



Shamrock News

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

9/29/23



Mega Rock Raffle Tickets: The Fall Fest Mega Rock winners will be announced at the Fall Fest/Tailgate on Oct. 8th. [Tickets may be purchased online](#) or by turning them in to the school or church office. The last day to purchase two tickets and get one free is Friday, Oct. 6. The proceeds supports our parish, school, and athletics.



Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 5 from 4:30-7:30 pm and Friday, October 6 from 8:30-11:30 am. Elementary parents should sign up for conference times using this [link](#). Middle school and high school information was emailed to parents. Mrs. Schellberg will be in the art classroom during conference times. Mrs. Nichols will be unavailable for physical education conferences, please email to schedule a conference at another time.

Progress Reports: Progress reports for the first quarter (students in grades 3-12) are available on the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal. In order to view progress reports, please log into the portal, select the appropriate student, select Documents, select progress report, view/print.

Elementary and Middle School Pictures: Pictures were sent home today.

Picture Retake Day: Picture retake day is on Thursday, October 12 from 10a - 1p. For those students who would like to get their picture retaken and bought a package, they **MUST** bring their package to the photographer for an even exchange, as pictures will not be reprinted unless those are returned.

Blood Drive Results: The NHS's recent blood drive brought in 19 units of desperately needed blood. Thank you to our awesome NHS members for running a smooth drive and especially to all our donors who rolled up their sleeves to give! Our next drive is November 21st from 8AM to 2PM in the parish hall. In the meantime please sign up to donate blood at redcrossblood.org.

Friday, Oct. 6

No school - Parent/Teacher Conferences
No Preschool, Daycare open

Friday, Oct. 13

No busing - Portland Public School not in session

Friday, Oct. 20

1/2 day of school
No preschool/after-school childcare, daycare open

Friday, Oct. 27

No afternoon busing - Portland Public School 1/2 day

FEMA and FCC Alert Test: FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission, will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts on Wednesday, October 4 at approximately 2:20 p.m.

Let's go **SHAMROCKS!**

Youth Group

Life Teen High School Youth Ministry Kickoff: Sunday, October 1, 2023 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

6th Grade Youth Group Social Night: Friday, October 20, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Edge Middle School Youth Ministry: Sundays from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Contact Nikki Brown at
nikkibrown@portlandstpats.org



Calendar of Events



9/29 Var. FB @ Vestaburg 7p
9/30 JV VB @ Dansville INV 9a
5/6 VB White Team vs. St. Mary & St. Joseph @ St. Joseph 9:30a
5/6 FB @ Merrill 10a
5/6 VB Green Team vs. St. Mary & St. Joseph @ St. Mary 12p
10/2 Spirit Week - please see attached for details/activities
7/8 VB @ Bath 5p
JV & Var. VB vs. Fulton @ SPS 5:30p
10/3 Var. XC CMAC Jamboree @ Bath 4:30p
MS FB vs. Breckenridge @ FFF 5p
10/4 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
JV & Var VB @ Lansing Christian 5:30p
JV FB @ Fulton 6p

10/5 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
PTO Book Fair open 10a-8p
Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30p
7/8 VB vs. Perry @ SPS 5p
10/6 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences, Daycare open
Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30-11:30a
PTO Book Fair open 8a-12p
10/7 Var. XC @ Olivet Pink Invitational 9a
PTO Color Run @ SPS 9a
5/6 FB @ Fulton 11:45a
Var. FB Homecoming game vs. Fulton @ PHS 7p
10/8 Fall Fest @ Portland Conservation Club 12p



Homecoming 2023

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Theme: Bright Lights in the Big City

Seniors - Vegas
Juniors - New York
Sophomores - Tokyo
Freshmen - Rome
8th grade - Paris
7th grade - San Francisco
6th grade - Toronto

Homecoming Court

Queen Candidates: Laynie Meredith, Tori Sandborn, Rylee Scheurer

King Candidates: Devin Cook, Tyler Groothuis, Lucas Simon

Juniors: Nathan Fears and Clara Corbeil

Sophomores: Hudson King and Lily Sandborn

Freshmen: Isaiah Rockey and Sophia Bergsma

Prince and Princess: Trevor Meyers and Holland Smith

Spirit Week Dress Up Days: Dress up days are for all students K-12

Monday, Oct. 2: *Comfy Day* - Dress in comfy clothes. Jeans are permitted. No leggings. No P.J.'s.

Tuesday, Oct. 3: *Tacky Tourist Day* - Dress up as a tourist. Jeans are permitted.

Wednesday, Oct. 4: *Sunday Best Day* - Dress in your Sunday best. Guys in ties and girls wear appropriate clothing with straps on the back of their shoes. Dresses/skirts must meet handbook length requirements. No bare shoulders. No flip flops. No Jeans.

