



Shamrock News

9/23/22

St. Patrick School Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, September 27 from 10:30 am to 4:45 pm., sponsored by St. Patrick School National Honor Society. To schedule an appointment, log on to RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: St Patrick), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Extra Clothes at School: The dress code room is no longer available. In the event of a bathroom accident, blood on clothes, ripped pants, Mass day attire, etc., parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothes before a student can return to class. Therefore, it is recommended that all students have a change of clothes at school.

Elementary Car Rider Dismissal: Students who are car riders are picked up on Center Street and the Parish Hall parking lot only. Cars need to follow the pickup line as outlined in the directions and map that were sent home with the pick up numbers. Please do not park and walk up to get students. Doors #7 & 8 are the location for walker dismissal. Walking parents are allowed to walk up to these door to get their students to walk home.

School and Recess Volunteers: Volunteers are needed and encouraged at St. Patrick School. Aunts, Uncles, Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Friends of Family, and more! All are welcome! VIRTUS training and a volunteer packet is required before volunteering. Elementary lunch time is 11:50a-12:35p. Please contact the office.

Family Directory: These were emailed to parents this week, we will not be sending home paper copies. Please keep this in a safe spot for future reference.

GO GREEN!

GO WHITE!

Friday, October 14

1/2 Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Grades 6-12: 7:30-11:25a, Grades KG-5: 8:40-11:40a
No preschool or daycare and no after school childcare.

Halloween Parties and Parade: Halloween parties will take place on Monday, October 31. Please see your child's classroom newsletter for the time. The elementary Halloween parade will take place at 3:15pm. You can watch the parade in the gym or elementary hallway.

Halloween Costumes: As you are buying/making Halloween costumes, please remember that we have a **NO** weapons (real or pretend), gore, blood, or make-up policy.



2022 Homecoming Court

Back Row: Freshman - Brody Beckhold, Senior - Davide Cannilla, Senior - Alex Fedewa, Senior - Payton Russman, Junior - Ben Bergsma, and missing Sophomore - Gabe Wernet.

Middle Row: Freshman - Eden Zimmerman, Senior - Emma Hon-sowitz, Senior - Alivia Huhn, Senior Natalee Teachworth, Junior - Hannah Weller, and Sophomore - Olivia Rockey.

Front Row: Prince Eli Brown and Princess Elaina "Punky" Holt.



Calendar of Events



9/24	5/6 gr. FB vs. Fulton @ FFF 11:45a Homecoming Tailgate @ PHS 6p Var. FB vs. Merrill @ PHS 7p Homecoming Bon Fire @ FFF after the game		7/8 gr. VB @ Bath 5p Var. VB @ Maple Valley 6p
9/26	7/8 gr. VB vs. Potterville @ SPS 5p		5/6 gr. green VB vs. St. Joseph/St. Gerard @ St. Joseph 6p
9/27	NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30-5p 5/6 gr. White VB vs. St. Thomas/St. Joseph @ St. Thomas 6p	9/30	Jean and spirit wear day Senior open campus lunch Java Joe Visit K-12 Var. FB @ Montabella 7p
9/28	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p MS & Var. XC P-W Invitational @ Fish Creek 4:30p 7/8 gr. FB vs. Morrice @ FFF 5p JV & Var. VB @ Laingsburg 5:30p	10/1	JV VB @ Dansville Inv. 9a 5/6 gr. white VB vs. St. Thomas/St. Mary @ SPS 10a 5/6 gr. FB vs. Merrill @ Coleman 11:45a 5/6 gr. green VB vs. St. Thomas/St. Mary @ SPS 12a High School Homecoming Dance in Parish Hall 7:30p
9/29	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p	10/2	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p

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

St. Patrick MEGA ROCK Raffle



St. Patrick Parish and School continue to seek out new ways to meet the financial needs of our parish, school, and athletic programs. One of the new ways of trying to fund these programs is through a new raffle that will begin after Labor Day, this is the St. Patrick MEGA ROCK Raffle.

The oldest student of each Shamrock family brought home the MEGA ROCK raffle tickets. We are asking all school families to sell four tickets each. Tickets may also be purchased using our [One Cause](#) account. Please note that when a family refers an individual to purchase a ticket online, those sales will count towards that family's sales total.

It is important to note, this new raffle will replace the weekly sports raffle, the Fall Festival raffle, the Parish Festival raffle, and the large Shamrock Auction raffle. Instead, we will have one annual raffle where the tickets will be sold for \$500 each. This provides our benefactors the opportunity to win more cash prizes while not being asked to purchase tickets four times a year. The goal is to sell 1,000 tickets which will help fund our parish, school, and athletic programs.

