



Shamrock News

11/11/22

PS-5 Christmas Program: The Christmas program is back! The program will take place on Thursday, December 15 at 2:30p and 7:00p in the school gym. Wear your Santa hats and Christmas or Sunday best outfits.

Please Dress for the Weather: Cold weather is upon us and we require K-5 grade students to go outside for recess above 0°. Please wear boots, winter coats, hats, gloves, tights, and snow-pants.

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive: We will be having our Thanksgiving Food Drive on Wednesday, November 16th and Thursday, November 17th. Students will place their canned goods in boxes on their way to Mass. The food will be taken to the Community Food Bank. Please send in a non-perishable item with your child.

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!

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.

High School Yearbooks: The 2022-23 yearbook can be purchased now! They are \$30 before December 1st or \$35 after that. Cash and checks made out to SPS can be given to the office or to Mrs. Rockey until April 21st. Online ordering can be done by visiting inter-state.com/order and entering this code: 72531T. If you have any questions or if your business would like to purchase an advertisement, please email Mrs. Rockey at christinerokey@portlandstpats.org.

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

Wednesday - Friday, November 23-25
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Friday, December 16
1/2 Day of school - no busing at dismissal
No preschool, daycare or afterschool childcare

December 19 - January 2
Christmas Break

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.**

Toy for Tots: The St. Patrick chapter of the National Honor Society is collecting new unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots to benefit children in need in our community. Toys can be dropped off outside the school office from November 7 to December 8. High school, middle school, upper elementary (3-5), and lower elementary (K-2) will compete to see which group collects the most toys to win an out-of-dress code day. You can also watch ABC 13 each morning to see an update of our total as we compete for bragging rights with other west Michigan schools.

NHS Blood Drive: The National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive November 22nd at the Portland St. Patrick Parish Hall starting at 10:30 am and ending 4:45pm. Please consider donating if you are over the age of 16. Go to redcrossblood.org to sign up now.

 Shamrock Pride 



Calendar of Events



11/12	5/6 gr. Boys BB vs. St. Joseph @ SPS 10a	7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5p	
11/14	7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5p	6th gr. Boys BB @ Our Savior Lutheran 6p	
11/15	No School - Opening Day of Deer Firearms Season	PTO Wine Tasting Fundraiser @ The Wheel 6p	
11/16	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a	11/18	Jean and spirit wear day
	Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p		Senior open campus lunch
	Quiz Bowl @ Perry 4:30p	11/21	7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Potterville @ SPS 5p
	5th gr. Boys BB @ St. Thomas 7p		6th gr. Boys BB @ St. Joseph 5p
11/17	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a	11/22	Out of dress code day
	Confession for 4th grade 10:20a		NHS Blood Drive 10:30-5:00p
	Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p		7/8 gr. Boys BB @ Potterville 5p

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



ST. PAT'S PTO

WINE NIGHT AT THE WHEEL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH AT 6:30 P.M.



Our annual wine & beer tasting at the Wheel is BACK! Join us for a fun evening of sampling wines and beers, enjoying heavy hors d'oeuvres, and trying your luck with 50/50 raffles and gift basket giveaways!

SPACE IS LIMITED! RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY BY CALLING THE WAGON WHEEL DIRECTLY AT 517-647-4989! \$25 PER PERSON.

A Novena to Christ the King



What is a Novena?

A novena is typically nine consecutive days of prayer (although some can be longer), asking God for a specific intention, often times through a Saint's intercession. Many of the most popular novenas begin or end on a Saint's feast day.

Novenas are such a beautiful way to grow in our daily prayer life. Each specific day will have an outlined prayer that corresponds for each of the nine consecutive days. Some novenas repeat the same prayer each day, while others have a specific prayer for each day of the novena.

What is the Solemnity of Christ the King?

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year (November 20 this year) the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a reminder that, while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever, a fitting reminder for any age in time. This solemnity additionally encourages each of us as the body of Christ to celebrate and live out our faith in public, not just while we are in private.

Novena to Christ the King: Nov 11-19

The Novena to Christ the King begins Nov 11 and ends on Nov 19, the day before the celebration of the Solemnity itself. We will be praying the Christ the King Novena during our morning announcement time at school and we would like to encourage all of our school families to grow deeper in their prayer lives by participating along with us! In total, the novena consists of roughly 2-3

CITY OF PORTLAND YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES



1st/2nd and 3rd/4th GRADE LEAGUES – The season runs January 7th – February 18th. Boy's and girl's divisions are available for both leagues. Minimum of 24 players needed per league. Practices are held on weekdays; games are played on Saturday; one practice and one game per week. Practice days will not be determined until the December coaches meeting.

The registration deadline is Thursday, December 1st. For more info or to request a registration form please contact Parks & Rec at (517) 647-3207 or efair@portland-michigan.org.

Better Together

Work together to reach a goal.

*This month we're challenging students to work together toward a common goal and shared purpose. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop teamwork in your child.** We can do this by modeling gratefulness, acknowledging positive moments, and affirming each other. Use this month's activities to practice working together and celebrate your family as a team.*



1 ENGAGE: Grateful for you

I am grateful for you! Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member all month. What you give attention to grows! On a sticky note or small piece of paper, write one thing you appreciate each day about your child and post it on their bedroom door. Doing this will plant seeds in their heads and hearts to help them see good things about themselves.



2 EMPOWER: Walk in My Shoes

Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member. Have every family member trace one of their shoes, then trade drawings and write three words you admire about that family member on their "shoe." Discuss how each family member brings something great to your family team.



3 EXCEL: Pay it Forward

When someone does something nice for you, do something nice for someone else. Doing this is a wonderful way to continue the cycle of gratitude. "Paying it forward" is a way of showing love and kindness to others. It could be something as simple as holding the door open for someone or buying coffee for a stranger. Once a week, share as a family one time you "paid it forward" during the week.

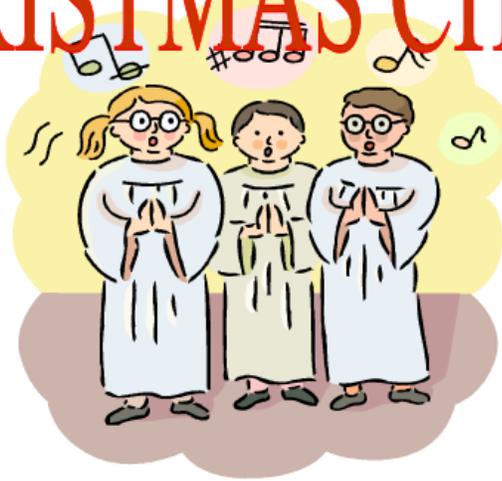
Conversation Starters

♥ What is the best affirmation or compliment someone has ever given you?

♥ What are some things we are lucky to have but sometimes find ourselves complaining about?

♥ What is your favorite family memory?

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.

