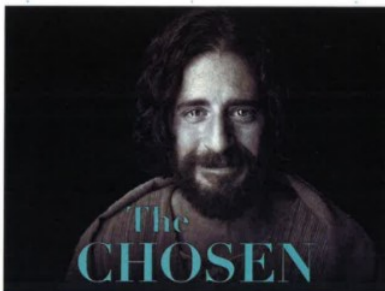
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“HAVE YOU SEEN ‘THE CHOSEN’?”



One of the most beautiful and thought-provoking series about the life of Christ, “The Chosen” masterfully shows the merciful compassion of Christ and the power of his mission.

Beginning January 10th, 6-7pm- Parish Hall

Join Carolyn and Melissa every Monday evening for dinner as we journey through the series with video clips and lively discussion! No registration required. Here's what we'll cover in January:

- January 10th: S1, E1- “I Have Called You by Name”
- January 17th: S1, E2- “Shabbat”
- January 24th: S1, E3- “Jesus Loves the Little Children”
- January 31st: S1, E4- “The Rock on Which it is Built”



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS**, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS**, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and
- WHEREAS**, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and
- WHEREAS**, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and
- WHEREAS**, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and
- WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school;

Therefore, *We, Courtney Smith & Randy Holze* do hereby proclaim February 7-11, 2022, as National School Counseling Week.