



Shamrock News

1/6/23

ST. PATRICK MEGA ROCK **Congratulations:** Karen Scheurer is the December \$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.

NHS Blood Drive: The National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive Tuesday, January 24th 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 to sign up now.

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

Art Club: Art Club will not continue in the upcoming semester until further notice.

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 Building 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 on the next page.

Hot Lunch Accounts: Don't forget to check your child(ren)s accounts to make sure that you do not have a negative balance. Go to <https://portland.familyportal.cloud/> to check 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.

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.

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.

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.



Calendar of Events



1/7	Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Gym 9a		Var. Girls BB @ Dansville 7p
1/8	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	1/12	All school Mass 9:30a
1/9	Bowling vs. CC-C @ Meadow Bowl Lanes 3p		JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Potterville @ PMS 6p
1/10	JV & Var. Boys BB @ Dansville 5:30p	1/13	Senior Open Campus Lunch
	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Lansing Catholic @ PMS 6p		JV & Var. Girls BB @ Potterville 5:30p
1/11	Rosary led by the Seniors 9:30a	1/16	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
	PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p		

Lost and Found Items





St. Patrick Catholic School

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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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For more information on the recreation programs below please contact Erin at 517-647-3207 or at efair@portland-michigan.org
 Online Registration at:
www.portland-michigan.org

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE



The Recreation Department's Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held February 22nd and 23rd from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. This memorable event is for girls ages 3 and up and their father, grandfather, uncle, or special friend. This event will include refreshments, socializing, a live DJ and dancing. Registration is available at portland-michigan.org/328/Register-Now.



KINDERGARTEN BASKETBALL

This coed league runs Mondays and Wednesdays, March 6th - 22nd. Start times vary, 5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. Each team's first day will be a 45-minute practice. The subsequent days will include a 24-minute practice followed by a 24-minute scrimmage with an opposing team. Practices and scrimmages will be held at Oakwood and Westwood. Parent volunteer coaches are **NEEDED!**

Registration is available through the Parks & Recreation page at portland-michigan.org/328/Register-Now. The registration deadline is **Monday, February 6th**. THIS PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO 48 PARTICIPANTS.

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.

