



Shamrock News

12/9/22

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. PS -5 and the middle school choir will be performing. Wear your Santa hats and Christmas or Sunday best outfits. Students should arrive at school by 6:45p.

Hot Lunch Accounts: Don't forget to check your child(rens) accounts to make sure that you do not have a negative balance. Go to <https://portland.familyportal.cloud/> to check out your balances or move money between your children. You can add money to your account on this site or send in a check made payable to Portland Food Service.

Toys for Tots: And now for the results of our Toys for Tots contest! We collected a grand total of 330 toys! In 4th place, is middle school with 34 toys. In 3rd place, is upper elementary with 51. In 2nd place is lower elementary with 116 and the winner is the high school with 129 toys! The high school won an out-of-dress code day which has been scheduled for January 20. Thank you so much for helping the NHS serve the children in need in our community who will now have a Merry Christmas thanks to your generosity!

Senior Capstone Project: Payton Russman and Simon Brown will be sponsoring a mental health theme project during the varsity girls basketball game against Bath on February 7. There will be mental health awareness shirts available for purchase from Fabricated Customs via a link that will be sent out on January 3rd and close on January 13. The shirts will cost \$20. All proceeds from the shirts will go to the Franciscan Life Center Counseling Program in Lowell. The Franciscan Life Center has worked with struggling individuals for over 45 years and is very worthy of the donation. Simon and Payton would very much appreciate it if you would consider buying a shirt and donating to their cause. They are also hosting a volleyball tournament in the Pit on February 20. The tournament is open to 8-12 grade students. The tournament will be from 10am-1pm. The cost is \$5 per person and all proceeds will also go to the Franciscan Life Center.

Friday, December 16

1/2 Day of school - no busing at dismissal
All students will dismiss at 11:30a
No preschool, daycare or after-school childcare

December 19 - January 2

Christmas Break

Lost and Found: We have several items in lost and found — gloves, water bottles, St. Pat jackets, sweatshirts, and a hat. Please take a look if your child is missing anything.

Progress Reports: Progress Reports for the second quarter (grades 3-12) are available on the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal. To view your student(s) report, please log into the portal, select the appropriate student, select Documents, select Progress Report, and view/print.

Scrip: Scrip credits were applied to tuition accounts this week. Scrip is a program that allows you to purchase gift cards at face value and earn a percentage back on tuition.

Flu Season is Here: Please be diligent with simple prevention strategies such as frequent handwashing, sneeze/cough etiquette, and staying home when sick. Many illnesses do not require exclusion. However, children should stay home if the illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in school activities or if there is risk of spreading sickness to others. Some reasons why a child should stay home include fever, diarrhea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. Children should not return to school until they are fever, diarrhea and vomit free for 24 hours without medication.



Calendar of Events



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| 12/9 | JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Fowler @ PMS 6p | | School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p |
| 12/10 | 5/6 gr. Boys BB vs. St. Thomas @ SPS 10a | 12/15 | PS-8 Christmas Program in the gym 2:30p & 7p |
| 12/12 | Christmas Spirit Week - see attached | | Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p |
| | Advent Wreath Candle Lighting 9:40a | | Bowling @ P-W 3p |
| | Bowling (Boys only) @ Fowler 3p | | 7/8 gr. Boys BB @ Dansville 5p |
| | 7/8 gr. Boys BB @ Saranac 5p | 12/16 | JV & Var. Boys BB @ P-W 5:30p |
| 12/13 | Exam Schedule & busing - see attached | | 1/2 day of school - no busing on way home |
| | ICHD Vision & Hearing re-checks 9a | | No preschool/after-school care/daycare |
| | No hall walking due to Holy Hour | | Jean and spirit wear day |
| | JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Saranac @ PMS 6p | | Elementary Christmas Parties |
| 12/14 | Art Club (grades 6-12) 2:30-3:30p | | All School Mass 10:30a |
| | JV & Var. Girls BB @ Saranac 5:30p | | JV & Var. Girls BB vs. P-W @ PMS 6 |

★ IT IS BACK! ★

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

★ THURSDAY, DEC. 15 ★

GRADES PS-5 AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS BEST
AND SANTA HATS

★ PERFORMANCE TIMES: ★
2:30PM AND 7:00PM

STUDENTS REPORT TO THEIR CLASSROOMS
6:30PM-6:45PM

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL GYM ★



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 dismissal K-12**

- 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.

Holiday Fest
Saturday 12-10-2022

Afterschool Events Begin @ 4pm and Feature:

- SNOWBALL DROP ON KENT STREET
- Old Fashioned Horse & Sleigh Bell Wagon Rides
- Open Houses—Activities, Refreshments, Displays
- HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE
- Following the Parade at Scout Park
 - ~visits & pictures with Santa~
 - ~Tree Lighting~

Event highlights include: FIND SANTA'S WORKSHOP, GIFTING IS EASY WITH PERFECT EVERY TIME, FRIENDS OF RED HILL, CHRISTMAS TREE LANE, PORTLAND CIVIC PLAYERS, CAROLING WITH PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, HOLIDAY GALA, and various local businesses like BEED & HOPKINS, Endivi, and G&B POOL & SPA.

Complete information at:
MiPortland.org - Event Calendar
Portland PRIME! -community gift certificate-
@miportland.org/prime-giftcertificate



Questions? Contact your RaiseRight Coordinator Julia Schmitt at Scrip@PortlandStPats.org



**St. Patrick
Catholic School**
 **RaiseRight**
 by ShopWithScrip

What is it?

Raise Right (formerly ShopWithScrip) is a program which allows you to purchase gift cards at face value, and earn a percentage back on tuition. These can be physical cards, e-cards, and reloadable cards. The percentages vary by merchant. Biannually, the rebates earned are split between the school and you



How do I get started?

- Go to www.raiseright.com
- Click on SIGN UP
- Click on JOIN AN EXISTING PROGRAM
- Our code # 7A4F6C3B186
- Create a username and password
- Enter your profile information
- Click on REGISTER, and you are done!



More information can be found at:
portlandstpats.com/school/home/parents/scrip/Shopwithscrip.com
 You can also contact your Scrip coordinator Julia Schmitt
 Phone: (517) 526-2021 Email : Scrip@PortlandStPats.org

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.

