



# Shamrock News

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

10/13/23



**Congratulations:** Congratulations to the winners of the Fall Fest Mega Raffle:

\$5,000 Douglas Smith  
\$2,500 Nick & Brandi Bengel  
\$1,000 Keith Cook  
\$750 Kristen Smith  
\$500 Germaine May & Janet Pung  
\$500 Jerry & Jan Bozung  
\$250 Daniel Schafer  
\$250 Sue Vanlente  
\$250 Randy Sandborn  
\$250 Christine Rockey



Tickets are still available to [purchase online](#), or in the church or school offices. The proceeds support our parish, school, and athletics.

**2024-25 Financial Aid Applications:** The [application](#) and [instructions](#) were emailed to all families. The deadline for round one is December 3, 2023. This applies for students in grades K-12. **A new application must be filled out each year.** This information can also be found on the school website under Prospective Families, Tuition/Scholarships. Please contact the office for assistance. The sooner you apply, the better!

**Halloween Parties and Parade:** Halloween parties will take place on Tuesday, October 31. Please see your child's classroom newsletter for the time. The elementary Halloween parade will take place at 3:15pm. You can watch the parade in the gym. Students may be signed out from their classroom at dismissal if parents would like to take them home.

**Halloween Costumes:** As you are buying/making Halloween costumes, please remember that we have a **NO** weapons (real or pretend), gore, blood, or make-up policy.

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

## Friday, Oct. 20

1/2 day of school

No preschool or after-school childcare, daycare open

## Friday, Oct. 27

No afternoon busing - Portland Public School 1/2 day

## Friday, Nov. 3

No School - Diocesan Professional Development Day

No preschool, Daycare open

## Wednesday, Nov. 15

No School - Opening Day

No preschool, Daycare open

**Mission Effectiveness Committee:** Please consider participating on the school board to represent Mission Effectiveness. Responsibilities include policies, planning, and enhancing the Catholic identity of the school. You would collaborate with staff and work with programs already in place. There are always opportunities for new ideas too!

On the practical side, we meet 6 times a year on Tuesdays after the 6pm Mass in August, October, December, February, April, and May. Meetings last about 2 hours. Subject work is done independently of the board meetings and varies in time commitment.

Meet the team and learn more about us: [Administration/School Board - St. Patrick School \(portlandstpats.com\)](#)

Please reach out to Connie Vallier (517-647-2225), Mr. Hodge, Mrs. Smith, or any of the board members if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you can share your time and talents to serve the students, families, and St. Patrick School.



## Calendar of Events



10/13 Var. FB @ Byron 7p  
10/14 Var. XC @ Greater Lansing INV 9a  
Var. VB @ Dansville INV 10a  
5/6 FB @ Morrice 10a  
HS Homecoming Dance in Parish Hall 7:30-10:30p  
10/16 HS Women's Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center  
HS Men's Retreat biking to Ionia  
7/8 VB vs. P-W @ SPS 5p  
10/18 Ionia County College & Career Fair for Jr./Sr. 8-10a  
Mass for grades K-10 with Fr. Mason 9:30a  
Var. XC CMAC Jamboree @ Fish Creek Sports Club 4p  
JV & Var. VB @ Dansville 5:30p

JV FB @ St. Charles 6p  
10/19 PSAT for grades 10-11 8a-12p  
No Mass today  
PTO @ The Port (candle pickup) 3:30-9p  
7/8 VB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5p  
10/20 End of first quarter  
1/2 day of school - Daycare open all day  
No Preschool/No After school childcare  
10/21 Var. VB CMAC Tournament @ Fowler time TBD  
Var. XC @ Class D State Championships @ Shepherd HS 12p  
5/6 gr. FB vs. Breckenridge @ Coleman 10a  
Var. FB vs. St. Charles @ PHS 7p

# PTO



## AT THE PORT

THE PORT, ALONG WITH MODERN CRAFT WINE HAS  
GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO DONATE

**20% OF ALL WINE & CANDLE SALES**

to St. Pat's PTO on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 3:30-8:00pm

### CANDLE FUNDRAISING ORDERS

For those that ordered from the Fall Candle Fundraiser,  
your orders will be ready for pick up on Oct. 19 from  
3:30-8pm at THE PORT as well.



### WINE TASTING - CANDLE PICK UP

3:30-8:00PM - 143 KENT ST, PORTLAND

Questions? [pto@portlandstpats.org](mailto:pto@portlandstpats.org)

# 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!!!



## Portland Community Fund Association Coat Drive and Giveaway

Our annual coat drive will begin Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and run through Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.