



Shamrock News

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

8/25/23

Announcements:

Welcome Back! We are very excited to welcome our students back to St. Patrick School. We also welcome any new students and their families to our St. Patrick School family. We are off to a great start and looking forward to an awesome school year.

Welcome New Students: St. Patrick School welcomes the following new students this school year: Olivia Stahl (7), Daniel-Jaymes Allen (4), Carter Lenneman (4), Alexander Weber (3), Camden Lenneman (2), Charlotte Walters (2), Eleanor Pline (1), and Jonathan Smith (1).

Welcome also to the following Kindergarten students: David Brewer, Azariah Brinks, Baylee Campbell, Jack Cote, Kaden Diamond, Sam Farrington, Nicholas Helfmann, Hendrix Hoskins, Nora King, Conner Lenneman, Delaney Luna, Amara McNeil-Ellis, Maximus Newman, Teaghan Olney, Camryn Owen, Brooklynn Pline, Paxtyn Rockey, Griffin Schafer, Holland Smith, Jayce Smith, Brooklynn Stephenson, Kenzie Wambaugh, and Theodore Wight.

Marketing Photos: Photographers will be at school on Aug. 30 to take marketing photos for the 2023-2024 school year. These pictures will be used in the front windows of the school, on the school website, etc. Students should wear their nicest dress code clothes on this day. Girls who have jumpers and skirts are encouraged to wear them. Be sure to have your handbook form turned in, that has the media release portion filled out.

Parent/Student Handbooks: Handbooks were emailed to parents last week. The completed forms are due in the school office as soon as possible. Please contact the office if you need a hard-copy of the handbook or the last page, which needs to be completed and signed.

Picture Days: Students in grades preschool - 5th will be photographed on **Tuesday, September 5**, and preschool and 6-8 on **Wednesday, September 6**. Picture order forms were sent home this week. Students must dress in school uniform. Any high school student who was absent for orientation will be photographed on Sept. 5. Please note that picture re-take day has been **rescheduled** for Thursday, October 12.

****Please note that SchoolAdmin is now Finalsite Enrollment.**

Friday - Monday, Sept. 1-4

No School - Labor Day Break

Friday, Sept. 15

No afternoon busing - Portland Public School 1/2 day

Friday, Oct. 6

No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

No Preschool

Elementary, Middle, and High School Yearbooks: The 2022-23 yearbooks are here. They were handed out to students this week.

Text or Email Reminds for Parents: Don't miss out on important reminders and emergency information. For grades PS-8 text 81010 with the message @4464h2. For high school text 757.847.9886 with the message @793fhh. You can also receive them via email by going to remind.com. This app allows you to receive the messages in real time for emergencies and general information. The school website and Facebook are also great sources for information.

School and Recess Volunteers: We are in need of volunteers. Elementary lunch time is 11:50a-12:35p and middle school/high school lunch is 11:06-11:37. Volunteers can be alumni, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. All volunteers need to be Virtus trained and have a current background check. Please contact the office.

Portland St. Patrick Fall Festival: Fall Fest will be Sunday, October 8, 2023. This will take place at the Portland Conservation Club. It will be a tailgating party for the Lions/Panthers game. Bring the whole family out for a fun afternoon! Presale tickets will be \$15 per person or \$20 at the door. Each ticket will include 2 brats/hotdogs, 2 beverages, chips, and desserts. More information will be coming home soon.



Calendar of Events



8/25 Var. FB @ Coleman 7p
8/26 Var. VB @ Perry Inv. 9a
Var. XC @ Michigan Catholic Inv. 9a
8/28 First Day for Preschool and Daycare
8/30 Marketing Photo Day
All School Mass 9:30a
Var. XC @ Saranac Inv. 4:30p

JV & Var. VB @ Laingsburg 5:30p
8/31 No Mass
Var. FB @ Webberville 7p
9/1-4 Labor Day Break - No School
9/5 Picture Day for PS-5
9/6 Picture Day for PS and 6-8

St. Patrick Spirit Wear

from [Fabricated Customs](#)

St. Patrick School Approved Apparel

[ORDER NOW](#)



school approved sweatshirts



rain jacket/windbreaker



school approved jackets

This Pre-Order will close on August 27th, 2023 at 8pm. Late orders are not accepted.

Please make sure all orders are submitted before then.

St. Patrick Sporting Apparel

Click on the links below to see what is available for each sport. Choose from t-shirts, long sleeved shirts, or sweatshirts.



[Cross Country Apparel](#)



[Football Apparel](#)



[Volleyball Apparel](#)

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Route Reduction Plan (VIEW)

This [route reduction plan](#) will start the second week of school and will run through the first week of October. Our plan is to provide transportation to all students the first week of school. During this route reduction, the district will continue our efforts to recruit and hire bus drivers. If our staffing levels change, we will notify families and end the route reduction plan. If our staffing levels do not change, we will extend this plan until we are able to fully staff our routes. Our hope is that we will get new drivers during this initial time period.

Week	Day	No Transportation		
Aug 28 - Sep 1	Monday	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
	Tuesday	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Wednesday	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Thursday	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)
	Friday	No School		
Sep 4 - Sep 8	Monday	No School		
	Tuesday	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
	Wednesday	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Thursday	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Friday	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)
Sep 11 - Sep 15	Monday	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
	Tuesday	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Wednesday	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Thursday	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)
	Friday	Rotation		
Sep 18 - Sep 22	Monday	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
	Tuesday	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Wednesday	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Thursday	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)
	Friday	Rotation		
Sep 25 - Sep 29	Monday	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
	Tuesday	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Wednesday	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Thursday	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)
	Friday	Rotation		
Oct 2 - Oct 6	Monday	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
	Tuesday	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Wednesday	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Thursday	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)
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Friday Rotation	Sept 15	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
	Sep 22	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Sep 29	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Oct 6	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)

PPS Needs More Bus Drivers

This shortage with bus drivers is not solely a Portland issue. Numerous school districts across the State are also critically short on bus drivers. We have experienced this shortage over the last few years and it continues to get worse. Unfortunately, there are not enough bus drivers for the demand in the State. We are eager to bring in new drivers and will work with them to meet their needs. The district needs, at a minimum, 15 bus drivers every day to complete our routes. We are currently down 4 drivers. We have worked with our drivers over the past few years to offer a competitive salary and have implemented a [Transportation Incentive Program](#), which includes a signing bonus of up to \$3,000 and a retention bonus of up to \$2,000.

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in driving part time or full time please have them contact our HR Specialist Diana Graef at dgraef@portlandk12.org or call our office at (517) 647-4161. We have hosted a job fair, purchased billboards, and created a recruitment video. Feel free to share our video to anyone that might be interested.