



Shamrock News

9/1/22

Announcements:

Welcome New Students: Welcome to our new preschool students: Charleigh Brown, Barrett Bull, Kylie Carpenter, Jack Cote, Khloee Densmore, Michaela Fox, Lilian Grant, Holly Heckman, Hendrix Hoskins, Ave Kreiner, Maximus Newman, Teaghan Olney, Colby Peiffer, Griffin Schafer, Kennedy Schmitt, Ava Schoenberg, Holland Smith, Jayce Smith, Brooklyn Stephenson, Faye Thelen, Lance VanSolkema, Kenzie Wambaugh, and William Winsor.

Bus Zone: Cones have been placed in the bus loading/unloading zone on West St. The cones will remain there Monday - Friday. The cones will be set aside for the weekend. Please do not park in the zone **during the school day**. The dismissal line must avoid the cone zone until the after school bus loads up students at approximately 3:35pm.

Marketing Photos: Photographers will be at school on Sept. 14 to take marketing photos for the 2022-2023 school year. These pictures will be used in the front windows of the school, on the school website, etc. Students should wear their nicest dress code clothes on this day. Girls who have jumpers and skirts are encouraged to wear them. Be sure to have your handbook form turned in, that has the media release portion filled out.

Parent/Student Handbooks: Handbooks were emailed to parents this week. The completed forms are due in the school office by Thursday, September 1. Please contact the office if you need a hardcopy of the handbook or the last page, which needs to be completed and signed.

Picture Days: Students in grades preschool - 5th will be photographed on **Tuesday, September 6**, and preschool and 6-8 on **Wednesday, September 7**. Picture order forms were sent home last week. Students must dress in school uniform. Picture re-take day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25.

Friday, Sept. 2 & Monday, Sept. 5

No School - Labor Day Break

School and Recess Volunteers: We are in need of volunteers. Elementary lunch time is 11:50a-12:35p. Volunteers can be alumni, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. All volunteers need to be Virtus trained and need to fill out a volunteer packet. Please contact the office.

Homecoming T-shirts and Hoodies: Order your homecoming t-shirts and hoodies from [Fabricated Customs](#). Pre-orders are due on Friday, September 9th.



Capturing Kids' Hearts: Teachers and students are experiencing a new curriculum called Capturing Kids' Hearts to kick off the 2022-2023 school year. Teachers and staff attended training in August with support by expert coaches. The process is focused on a relationship-driven culture and connectedness between students and teachers. These first two weeks of school have been focused on building a classroom social contract and building meaningful connections.

Capturing Kids' Hearts is a focus on what the student needs. Students have ownership and feel a sense of comfort and belonging in their learning environment. "If we invest in helping educators learn to model positive behaviors, we will see the exponential results in the lives of students". - Capturing Kids' Hearts

Please view the September Family Newsletter (included) that highlights our September character trait of empathy. Throughout the month of September we will learn about, practice and grow knowledge of empathy.

Shamrock Pride



Calendar of Events



9/1	Var. FB @ Coleman 7p	9/9	Var. FB @ Webberville 7p
9/2 - 9/5	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Break	9/10	JV VB @ Carson City-Crystal Inv. 9a
9/6	Picture Day - Preschool - 5		Var. VB @ Webberville Inv. 9a
9/7	Picture Day - Preschool and grades 6-8		5/6 grade VB vs. St. Thomas/Resurrection @ SPS 10a
	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a		5/6 grade FB vs. Coleman @ Breckenridge 10:45a
	Confession for seniors 10:20a		MS & Var. XC @ Bath Bret Clement Inv. 11a
	JV & Var. VB @ Pottersville 5:30p		5/6 grade VB vs. St. Mary/St. John @ SPS 12p
9/8	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a		Class of 1972 - 50th Reunion
	Confession for 8th grade 10:20a	9/11	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p

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The yearly St. Patrick School Calendar is [here](#).

