



Shamrock News

1/13/23

Smart Aid Applications: Just a reminder that the deadline for the second round of scholarships for 2023-24 is on January 15th. Information was emailed to all families this week. The application and instructions are available on the website under Tuition/Scholarships. Upcoming deadlines: Round 3: Feb. 26, Round 4: April 23, and Round 5: May 28. The sooner you apply, the better!

NHS Blood Drive: The National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive Tuesday, January 24th in the Parish Hall from 10:30am - 4:45pm. Please consider donating if you are over the age of 16. Go to redcrossblood.org to sign up now.

Class Composites On Sale Now: The order form is attached for all students in grades PS-12.

MAPS Testing: MAPS testing is taking place over the next couple of weeks for students in grades K-8. Please make sure that your child(ren) get plenty of rest.

Parent/Teacher Conference Request Forms: Conferences will take place on February 10th. The request forms were sent home for elementary students and emailed in the middle and high school newsletters, please return them ASAP if you need to schedule a conference.

News for The Shamrock: The spring issue of The Shamrock is scheduled to be mailed in April. If you have information that you would like included (engagements, weddings, births, graduations, anniversaries, etc.) please send it to shamrockeditors@gmail.com before March 15. If you have ideas for articles or would like to suggest alumni to feature, please send that info to the same address. Information can also be written out and dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Lost and Found: We have several items in lost and found — gloves, water bottles, St. Pat jackets, sweatshirts, and hats. Please take a look to see if your child is missing anything. Items that remain on January 20th will be donated to the uniform sale or a local charity. Pictures are attached.

Monday, January 16

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, January 20

No Busing in the afternoon

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.

Senior Capstone Project: Payton Russman and Simon Brown are sponsoring a mental health awareness event during the varsity girls basketball game against Bath on February 7. Mental health awareness shirts are available for purchase from Fabricated Customs for \$20 [at this link](#). The Pre-order will close on January 13 at 8pm. 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 SPS gym 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.



Let's go SHAMROCKS!



Calendar of Events



1/13	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Pottersville 5:30p	1/19	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
1/16	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		7/8 gr. Girls BB vs. P-W @ SPS 5p
	Boys Bowling vs. Dansville @ Meadow Bowl Lanes 3p		Var. Girls BB @ Morrice 5:30p
	Girls Bowling Scrimmage vs. Ithaca @ Meadow Bowl 3p		JV & Var. Boys BB vs. CHAP @ PMS 6p
1/17	7/8 gr. Girls BB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5p	1/20	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Webberville @ PMS 6p		No PM Busing
1/18	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a		Grades 9-12 out of dress code - Toys for Tots winners

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www.portlandstpats.com

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

9 Days for Life Novena and Baby Product Donations

9 Days for Life Novena:

Beginning Thursday, January 19, the students will be embarking on the 9 Days for Life Novena. This novena is ultimately a prayer for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of all people to create a greater value and dignity for human life at all stages and end abortion.

Each morning we will pray the novena and read a reflection to go along with the day's intention.

Additionally, we will be collecting baby products for Pregnancy Services of Ionia County (listed below) in coordination with the Knights of Columbus to support mothers and their babies beginning **Thursday, January 19 and running through Friday January 27**. This will be a wonderful way for them to engage in two of the ways the Lord calls us to live out our faith: prayer and almsgiving (in the form of donations).

The full novena can be found [here](https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena) if you want to pray along at home too!

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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.

Baby Product Donations Needed! Donate outside the main office January 19 - January 27.

In coordination with the Knights of Columbus we will be collecting baby products for Pregnancy Services of Ionia County! Help us support pregnant mothers and their babies by purchasing any of the necessary items below and putting them in the drop box by the school office. We can make a difference in their lives!

- Formula
- Cereal
- Diapers: Size 3, 4, 5
- Pull-ups
- Diaper rash ointment
- Baby wash
- NB-4T winter coats
- Girls long sleeve tops: Size 6, 9, and 12 months, 3T
- Boy onesies: Size 12 months
- Boy shorts: Size 2T-4T
- Pacifiers
- Plastic eating utensils for babies/toddlers
- Baby monitors
- Toddler bed
- Strollers: single and double
- Car seats: newborn and toddler

Lost and Found Items





**BUY 5 PARTICIPATING ITEMS,
EARN 40 BONUS BOX TOPS**

Offer Valid: 1/1/23 - 2/4/23. Subject to terms. Visit [BTTE.com](https://www.BTTE.com) for details.

Box Tops for Education: Meijer has a promotion running until February 4th - buy 5 participating products, get 40 bonus Box Tops! Use the Box Tops app to scan your receipt, and our PTO receives the funding. Plus, these products are on sale, a win for both of us!



**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.

				
4% Rebate	1% Rebate	2% Rebate	4% Rebate	3% Rebate

...and hundreds more!

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!

Mobile App:



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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



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St Patrick Catholic School

Class Composite orders available:
January 16, 2023 - January 30, 2023
Orders placed after this date will not be accepted.

Class Composite

**1 - 8 x 10
Class Composite**

for \$12.00

To order online go to www.inter-state.com/order and use order code: **75859D**

Please make check payable to: **Inter-State Studio**

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Tear At Perforation Above, Moisten Flap, Fold To Seal. Enclose correct payment and return this envelope to school.
Use one envelope per child -- please do not fold currency. Save top portion of this flyer for your reference.

St Patrick Catholic School (MI0972)

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PLACE YOUR ORDER

Package/Description	Qty.	Price
SUB-TOTAL		
SUB-TOTAL X 0.060000 SALES TAX		
TOTAL AMOUNT		

Please enclose exact change - change cannot be made by photographer.

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.

