Shamrock News

3/10/23

Hot Lunch Change for March 16 & 17: The Bishop has approved a dispensation for our school on our Feast Day of St. Patrick. In place of our abstinence of meat on Friday, we will abstain on Thursday, March 16. The middle school and high school lunch menu has the change already on the menu. Elementary hot lunch choices will be:

Thursday	Friday
1) Nacho Cheese Crusted Fish Sticks	1) Mini Corn Dogs w/Oven Fries
2) Cheese Pizza	2) Popcorn Chicken w/Pretzel Stick
3) Cold Nacho Fun Lunch	3) Yogurt Cup, Cereal, Cheese Stick
4) Chef Salad w/Egg	4) Chef Salad Ham/Turkey

NHS Blood Drive: The National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive Tuesday, March 21st in the Parish Hall from 10:30am - 4:45pm. Please consider donating if you are over the age of 16. Donors can sign up by logging on to redcrossblood.org using sponsor code St. Patrick or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Save the Date: An All School Open House will take place on Wednesday, March 15th from 5:30-7:00 pm. See the flyer in the newsletter. Invite new families to attend. If you invite someone and they attend, your students will receive an out of dress code slip.

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.

Shamrock Auction 2023
Friday, April 21, 2023
Knights Hall Begins at 6pm
Tickets are $25/person
Purchase your tickets here.

Friday, March 24
No afternoon busing - PPS 1/2 day

Friday, March 31
No Busing - PPS not in session

Monday, April 3 - Monday, April 10
No School - Spring Break

Lenten Reconciliation Times

Tuesdays - 5:00 - 6:00 PM (Feb. 28-Mar. 28)
Thursdays - 6:00-7:00 PM (Feb. 23-Mar. 30)
Fridays - noon-1:00 PM (Feb. 24-Mar. 31)
Saturdays - 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM (Feb. 25-April 1)

Stations of the Cross - Fridays 6:00 PM (Feb. 24-Mar. 31)
Soup Supper after stations (Feb 24-Mar. 31)
(**March 17th will be a St. Patrick dinner instead of soup supper. Dinner is free, all are welcome.)

Adoration During Lent

- Mondays in the chapel from noon-8pm (all year)
- Wednesdays in the chapel from noon-8 pm (all year)
- Thursday evenings in **the church** from 6-7 pm during confession (during Lent)
- Fridays in the chapel from 9 am - 6 pm (all year - ending at 8 pm in all other Liturgical seasons other than Lent due to Stations of the Cross)

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH/SCHOOL:
Cursillo of Grand Rapids is providing a men's weekend beginning April 20th - April 23rd. Cursillo is a worldwide movement with the blessing of the current and previous Popes. Cursillo provides Catholic men and women an opportunity to grow in their faith. For more information visit our website grcursillo.org or contact Tim Reno @ 616 894-5652.

☘ Shamrock Pride ☘

Calendar of Events

3/12	8-12th grade choir attend African Refugee Mass 1:30 Daylight Saving Time Starts	3/16	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a Reconciliation for 6th grade following Mass PTO Bookfair in room 114 10a-5p
3/12-13	Parish Mission	3/17	St. Patrick's Day - super spirit wear day All School Mass 9:30a Hubbardston Irish Dance Performance 1:30p HS D&D Club in room 200 2:30-3:45p
3/14	HS D&D Club in room 200 2:30-3:45p	3/19	PTO Bookfair in room 114 9a-1p
3/15	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a Reconciliation for 10th grade following Mass Open House 5:30-7p PTO Bookfair in room 114 10a-7p		

Grades K-5

"Reading Enchants Us"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13 **Whooo's in Your Enchanted Forest?** -students can dress up as anything in a forest	14 **Trivia Day-** students will answer a trivia question about a known book	15 **Woodsy Wednesday-** students can bring in their favorite stuffed forest friend	16	17 **Foodie Friday-** students will enjoy a treat while reading/ **St. Patrick's Day-**wear green/create a fairy garden with Big Rocks	18

Dear Parents,

On Friday, March 17th your elementary students will be making a fairy garden with his/her Big Rock. All students (Big or Little Rocks) can bring in items from home to create this garden. Rocks, plastic pots, fairies, fake plants, etc. Elementary students need to bring in an item to use as a base for his/her fairy garden. For example, a box, bottom of a pot etc. Let your child's imagination run wild! The dollar tree has lots of fairy items. Please have your child bring in his/her items by Friday, March 17th. Have the items in a bag marked with his/her name. Samples of a fairy gardens are shown. Thank you!

Book Fair

Coming soon!

Our PaperPie Book Fair is coming soon!

DATES: **March 15, 16, & 19**

HOURS: **Wed 10-7, Thurs 10-5, Sun 9-1**

LOCATION: **Room 114**

Usborne and Kane Miller books offer quality, engaging, entertaining, & educational books on a wide range of topics. They have an international reputation for publishing children's books that **inspire**, **enthrall** and **teach** your child through reading. Discover amazing chapter books and early readers, outstanding non-fiction, and the best activity books to get kids excited about reading!
PLUS they also bring us Learning Wrap-ups and newly-added SmartLab Toys. Be sure to come check them out!

Every purchase benefits our school!
Visa, MasterCard, Discover, checks, & cash accepted.

Can't make it? Shop on-line at our E-Fair at
www.heathersbookshelf.com
(select our school before shopping)

Scan for site:

Thanks in advance for supporting our school's Book Fair and literacy!