There will be 4 drawings with MEGA prizes that will take place throughout the year. Drawings will take place at the:

- Fall Festival on October 15
- Marriage Gala on February 11
- Shamrock Auction on April 21
- Parish Festival on June 24

There will cash prizes totaling \$11,250 at each of these events. The breakdown of cash prizes at each drawing are as follows:

- Grand Prize: \$5,000
- 2nd Prize: \$2,500
- 3rd Prize: \$1,000
- 4th Prize: \$750
- 5th Prize: \$500 (2)
- 6th Prize: \$250 (4)

There will also be a monthly drawing on the last Friday of each month for 10 months with one \$500 winner per month beginning Friday, September 30.

One does not need to be present at any of the drawings to win.

Raffle sales will begin immediately after Labor Day with the special opportunity to "buy two tickets and get one free ticket" from September 6 through October 9. Winning tickets will be put back into the drawing each time, so it is possible to win multiple times. It is important that all our stakeholders support this raffle as it will go a long way in supporting our parish, school, and athletic budgets.

Any family that sells four tickets (either a printed copy or online) will receive an Out of Dress Code slip for each student in the family. The families who sell the most tickets will received the following additional prizes:

- 1st Place: 10 Out of Dress code slips and a \$100 scrip gift certificate of their choice.
- 2nd Place: 7 Out of Dress Code slips and a \$75 scrip gift certificate of their choice.
- 3rd Place: 5 Out of Dress Code slips and a \$50 scrip gift certificate of their choice.
- 4th Place: 3 Out of Dress Code slips and a \$25 scrip gift certificate of their choice.

**Please note that if a family purchases two tickets and gets a third free, the free ticket does not count as a sale.

If you have any questions about this new raffle, please contact Randy Hodge by calling the school at (517)647-7551 or by email at randyhodge@portlandstpats.org.



Welcome!

Please help us welcome Mrs. Nikki Brown, our new Coordinator of Youth and Campus Ministry!

Nikki Brown is the Director for the Senate Majority Policy Office where she has worked the last six years on a wide range of policy and budget related issues. In 2022, after an intense feeling that the Lord was calling her to something different, Nikki began studying for her certificate in theology from the Augustine Institute. She loves sharing our faith with others and is eager to see the direction the Lord takes youth and campus ministry in our parish.

Nikki and her husband Brian live in Portland with their three sons Kaeden, Emerson, and Griffin. She is actively involved in St. Patrick Parish and St. Patrick School. Nikki is a core team member of Ladies in Truth—a parish-wide women's faith sharing group. Nikki and Brian enjoy mentoring engaged couples as they make their journey toward the altar and a lifetime of witnessing God's love for the world.

Nikki will officially join us full-time in January.

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 \(portlandstpats.com\)](http://portlandstpats.com)

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@portlandstpats.org.

PTO Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 24

Homecoming Tailgate 6:00pm
Sponsored by Ashton King and the PTO.

Wednesday, October 5

PTO at the Port

Thursday, October 13 - Saturday, October 15

Book Fair hosted by Usborne Books and More

Saturday, October 15

Color Fun Run, 9am - see attached info

Saturday, October 15

Kids Fest 9am-3pm at Alton Park basketball courts

This Week in Our Parish

Wednesday, September 28

- The Rescue Project. Dinner, discussion. 6-7pm in the parish hall.

Saturday, October 1

- Men's prayer group, 6:30-8am in the parish hall.
- LIT women's group, 8:30-10am in the parish hall.
- Natural Family Planning course, 10-11:30am, room 109.

For more info, please contact:
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PORTLAND
ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

122 West Street, Portland, MI
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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.**

3RD ANNUAL

COLOR RUN

OCT 15 2022

REGISTRATION
8:00 A.M.
RUN START
9:00 A.M.

LOCATION:
Teacher's Parking Lot at
St. Patrick's School

JOIN US!

**YOU'RE INVITED!
ALL AGES,
RUNNERS AND
WALKERS!**

Join us for our 3rd annual 1 mile Fun Run!
This family friendly community event will
be a colorful memory for all!



REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION
FORM AND FEE
DUE BY
SEPTEMBER 29TH:
\$25 PER PERSON
OR
\$100 FAMILY MAX



RUN DAY
REGISTRATION: \$30
(SHIRT NOT GUARANTEED)

CHILDREN 5 & UNDER: Free*
**no shirt provided*

*(Babies/Toddlers in strollers or
wagons are welcome! Please
protect your personal items with
plastic/towels/etc.)*

Submit form and fee to St.
Pat's School Office. Forms
received after 9/29 are not
guaranteed a t-shirt.



PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
St. Patrick School PTO
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