



Shamrock News

12/2/22



Congratulations: Ann Schneider is the November \$500 monthly winner of the Mega Rock raffle. Tickets are still available to purchase online, or in the church or school offices. The next big Mega Raffle is on February 11 at the Marriage Gala.

Text Alerts: Did you get a text message regarding our first snow day? If not, you can log into your IC portal account and update your contact preferences. Once logged in: Click on the person icon in the top right corner, select settings, and update your contact preferences accordingly (email, text, voice).

Shoebox Items: Remember to bring in your shoebox items by Monday, December 5th.

NHS Blood Drive: The NHS's pre-Thanksgiving blood drive was a great success. We exceeded our goal of 37 units of blood collection a total of 43 units! Thank you to all who came out to donate and to our NHS members who ran a wonderful event. Our next blood drive is scheduled for January 24th. You can schedule an appointment to donate at redcrossblood.org.

PS-8 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. Students should arrive at school by 6:45p.

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!

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

Friday, December 16

1/2 Day of school - no busing at dismissal
Grades 6-12 dismiss at 11:25a; Grades K-5 dismiss at 11:40a
No preschool, daycare or afterschool childcare

December 19 - January 2

Christmas Break

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 when it is needed.

High School Yearbooks: The 2022-23 yearbook can be purchased now! They are now \$35. 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 - christinerockey@portlandstpats.org.

Toys 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.



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Calendar of Events



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| 12/2 | JV & Var. Girls BB vs. West Catholic @ PMS 6p
Middle School Winter Dance in Parish Hall 7-9p | 7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. P-W @ SPS 5p
JV & Var. Girls BB @ Fulton 5:30p | |
| 12/3 | Quiz Bowl League Tournament @ Laingsburg 9a
5/6 gr. Boys BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a
JV & Var. Girls BB vs. CHAP @ Capital City Baptist School 5:30p | 12/8 | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
All School Mass 9:30a
Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p |
| 12/4 | Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p | 12/9 | Jean and spirit wear day
Senior Open Campus Lunch
JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Fowler @ PMS 6p |
| 12/5 | Advent Wreath Candle Lighting 10:40a
7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5p | 12/10 | 5/6 gr. Boys BB vs. St. Thomas @ SPS 10a |
| 12/6 | JV & Var. Boys BB @ Lansing Christian 6p | | |
| 12/7 | Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p | | |

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

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK



December 12-16



Preschool-12TH Grade

MONDAY-*Sleep in Heavenly Peace* (comfy clothes NO PAJAMAS) JEANS AND HATS ALLOWED

TUESDAY-*Favorite Christmas Movie* (dress up as your favorite Christmas movie) JEANS AND HATS ALLOWED

WEDNESDAY- *Here Comes Santa Claus* (Santa's Workshop-toys/presents, reindeer, elves, Santa, Santa hat, etc.) JEANS AND HATS ALLOWED

THURSDAY- *Joy to the World* (joyful Christmas Sunday FANCY Best) CHRISTMAS HATS ALLOWED (Elementary students CAN NOT wear jeans because of the program. Middle and high school CAN wear jeans.)

FRIDAY-*May all Your Sweaters Be Ugly and Bright* (ugly sweater day) JEANS ALLOWED, NO HATS



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Fabricated Customs Spirit Wear

Shop at Fabricated Customs for the Shamrock Fans on your Christmas list.

St. Patrick t-shirts, hoodies, beanie winter hats, and dress code approved sweatshirts and zip ups are currently on hand at the store.

No pre-ordering necessary.



2022 Winter Exam Schedule Secondary Schedule (Grades 6-12)

Monday, December 12: Regular full day of school

Tuesday, December 13:

7:30 - 11:07 Regular morning school day schedule
11:37 - 12:09 5th hour class
12:12 - 12:44 6th hour class
12:50 - 2:20 **7th Hour Exam**

Wednesday, December 14:

7:30 - 9:00 **1st Hour Exam**
9:10 - 10:40 **2nd Hour Exam - No busing at 10:40 am**

Thursday, December 15:

7:30 - 9:00 **3rd Hour Exam**
9:10 - 10:40 **4th Hour Exam - No busing at 10:40 am**

Friday, December 16:

7:30 - 8:50 **5th Hour Exam**
9:00 - 10:20 **6th Hour Exam**
10:30 **All School Mass - No busing at 11:25 am**

- If a student (gr. 10-12) does not have an exam during a class period, they should not be in the school during that time unless specifically directed to be there by their teacher.
- Students in grades 9-12 will be allowed to leave the building as soon as their second exam of the day is complete EXCEPT on Friday. On Friday, all students who have a sixth hour exam are required to stay for Mass.

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.





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