Come see the International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles of the World!

We invite all our parish families to come experience the photographic **International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles of the World** showcasing all of the Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church, which was created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis! This exhibit will take place **Saturday, March 11 through Monday, March 13** right here in our very own parish! **The exhibit will be set up in the Parish Hall and will be open for the entire parish to view during the following dates/times:**

- After the 4:30 mass on Saturday, March 11
- After masses on Sunday, March 12
- Before and after the parish mission on Sunday, March 12 (7 p.m. in the church)
- Before and after the parish mission on Monday, March 13 (7 p.m. in the church)

In this time in the Church of the Eucharistic Revival, we are invited to draw our hearts and minds ever closer to our Lord. This is a wonderful opportunity to see yet another way the Lord shows His love for us through making Himself known to the world in these miracles. May we all allow the Holy Spirit to grow our hearts to echo the young Blessed Carlo Acutis when he said, "To always be close to Jesus, that is my life's plan." More information can be found here: www.miracolieucaristici.org.

Dymo Registration is Now Live! June 18-24, 2023...Register today. The time is here! Registration for DYMO Camp has begun! If you are currently in grades 9-12, join us for an amazing opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith by encountering Christ in a new and engaging way while meeting others your age who are also on the same journey! Come experience the love of God and share your faith and your gifts with others! This year's theme is "Alive in Faith" and it's bound to be a fun time! To register, visit: https://dymo.org/registration/ and complete the online registration! Then, contact me and let me know you will be joining in on the fun! nikkibrown@portlandstpats.org If sending your child does not fit financially into your budget, please don't let that be the reason your child can't attend! We have funds available here at the parish for this sole purpose so **contact me first and we will get your child all set up!** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Looking for a great Catholic summer camp for your children ages 8 and up? Check out Camp Sancta Maria!

Camp Sancta Maria (CSM) is a Catholic camp located in Gaylord, Michigan. At CSM, the campers escape the electronics and digital media that are part of their daily lives. Infused into all of the adventures and activities is an atmosphere of faith, as the camp counselors testify to the campers that the greatest joy in life comes from having a personal relationship with the Lord. Campers enjoy many adventures in addition to Mass, adoration, and praise and worship including horseback riding, swimming, a trip to Mackinac Island, archery, rockwall climbing, kayaking, and bonfires! Sessions run mid-June through mid-August. Check out their website for more information: **www.campsanctamaria.org**.

St. Patrick Rice Bowl Project 2023

Each year the junior high school helps put together the Rice Bowls for St. Patrick Parish. We are holding our 10th annual school wide Rice Bowl Project.

The students will be provided a hot dog and chip lunch. This will be provided by the staff and student council of St. Patrick School. In the spirit of Lent we ask that a free will donation be contributed to the large Rice Bowl created for the project. One of the suggested Catholic Relief Services activities is eating a conservative family meal and giving the saved portion to the project. We are taking this idea and doing it as a school family Rice Bowl Project.

The recommended donation is what you would "normally spend" on your school lunch. Please bring your donation to school on Wednesday, March 29th, when the hotdog lunch will be provided in the cafeteria. At the beginning of the lunch line, you can place your donation in the Rice Bowl and enjoy your lunch knowing that you have made a difference for many needy families. If your child is unable to have a hotdog lunch, please bring a sack lunch. Hot lunch will not be available on this day.

The proceeds of the project will be contributed to the Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for your support of this project.

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Portland St. Patrick Catholic School
Open House

Prospective Families With Preschoolers Through 12th Grade Are Welcome

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
122 West St., Portland, MI

Are you considering a Catholic education for your child?

Prospective school families are welcome to join us at our Open House.
• Explore academic and extracurricular opportunities • Meet school teachers and support staff
• Talk to current school families • Review scholarship and tuition options • Learn more about our school where a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is fostered

Why St. Patrick Catholic School?

We are the only Catholic High School in Ionia County.
• Leading standardized test scores • Earn college credits through dual enrollment classes
• STEM curriculum • Inclusive clubs, activities and athletic teams for all students
• Safe and supportive environment • Low staff turnover
• Preschool through 12th grade on one campus

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

Join Our School Family

517-647-7551
PortlandStPats.com

ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Patrick School Shamrock Auction

Friday, April 21st @ the Portland Knight's Hall

Begins at 6:00 p.m

Tickets are $25 / person

Come celebrate the Auction's 21st birthday!
Tickets for the IN PERSON party include delicious food & drinks, entry into the Shamrock appreciation raffle, live and silent auction, raffles, music, dancing & more!

For those who cannot attend in person, ONLINE ONLY participation is **free.**
Simply create an account at www.bidpal.net/shamrockauction2023 for access to the silent auction, raffles, 50/50, and more!

*Our 21st annual auction-based fundraiser provides funding for both academic and athletic programs at St. Patrick School as well as a fun night of fellowship. The proceeds from this annual event have enabled us to continue our tradition of excellence both in the classroom and in our athletics. With your donations and support of this event, we have raised over **$1,450,000** to date.*

Our continued success is due to generous donations from our school & parish families. Please consider a cash, gift card, or item donation for this year's Auction.

Donations can be dropped off at the School Office between the hours of 9:00-3:00 from now until April 14, 2023. Questions? Contact Dave Chislea @ 231-640-0070 or djchislea@gmail.com

As always, thanks for your continued support for St. Patrick School.
Dave Chislea, 2023 Shamrock Auction Chair and the 2023 Auction Committee

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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.