Thursday, Oct. 5: *Spirit Day* - Dress up in St. Patrick spirit wear and let your spirit rock! Jeans are permitted.

Friday, Oct. 6: No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Activities and Events:

Thursday, October 5:

- Donuts for all grades
- 10:00 a.m. - Volleyball Tournament for high school students
- 11:45 a.m. - Pep Assembly for middle school and high school students
- 1:00 p.m. - Powder Puff at Fr. Flohe Field

Friday, October 6:

- 6:00 p.m. - 1st Annual St. Patrick Mega Rock Bowl at Fr. Flohe Field. Come out and watch parents/adults compete in flag football under the lights.

Saturday, October 7:

- 5:50 p.m. – Parade from St. Patrick School to Portland High School. Parade will include 5th-12th grade fall sports teams. Route is along West St. and Ionia Rd. to the High School. Spectators please line up north of Detroit Street along the route.
- 6:00 p.m. – Tailgate sponsored by Ashton King and the PTO in the PHS parking lot. Pulled pork, hot dogs, and drinks provided. Bring your own chair. Sign up to help with set-up/tear down or to bring a dish to pass: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544AEA82FA4FC1-homecoming>
- 7:00 p.m. – Football Game St. Patrick vs. Fulton
- Bonfire after the football game at Fr. Flohe Field until 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14, 2023

- High School Dance from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Dress is semi-formal, guys in ties and girls in dresses (same rules apply as Sunday best above).
** Students from other schools MUST have an approved Dance Guest Request Form.

HAPPY SOCK-TOBER!!

St. Patrick School will be partnering with The Michigan State Police Training Division to collect brand NEW socks of all sizes and colors from
October 2 - October 27, 2023.

Place NEW socks only in the tote outside of the school office.

All donations will go to Homeless Angels.

Students who make a donation will be entered into a drawing. Two students along with their Big Rock/Little Rock will ride along with The MSP Troopers to deliver socks. What a great way for our community to help those in need!

Warm Feet!! Warm Hearts!!!





The PaperPie Learning Book Fair

is coming. *Don't miss out!*

WHEN: Thursday, October 5: 10a – 8p

Friday, October 6: 8a – 12p

Monday, October 9: 2p – 5p

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 amazing learning tools through the Learning Wrap-ups and SmartLab Toys. Be sure to come check it out!

Every purchase benefits our school!

Visa, MasterCard, Discover, & 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!

Bus Route Reduction Extension: The bus route plan has been extended through November 10th. The district has made some progress to hire and train new bus drivers and hope to have all routes covered in November. If you know anyone that is interested, please have them contact Diana Graef at dgraef@portlandk12.org or call (517) 647-4161.

Week	Day	No Transportation		
Oct 9 - Oct 13	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		
Oct 16 - Oct 20	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 23 - Oct 27	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 30 - Nov 3	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		
Nov 6 - Nov 10	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)
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ST. PAT'S PTO AND
ASHTON KING INVITE YOU TO

ST. PAT'S HOMECOMING TAILGATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

6:00 p.m. outside of the PHS Stadium

PULLED PORK, HOTDOGS, & DRINKS PROVIDED!
BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS

Please sign up here to help with set-up, take down, or bring a dish to pass!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60Bo544AEA82FA4FC1-homecoming>

Reminder:
Color Fun Run in the morning!
Registration at 8AM.
Meet at the Teacher Parking Lot at St. Patrick School! A fun-filled day for all!

Thank you!
Thank you to Ashton King for the pork and Endvi Auto Body for the hot dogs!!!

Portland Community Fund Association Coat Drive and Giveaway

Our annual coat drive will begin Friday, October 6th and run through Friday, October 20th. Adult and children’s clean, useable coats will be collected along with outerwear such as hats, mittens, gloves, and boots. Snowpants are especially needed. General clothing and garage sale items are not being collected. PLEASE DO NOT donate these items.

A “Stuff the Bus” will be provided by Portland Public Schools, Ted Goodman of Goodman Dairy Farm, and Scott Teachout and Joel Vanslambrouck of G & B Pool Supplies. The bus will be the only location to drop off donations. The bus will be located at Bill’s Party Store at 1153 E. Grand River in Portland.

The coat giveaway will be Saturday, October 21st from 10:00-1:00 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 8867 Kent St., Portland. Coats and outerwear will be available to anyone needing them.

Another option to get a coat is to visit the Portland Community Clothe Closet located at the Portland United Methodist Church, 310 Bridge St. The coats and clothing are available free of charge. The hours are Monday from 9am-12pm and Thursday 4p-6p.