School Board Members Needed:

Share Your Light - St. Patrick School Board

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. -Matthew 5:15

The St. Patrick School Board is looking for help on our sub-committees. The board consists of members from the parish including school parents, parishioners, alumni, and community members. Board meetings are held bi-monthly and last about two hours. Sub-committee work is done independently of the board meetings and varies in time commitment.

- Policy & Strategic Planning
- Mission Effectiveness (Catholic identity)
- Marketing & Communications
- Development, Admissions & Enrollment
- Finance

Meet the team and learn more about us: [Administration/School Board - St. Patrick School \(portlandstpat.com\)](http://portlandstpat.com/Administration/SchoolBoard)

If you are interested and/or know someone that could assist, please fill out this form: <http://bit.ly/SPSSchoolboardnomination>. We will reach out to discuss it further.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Connie Vallier, Board Chair at schoolboard@portlandstpat.org.



The advertisement features a yellow background with a teal triangle on the right. On the left is the 'BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION' logo. In the center, large text reads 'BUY 5 EARN 40 BONUS BOX TOPS'. To the right of this is a red banner with white text: 'GENERAL MILLS WILL MATCH YOUR EARNINGS TO A LOCAL SCHOOL IN NEED'. Below the banner, smaller text states: 'Offer Valid: 8/7/22- 9/17/22. Learn more at meijer.com/boxtops. Offer subject to terms.' On the far right, the Meijer logo is displayed with the text 'Only At meijer'.

Get the Box Tops App and scan your receipt to earn cash for our school.



September 11th- St. Patrick Parish Fall Women's Retreat

*Featuring nationally known Catholic speaker,
Noelle Garcia.*

Noelle is a Catholic recording artist, speaker, and mom. She travels the country sharing the faith through witness, Scripture, catechesis, and music. Her main topics include sharing her witness of struggling with depression, self-harm, and having faith during suffering.

**Parish Hall, following 10am Mass.
Lunch @ 11:30, retreat 12pm until 4pm.**

Register by email: carolynheckman@portlandstpat.org
Or register at the table in the back of the Church. No cost to attend, all women welcome.

Connect with Heart

Understanding and feeling what others are experiencing.

*This month, we're focusing on empathy and challenging students to make sure that everyone they interact with feels seen, heard, and valued. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop empathy in your student at home.** As a family, use these activities to reflect on how to better understand and celebrate others to connect with heart.*

1 ENGAGE: Celebrate Differences



Generate a list of each family member's favorite things, such as their favorite ice cream flavor or favorite thing to do. Identify any similar answers and celebrate those things you have in common. Discuss how those similarities might impact your family and your relationships. Identify and celebrate each other's differences. How might those differences impact your family? How do your differences make you strong? Use this example as a reminder for our child, and your family, to celebrate our unique differences. We are better TOGETHER!

2 EMPOWER: Build a Family Social Contract



Schedule time to have a family meeting and develop a family Social Contract together. Ask everyone to answer these questions:

- How do we want to treat each other?
- How do we want to treat each other when there is conflict?

Write down any words you identify as a family (respect, kind, honest) and ask each member to commit to the contract by signing it.

3 EXCEL: Find the Light. Be the Light.



As a family, brainstorm a list of 3-5 individuals you typically encounter during the day who may not receive many notes or words of affirmation or appreciation. Consider people who make your day brighter or provided a needed service, like your mail carrier, the cashier at your local store, or a neighbor. Ask each person in your family to write a note thanking that person for being a "Being a Light."

Conversation Starters

For Grades PS-5

- What can you do to show people you care about them? How does listening to others help them know you care?
- What can you do or say to show that you are listening to others?
- Describe what it means to "make someone's day."

For Grades 6-12

- Describe a time when someone really listened to you. How did it make you feel?
- What is something you can do to better listen to others?
- When is it most difficult to listen and be open-minded?



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ST. PATRICK ANNUAL FALL FEST

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**ALTON PARK,
PORTLAND MI**

Food Trucks

Craft Show

Local Vendors

Color Run

Kids Games/Activities

**Mark your calendars! We are
excited for this community
event to return.**