



Shamrock News

10/7/22



Congratulations: Keelie Honsowitz is the September \$500 monthly winner of the Mega Rock raffle. Make sure to purchase your tickets today. The next winners (10 winners) will be announced at 3:00pm at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 15. Tickets must be purchased by noon on that date to ensure entry into the drawing. Tickets may also be purchased online or by turning in tickets to the school or church office. If you have extra tickets, please turn them into the office.



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.



NHS Blood Drive Results: The recent National Honor Society sponsored blood drive collected 31 units of blood. Thank you to all our donors for helping our NHS members serve our community in this vital service. Our next blood drive is scheduled for November 22nd. You can sign up to donate NOW at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Lost and Found: There are eleven St. Pat jackets in lost and found, we would love to return them to students, however, there is not a name to identify who the jacket belongs to. Please remember to label everything. Check out the lost and found table in the elementary hallway during parent/teacher conferences.

Fall Fest/Kid Fest Volunteers: Students in grades 5-12 are encouraged to sign up to work at Fall Fest on Saturday, October 15. This event cannot succeed without our fantastic volunteers. [This is the link to sign up.](#)

Friday, October 14

1/2 Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences

No busing at dismissal.

Grades 6-12 attend: 7:30-11:25a, Grades KG-5 attend: 8:40-11:40a
No preschool or daycare and no after school childcare.

Friday, October 28

No Busing - PPS not in session

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 13 from 4:30-7:30p and Friday, October 14 from 12:30-3:30p. Elementary times were sent home in Friday folders and middle school and high school information was emailed to parents.

PTO Candle Sale: The candle sale was a huge success! Thank you for your continued support. The class with the most sales was Mrs. Mary Cook's 1st grade class and they will receive a pizza party. Details to follow.

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.

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.

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



Calendar of Events



10/8	5/6 gr. FB vs. Breckenridge @ Fulton 11:45a Var. FB @ Fulton 5p	Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30p	
10/10	7/8 gr. VB @ P-W 5p	7/8 gr. VB @ Saranac 5p	
10/11	MS & Var. XC @ Saranac Color Run 4p School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	10/14	1/2 day of school/No Preschool/Daycare/AS Childcare PTO Bookfair in Parish Hall 9a-4p K-12 Candlelight Rosary in Gym 9a Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30p Var. FB vs. Morrice @ PHS 7p
10/12	PSAT for sophomores 7:30a Grades 9-12 Rosary led by the class of 2024 9:30a Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p JV & Var. VB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5:30p 7/8 gr. FB @ Vestaburg 6p PTO Meeting in room 110 6:30p	10/15	Fall Fest in Alton Park 9a-3p Kids Fest in Alton Park 9a-3p PTO Bookfair in Parish Hall 9a-3p PTO Color Fun Run 9a Var. VB @ Dansville Inv. 9a Var. XC @ Greater Lansing Championship 10a
10/13	Grades K-8 Liturgy of the Word 9:30a Fire Prevention Visit PTO Bookfair in Parish Hall 11a-7:30p		

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.



Happy Sock-tober!!

St. Patrick School will be partnering with The Michigan State Police Training Division to collect brand NEW socks of all sizes and colors from October 1 - October 27, 2022.

Place NEW socks only in the tote outside the school office.
All donations will go to Homeless Angels.

Students who make a donation will be entered into a drawing. Two students along with their Big Rock/Little Rock will ride along with The MSP Troopers to deliver socks on October 28th. What a great way for our community to help those in need!

Warm Feet!! Warm Hearts!!!



PTO Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 12

PTO Meeting 6:30pm in room 110

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

Tuesday, October 11

- RCIA, 6:30-8pm, room 109.

Wednesday, October 12

- Widow's Group, parish hall, 10am-11:30am, parish hall.
- The Rescue Project, parish hall, dinner served 5:45pm, program 6-7pm, parish hall.

Saturday, October 15

- Men's Prayer Group, room 110, 6:30-8am.
- Ladies in Truth *LIT* Women's Group, 8:30-10am, room 110
- Family Canoe Trip & Picnic, 4pm (picnic 5pm), Kruger memorial.
- Fall Fest

For more info, please contact:
carolynheckman@portlandstpats.org

Think, Choose, Act

Lead yourself to who you want to be.

This month, we're challenging students to envision future goals and then take intentional steps toward who they want to be. We are partnering with you to grow and develop your child's ability to self-direct. We can model self-direction by celebrating the positive in each day, seeking the good in others, and emphasizing our responsibility to make positive choices.



1 ENGAGE: Find the Good!

Self-direct your thoughts and each day share Good Things as a family. After school, around the dinner table, or before bed, ask each member of your family to share something good from the day. We often see what we seek! Let's focus on finding the good.



2 EMPOWER: Make a Plan

If your student doesn't already use a planner, empower them to start using one to better manage their time. Have a meeting once a week with your students for them to share what they have added to their planners. You can help them add family gatherings, school events, and due dates.



3 EXCEL: Affirm Daily

Practice growing as a family through positive affirmations. At dinner, or at some point during the day, give affirmations to each other and share the good things you see. Take it to the next level and think of someone outside of your family who you could affirm. Challenge each member of the family to affirm or thank a different person every day this month for something they do or who they are. You can even handwrite a note to thank that person and send them the note in the mail.

