



Shamrock News

1/20/23

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.

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.



Friday, February 10
1/2 day of school - Parent/Teacher Conferences
11:25 dismissal for 6-12, 11:40 dismissal for K-5
No preschool/after-school care/daycare

Friday, February 17
No PM busing - PPS 1/2 day

Monday, February 20
No School - Mid Winter Break

Prayers: Students pray the following prayers at school every day. Please review them with your child(ren).

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.
Amen.

St. Ignatius Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Take my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will.
All that I have and cherish, you have given to me.
I surrender it all to be guided by your will.
Your grace and your love are wealth enough for me.
Give me these Lord Jesus and I ask for nothing more.
Amen.

☘ Shamrock Pride ☘



Calendar of Events



1/23 Boys Bowling vs. Leslie @ Meadow Bowl Lanes 3p
Girls Bowling Scrimmage vs. Portland @ Meadow Bowl 3p
7/8 gr. Girls BB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5p
JV & Var. Boys BB @ Bath 5:30p
6th gr. Girls BB @ Our Savior Lutheran 6p
1/24 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30a - 4:45p
JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Saranac @ PMS 6p
1/25 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
JV & Var. Boys BB @ Saranac 5:30p

1/26 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
JV Boys BB @ Ovid Elsie 4p
7/8 gr. Girls BB @ Dansville 5p
JV & Var. Girls BB @ Ovid Elsie 5:30p
1/27 Jean & Spirit Wear Day
Senior Open Campus Lunch
1/28 5th gr. Girls BB vs. IHM @ SPS 10a
Second grade Reconciliation 10a
6th gr. Girls BB vs. Resurrection @ SPS 11:15a



Catholic Schools Week (January 30 - February 4, 2023)

Theme: Virtues



Monday, January 30, 2023: Virtue - Prudence (Wisdom)

- ◆ Grades K-12: may wear “Comfy Clothes Day”- no pajamas
- ◆ Grades K-12: kick-off/prayer service in the gym – Holy Moments – 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
- ◆ Grades K-12: Big Rock/Little Rock Project immediately after kick-off: Holy Moments
- ◆ Grades K-12: treated to donuts and juice
- ◆ Saint of the Day - St. Joan of Arc (age 19)

Tuesday, January 31, 2023: Virtue - Justice

- ◆ Grades K-12: may wear “Mismatch Day”
- ◆ Contingency of Students: Attend Mass at St. Andrew Cathedral in Grand Rapids
- ◆ Grades K-12: Virtual Mass from St. Andrew Cathedral in Grand Rapids at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Saint of the Day - St. Tarcisius (age 12)

Wednesday, February 1, 2023: Virtue - Fortitude (Courage)

- ◆ Grades K-12: may wear “Sunday Best”
- ◆ Grades K-12: will celebrate Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Church with Bishop Walkowiak
- ◆ Grades K-12: “Soup-er Bowl”- canned/box food drive Students will bring in canned goods for the hungry to be donated to the Portland Food Pantry.
- ◆ Saint of the Day - Saint José Sánchez del Río (age 14)

Thursday, February 2, 2023: Virtue - Temperance (Self-control)

- ◆ Grades K-12: may wear “Saint Day” - Students may dress up as their favorite saint.
- ◆ Grades K-8: Fall in love with adoration with a presentation/witness
- ◆ Saint of the Day - Blessed Imelda Lambertini (age 11)

Friday, February 3, 2023: Virtue - Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love

- ◆ Grades K-12: “Shamrock Spirit Day” – This will be a jean/spirit wear day for all students.
- ◆ Grades 9-12: Attend 8:00 a.m. Mass followed by time in adoration
- ◆ Grades 9-12: Winter Assembly/Activity Stations
- ◆ Grades 6-8: Lip Sync Contest
- ◆ Grades 3-5: Bowling at the Wagon Wheel
- ◆ Grades K-2: Movie Day-Students will be treated to popcorn and a movie in the Parish Hall
- ◆ Saint of the Day - Blessed Chiara Luce Badano (age 18, died in 1990)

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

Offer Valid: 1/1/23 - 2/4/23. Subject to terms. Visit BTFE.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!

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](#) if you want to pray along at home too!

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena>

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



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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**
NEED HELP? Talk to a Customer Service Representative Today! www.inter-state.com/support
Professional photographs are copyrighted. Photocopying or scanning portraits is a form of theft and it is against the law.
Background design, color and the portrait sizes may vary from those illustrated.

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.

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FIRSTNAME: _____
LASTNAME: _____
TEACHER: _____ GRADE: _____

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

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FRAME: _____

Payment by check is your express authorization that it may be converted into a one-time EFT from your account, and all returned checks or EFTs may be re-presented electronically along with a separate EFT or demand draft for the maximum returned check fee allowed by state law. For additional information: www.statecheckfees.com

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.

