

# Shamrock News

<u>Congratulations</u>: To Braxton Teachworth for being selected as Ionia County Career Center Student of the Month for March.

**2022-23 Tuition Letter and Contract**: This was emailed to all families this week. Please review the information and return the Tuition Contract to the school office.

<u>Shamrock Baseball and Softball Apparel</u>: Please visit Fabricated Customs to order your spring apparel. <u>Softball</u> and <u>Baseball</u> orders are due on March 21st at Midnight.

**Program Effectiveness Surveys**: It is time to complete the annual diocesan satisfaction survey. Please take the time to complete this survey. (It will only take about 10-15 minutes.) **The survey must be completed by Thursday, April 14.** We truly value and appreciate your feedback. Here is the link for the <u>survey</u>. Families that return the last page of the survey by April 22 will receive out of dress code slips for their children.

<u>Elementary & Middle School Yearbooks</u>: Yearbooks are now on sale for \$15. Order forms were sent home this week. Send in your order or order online by Friday, April 22.

<u>**Recess**</u>: Please continue to send boots to school. PS-5 students go to Alton Park and conditions may be muddy at times. Snow pants are also helpful.

<u>Nominate a Teacher</u>: Visit <u>PFCU's website</u> to nominate a St. Pat's teacher to win \$150.00.

**Chess Club**: Chess Club is being held on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:40 for middle school and from 3:50 to 5:00 for grades 3-5 in room 115. Mr. Tom Jandernoa is the advisor. Permission forms were sent home last week. Dates are: March 8, 22, 29, April 12, 19, and 26.



Friday, March 25 & April 1 No Busing - Portland Public Schools not in session

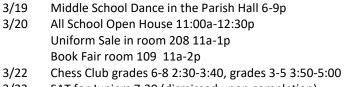
> April 4-8 Spring Break



#### Shamrock Auction 2022 Friday, April 29 @ 6:00pm www.bidpal.net/shamrockauction2022

Raffle & Entry Tickets are now available!

### **Calendar of Events**



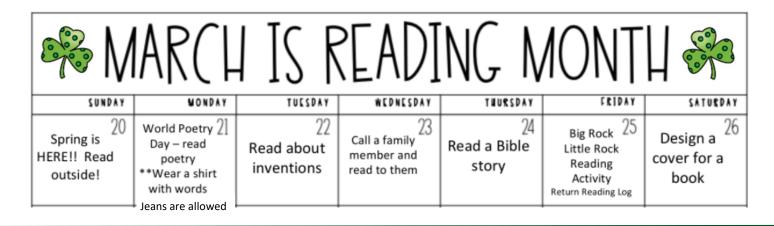
- 3/23 SAT for Juniors 7:30 (dismissed upon completion)
- 3/24 Var. SB @ Webberville 4p

3/25 No Busing End of 3rd Quarter Jean & spirt wear Stations of the Cross 12:45p
3/26 Var. Track @ Jim Gardner Invitational @ Aquinas 9a
3/27 Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p

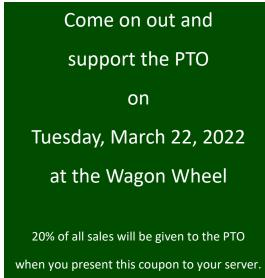
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The yearly St. Patrick School Calendar is here.







# Youth Ministry

#### 1. Middle School Youth Group

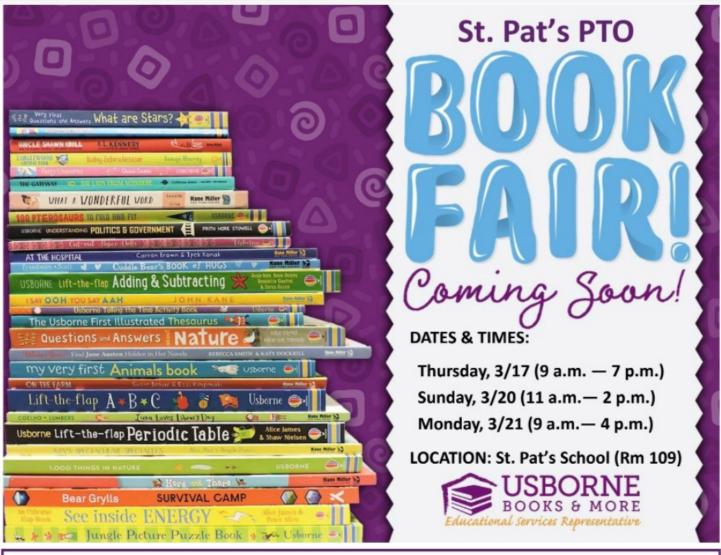
Open to all middle schoolers. Meets 2:30 to 4pm every Monday that there is a full school day. Games, food, hands-on activities, and formation.

#### 2. Catholic Art Prize: Middle School Edition

All Middle schoolers are invited to create a piece of art with a Catholic/Christian theme. Art may be created with any materials that can be displayed in the school. Art will be accepted from 2/7 until 3/31. Art should be labeled with student name and grade. Three winners will be selected from each grade level. Prizes will be gift cards from local businesses.

#### 3. Weekly Saint Challenge

Each week a biography of a saint will be available in the middle school hallway and in the youth ministry room. Any students that correctly answer questions and return the form in the drop box will be entered for a weekly drawing for candy and small prizes.



Dear Parents, Families, and Supporters!

Spring is upon us and we are excited to celebrate 'March is Reading Month' with something special! Come and browse amazing books for your home or for gifts during **St. Pat's PTO Book Fair with** *Usborne Books & More*. These exciting and educational books are entertaining and make great learning resources. Our Book Fair begins March 17th, and you can preview the books <u>HERE</u>.