Portland Community Fund Association Christmas Giving Program

Applications are available in the school office starting in October. Any family residing in the Portland School District that may need assistance or know of someone in need should fill out an application.

Think, Choose, Act

Lead yourself to who you want to be.

*This month, we're challenging students to envision future goals and take intentional steps toward who they want to be. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop your child's ability to self-direct.** We can model self-direction by celebrating the positive in each day, seeking the good in others, and emphasizing our responsibility to make positive choices.*



1 ENGAGE: Find the Good!

Self-direct your thoughts and share Good Things as a family each day. After school, around the dinner table, or before bed, ask each family member to share something good from the day. We often see what we seek! Let's focus on finding the good.



2 EMPOWER: Make a Plan

If your student doesn't already use a planner, empower them to start using one to manage their time better. Have a weekly meeting with your student to share what they have added to their planners. You can help them add family gatherings, school events, and due dates.



3 EXCEL: Affirm Daily

Practice growing as a family through positive affirmations. At dinner or some point during the day, give affirmations to each other and share the good things you see. Take it to the next level and think of someone you could affirm outside your family. Challenge each family member to affirm or thank a different person every day this month for something they do or who they are. You can even handwrite a note to thank that person and send them the note in the mail.

Conversation Starters

- ♥ What is one way you can be more responsible at home or school?
- ♥ What is something you want to continue to improve?
- ♥ How do you feel when you finish a project?
- ♥ What is something you want to learn to do?







PORTLAND ST. PATRICK FALL FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

12PM-5PM AT THE PORTLAND CONSERVATION CLUB

-  TAILGATE FOR LIONS/PANTHERS GAME
-  MEGA ROCK RAFFLE
-  FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND KID ACTIVITIES (WEATHER PERMITTING)
-  TICKETS: \$15 IF PURCHASED IN ADVANCE, \$20 AT THE DOOR, AND KIDS UNDER 5 ARE FREE
-  TICKETS INCLUDE: 2 HOT DOGS OR BRATS, CHIPS AND DESSERT, AND 2 DRINK TICKETS
-  CHECK SCHOOL OR PARISH WEBSITE FOR TICKET FORM, OR EMAIL SCHRAUBENKA@GMAIL.COM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please complete, include payment, and return to the School office. Cash or checks made payable to St. Patrick.

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Your name(s) will be on a list at the door. To receive ticket confirmation, please include email or phone number:

4th ANNUAL COLOR RUN

OCT
7th
2023

REGISTRATION
8:00 A.M.
RUN START
9:00 A.M.

LOCATION:
Teacher's Parking Lot at
St. Patrick's School

JOIN US!

YOU'RE INVITED!
ALL AGES,
RUNNERS AND
WALKERS!

Join us for our 4th annual 1 mile Fun Run!
This family friendly community event will
be a colorful memory for all!



REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION
FORM AND FEE
DUE BY
SEPTEMBER 15TH:
\$25 PER PERSON
OR
\$100 FAMILY MAX

RUN DAY
REGISTRATION: \$50
(SHIRT NOT GUARANTEED)

CHILDREN 5 & UNDER: Free*
**no shirt provided*

(Babies/Toddlers in strollers or
wagons are welcome! Please
protect your personal items with
plastic/towels/etc.)



Submit form and fee
to St. Pat's School
Office. Forms
received after 9/15
are not guaranteed a
t-shirt.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
St. Patrick School PTO
pto@portlandstpats.org

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL PTO

4th ANNUAL COLOR RUN

Saturday, October 7, 2023, 9am

Registration starts at 8am

FAMILY NAME _____

PARTICIPANTS:

NAME_____ **AGE**_____ **GRADE**_____ **SHIRT SIZE**_____

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NAME_____ **AGE**_____ **GRADE**_____ **SHIRT SIZE**_____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT_____ **PHONE** _____

ENTRY FEE: (Please make checks payable to St. Patrick PTO)

REGISTRATION PRIOR TO SEPT 15th: \$25 (shirt and color packet not guaranteed after this date)

RUN DAY REGISTRATION: \$30

FAMILY REGISTRATION (PRIOR TO SEPT 15th ONLY): \$100 FAMILY MAXIMUM

RELEASE AND WAIVER (PLEASE READ AND SIGN)

Running is a potentially dangerous activity. I should not enter the walk/run unless I am medically able. I assume any risks associated with participating in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather and conditions of the road/trail. I understand I am solely responsible for my own safety during the event and traveling to and from the event. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of my entry, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release St. Patrick School, the Township of Portland, the City of Portland, and all of their liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. The undersigned further grants full permission to use any photographs, videos, recordings of the event for any purpose. (Minors need parent signature)

X _____ **DATE** _____

Submit form and money to the SPS office