



# Shamrock News

11/18/22

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Martin White, the Ionia County Career Center November Student of the Month.

**Middle School and High School NET Retreats:** The middle school retreat, "Love One Another," is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th. It focuses on building healthy friendships. The 9-10 grade retreat, "Free Indeed," focuses on developing our identity in Christ, is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd. Both retreats will take place 9a-2:20p. Lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information about NET please see this [link](#).

**Keep Christ in Christmas Posters:** The posters are due on Tuesday, November 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 snowpants.

**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!

**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](http://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 [christinerockey@portlandstpats.org](mailto:christinerockey@portlandstpats.org).

## 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

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

**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 until 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.

**Lake Michigan Credit Union Scholarships:** Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU) is now accepting applications for the 2022-23 Hutt Scholarship! LMCS's annual Lloyd F. Hutt Scholarship program provides 20 high school seniors with a \$2,000 scholarship each. Applicants are asked to write an original essay that explores a designated topic. This year's topic is, "What act of kindness have you experienced or witnessed that has positively influenced you most? How will you carry it into the future?" The entry deadline is January 31, 2023. Interested seniors must complete an application at [LMCU.org/Hutt](http://LMCU.org/Hutt).



## Calendar of Events



11/21	7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Potterville @ SPS 5p 6th gr. Boys BB @ St. Joseph (Pewamo) 5p		Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p 5th gr. Boys BB @ St. Mary (Westphalia) 7:15p
11/22	Out of dress code day NHS Blood Drive 10:30-5:00p 7/8 gr. Boys BB @ Potterville 5p	12/1	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p 7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Laingsburg @ SPS 5p
11/23-25	Thanksgiving Break	12/2	NET Retreat grades 9-10 9a-2:20p JV & Var. Girls BB vs. West Catholic @ PMS 6p
11/28	Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Ceremony in Gym 9:25a 7/8 gr. Boys BB @ Bath 5p JV & Var. Girls BB @ Lansing Christian 6p	12/3	Middle School Winter Dance in Parish Hall 7-9p Quiz Bowl League Tournament @ Laingsburg 9a
11/30	5/6 gr. Boys BB @ St. Mary (Westphalia) 6p Middle School NET Retreat 9a-2:20p Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a	12/4	5/6 gr. Boys BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p

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

# 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).





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