In-Person: Shop in Room 109 at the school on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21st (see shopping times above). *Payments accepted via cash, check or card.* 

**Online:** Shop anytime at <u>https://g7219.myubam.com/2348293</u> through March 21st. Shopping is convenient and simple, and books will ship directly to your home if you order this way.

Looking for customized recommendations for the readers in your life? Feel free to contact our Educational Services Rep – Heather Goodenough (text at 616.528.8366).

In addition to supporting literacy, your purchase provides significant rewards for our school. You will also have the opportunity to donate books (or purchase gift certificates) from teacher wish lists!

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

Sincerely, St. Pat's PTO



### St. Patrick Rice Bowl Project 2022



Each year the St. Patrick Junior High School helps put together the Rice Bowls for St. Patrick Parish. We are holding our 9<sup>th</sup> annual school wide Rice Bowl Project. (St. Patrick Parish has made the decision to not use the individual Rice Bowls this year, but we will continue with the project.)

The students will be provided a hotdog and chip lunch. This will be provided by the staff and student council of St. Patrick School. In the spirit of Lent we ask that a free will donation be contributed to the large Rice Bowl created for the project. One of the suggested Catholic Relief Services activities is eating a conservative family meal and giving the saved portion to the project. We are taking this idea and doing it as a school community Rice Bowl Project.

The recommended donation is what you would "normally spend" on your school lunch. Please bring your donation to school on Thursday, April 14th, when the hotdog lunch will be provided in the cafeteria. At the beginning of the lunch line, you can place your donation in the Rice Bowl and enjoy your lunch knowing that you have made a difference for many needy families. If your child is unable to have a hotdog lunch, please bring a sack lunch. Hot lunch will not be available on this day.

The proceeds of the project will be contributed to Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Patrick Russman patrickrussman@portlandstpats.org St. Patrick School Operation Rice Bowl Coordinator

# Portland St. Patrick Catholic School Open House

Prospective Families With Preschoolers Through 12th Grade Are Welcome



# Sunday, March 20, 2022 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 122 West St., Portland, MI

Please enter through the main office doors, off of Church Street.

#### Are you considering a Catholic education for your child?

Prospective school families are welcome to join us at our Open House
Explore academic and extracurricular opportunities • Meet school teachers and support staff
Talk to current school families • Review scholarship and tuition options • Learn more about our school where a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is fostered

#### Why St. Patrick Catholic School?

We are the only Catholic High School in Ionia County • Leading standardized test scores • Earn college credits through dual enrollment classes • STEAM curriculum • Inclusive clubs, activities and athletic teams for all students • Safe and supportive environment • Low staff turnover • Preschool through 12th grade on one campus

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

Join Our School Family — Now Enrolling! 517-647-7551 PortlandStPats.com



# ST. PAT'S PTO UNIFORM ROOM SALE

**ROOM 208** 

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PER ITEM!



Stock up on uniforms & spirit wear during St. Pat's Open House!

Shop with us in the Uniform Room on the 2nd floor (Room 208) of St. Pat's School! You'll find clothes all of sizes, including a large variety of spirit wear! All items are in great used condition, and you may even find brand new items with tags!

> Questions? Contact St. Pat's PTO pto@portlandstpats.org

St. Patrick School Shamrock Auction Friday, April 29 @ the Portland Knight's Hall Begins at 6:00 p.m Tickets are \$25 / person



A Night of Pure Imagination!

Tickets for the IN PERSON event include delicious food, drinks, and entry into the Shamrock appreciation raffle, as well as a live and silent auction, raffles, 50/50, entertainment and more!

For those who cannot attend in person, ONLINE ONLY participation is <u>free.</u> Simply create an account at <u>www.bidpal.net/shamrockauction2022</u> for access to the silent auction, raffles, 50/50, and more!

Our 20th annual auction-based fundraiser provides funding for both academic and athletic programs at St. Patrick School as well as a fun night of fellowship. The proceeds from this annual event have enabled us to continue our tradition of excellence both in the classroom and in our athletics. <u>With your donations and support of this event, we have raised over</u> \$1,250,000 to date.

Our continued success is due to generous donations from our school & parish families. Please consider a cash, gift card, or item donation for this year's Auction.

Donations can be turned into the School Office between the hours of 9:00-3:00 and <u>must be dropped off by April 15, 2022</u>. Questions? Contact Mike or Ann Kissane @ 517-604-1852 or <u>kissanes@hotmail.com</u>

As always, thanks for your continued support for St. Patrick School. Mike & Ann Kissane and Jason & Jennifer Chamberlain, Shamrock Auction Co-chairs

# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL PTO EVENTS

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## March 17th, 20th & 21st - Book Fair

- Shop In-Person: Room 109
  (3/17: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., 3/20: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 3/21: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Shop Online through 3/21: https://g7219.myubam.com/2348293

## March 20th - 3 Events

- Open House (11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.) Stop by the PTO table and say hello!
- Uniform Room Sale (11 a.m. 1 p.m.) Room 208
- Book Fair (11 a.m. 2 p.m.) Room 109

## March 22nd - 20% Day at the Wagon Wheel

• 20% of dine-in or takeout sales will be donated back to St. Pat's PTO! Be sure to mention the 20% when ordering!

April 20th - PTO Meeting (6-6:30 p.m.) - Parish Hall

April 23rd / May 21st / June 11th - Can Drive (Details coming soon!)

## May 19th - PTO at The Port (6-9 p.m.)

• 20% of all sales will be donated back to St. Pat's PTO! This fun event will take the place of our last PTO meeting, so stop by The Port to celebrate the end of another successful school year!

# CONTACT US!

Email us at pto@portlandstpats.org with Questions / Ideas / Volunteer Opportunities!