



# Shamrock News

10/28/22

**2023-24 Financial Aid Applications:** The [application](#) and [instructions](#) were emailed to all families. The deadline for round one is December 4, 2022. This applies for students in grades K-12. **A new application must be filled out each year.** This information can also be found on the school website under Prospective Families, Tuition/Scholarships. Please contact the office for assistance. The sooner you apply, the better!

**Last day for shorts:** The last day that students can wear uniform shorts to school is Monday, October 31st.

**SchoolAdmin Tuition Management System:** Thank you families for being patient with us as we implement the new SchoolAdmin Tuition Management System. You may have noticed that late fees have been turned off while we all acclimate to this new system. Starting with the November tuition due date, the late fees will be turned on. Please note that if your payment is not received by your due date a \$35.00 late fee will be applied to your bill.

**Vision Screening:** The Ionia County Health Department will be here on Tuesday & Wednesday, November 1 & 2 to screen students in grades PS, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. If you have a child that you would like to be screened, please let the office know.

**Hearing Screening:** The Ionia County Health Department will be here on Tuesday & Wednesday, November 1 & 2 to screen students in PS, K, 2nd, and 4th grades. If you have a child that you would like to be screened, please let the office know.

**Hall Walking:** Hall walking is open to the public starting November 1 through March 31 from 6:00-8:00pm on days that St. Patrick School is in session (full days of school only). You may enter the building using door #7 on West Street. **Hall walking is NOT available on Mondays when childrens faith formation classes are in session.**

*Let's go **SHAMROCKS!***

**Thursday & Friday, November 3 & 4**  
No School - Teacher Professional Development

**Tuesday, November 8**  
No Busing - PPS not in session

**Tuesday, November 15**  
No School - Opening Day of Deer Firearms Season

**Wednesday - Friday, November 23-25**  
Thanksgiving Break

**Escape Room:** Seniors Will Chislea and Joshua Snitgen planned an escape room titled "Gold Mine: Final Escape." This is in room 211 of the school. You can sign up for times to participate in the escape room using the scan code. Dates are October 14-16, 21, 23, 29, & 30.



**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. Students may be signed out from their classroom at dismissal if parents would like to take them home.

**Monday, October 31** - Grades K-5 may wear jeans and Halloween tops or dress code and bring a costume to slip on easily over their clothes for the classroom party and parade (in the gym at 3:15). Grades 6-12 may wear costumes to school. There will be costume contests for grades 9-12 and grades 6-8.

**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.



## Calendar of Events



10/28	Var. XC MHSAA Regional @ Webberville 3p
10/31	Last day for uniform shorts Elementary Halloween parties Elementary Halloween parade in gym 3:15p Var. VB District vs. Fulton @ Fulton 6p
11/1	All Saints Day Mass - All School Mass 9:30a Vision & Hearing Screening
11/2	Vision & Hearing Screening 3rd grade field trip State Capital & Historical Museum

	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p Quiz Bowl @ Bath 4:30p Var. VB District TBD @ Breckenridge 6:30p
11/3	No School - Teacher Professional Development Var. VB District Final TBD @ Breckenridge 7pm
11/4	No School - Teacher Professional Development
11/5	5th grade Boys BB vs. St. Mary @ SPS 10a 6th grade Boys BB vs. IHM @ SPS 11:15a

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



★ *St. Patrick Catholic School  
Faculty, Staff, and Students*  
Cordially Invite You to our annual ...  
**Veterans Day**

**Observance**

*Friday, November 11, 2022*  
*10:00 AM*  
*School Gymnasium*  
*Cookies and Coffee reception*

★ St. Patrick Catholic School, 122 West St Portland, Michigan 48875 (517)647-7551  
We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!



**Happy Sock-tober!!**

St. Patrick students, Gavin Darling, Daniel Huggler, Larry Rogers and Jaxson James, along with MSP Troopers delivered about 1,000 pairs of socks that were collected during Sock-tober to the Homeless Angels Shelter.

Thank you for all you do to help others in need.  
**WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

## This Week in Our Parish

### Saturday, October 29

- Lit Women's Group, parish hall, 8:30-10am

### Tuesday, November 1

- Book Club, room #110, 6:30-8pm.

### Wednesday, November 2

- Widows Group, 10-11:30am, parish hall
- The Rescue Project, parish hall, 5:45-7pm

### Saturday, November 5

- Men's group, parish hall, 6:30-8am

For more info, please contact:  
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# St. Patrick Catholic School



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You can also contact your Scrip coordinator Julia Schmitt  
Phone: (517) 526-2021 Email : [Scrip@PortlandStPats.org](mailto:Scrip@PortlandStPats.org)

# CHRISTMAS CHOIR



**ALL Singers Grade 5 thru College**

**Christmas Choir rehearsal begins Saturday - Nov 5th**

Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room 115 at St. Patrick School  
(Enter thru the doors on West St @ Center St)  
Please reserve the following dates and times:

**11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10 from 10:00am - 11:30am**

**12/17 and 12/22 from 10:00am - NOON**

**We will be singing at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass**

Registration NOT required

Questions? Call Mr. James Tavazde at 647-6505 ext 423

**NOTE: College Age Singers must have attended a  
Protecting God's Children Awareness Session**





# 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](mailto:randyhodge@portlandstpats.org).