Conversation Starters

- ♥ What is one way you can be more responsible at home or school?
- ♥ How do you feel when you finish a project?
- ♥ What is an activity you want to continue to improve in?
- ♥ What is something you want to learn to do?

Portland Community Fund Association Coat Drive and Giveaway

Our annual coat drive will begin Friday, October 7th and run through Friday, October 21st. Adult and children's clean, useable coats will be collected along with outerwear such as hats, mittens, gloves, and boots. Snowpants are especially needed. General clothing and garage sale items are not being collected. PLEASE DO NOT donate these items.

A "Stuff the Bus" will be provided by Portland Public Schools, Ted Goodman of Goodman Dairy Farm, and Scott Teachout and Joel Vanslambrouck of G & B Pool Supplies. The bus will be the only location to drop off donations. The bus will be located at Bill's Party Store at 1153 E. Grand River in Portland.

The coat giveaway will be Saturday, October 22nd from 11:00-1:00 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 8867 Kent St., Portland. Coats and outerwear will be available to anyone needing them.

Another option to get a coat is to visit the Portland Community Clothe Closet located at the Portland United Methodist Church, 310 Bridge St. The coats and clothing are available free of charge. The hours are Monday from 9am-12pm and Thursday 4p-6p.

Portland Community Fund Association Christmas Giving Program

Applications are available in the school office. Any family residing in the Portland School District that may need assistance or know of someone in need should fill out an application. Return applications by November 15th.



HIGHSCHOOL HALLO-WEDNESDAY
October 26, 2022
6-7:30 pm

Sign up for your time-slot on **EventBrite**

TRICK OR TREAT

Start your adventure by the gym.

FREE
Trick-or-Treating
at classroom doors

Portland High School
1100 Ionia Rd

The poster features a dark green background with a large, glowing green full moon in the center. In the foreground, there are several cartoon characters in Halloween costumes: a girl in a purple hoodie with a 'P' on it, a mummy, a girl in a red devil costume with 'PHS' on it, a skeleton, and a red cardinal bird. There are also several jack-o'-lanterns scattered around the characters. The text is in various colors and fonts, with the main title in white and blue, the date and time in black, and the event name in large green letters.



PORTLAND
ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

122 West Street, Portland, MI
Phone: (517) 647-7931

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.**

St. Pat's PTO

BOOK FAIR!

Coming Soon!

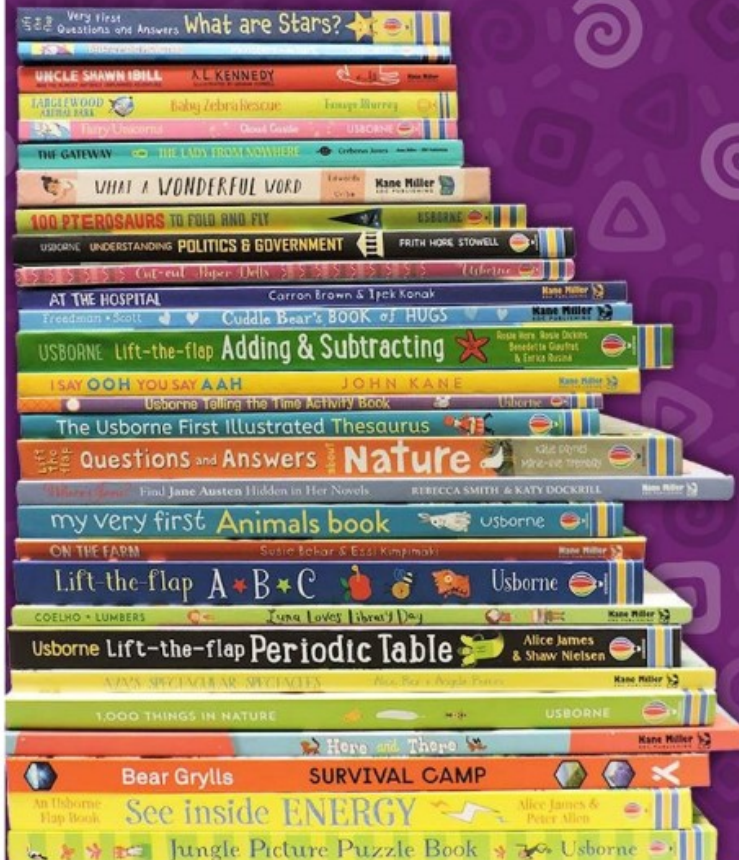
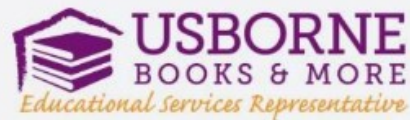
DATES & TIMES:

Thursday, 10/13 (11 a.m. — 7:30 p.m.)

Friday, 10/14 (9 a.m.— 4 p.m.)

Saturday, 10/15 (9 a.m.— 3 p.m.)

LOCATION: St. Pat's Parish Hall



Dear Parents, Families, and Supporters!

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 October 13th, and you can preview the books [HERE](#).

In-Person: Shop in the Parish Hall between October 13th-15th (see shopping times above).

Payments accepted via cash, check or card.

Online: Shop anytime at <https://g7219.myubam.com/2442063> through October 15. 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

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:
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