



Shamrock News

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

10/20/23

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!

K-5 Arrival and Dismissal next week: Because of the ongoing church roof project, the alternate arrival and dismissal procedures for K-5 will remain the same for next week.

No School Masses next week: Due to the ongoing church roof project, the school Masses on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25 & 26 are cancelled.

Last day for shorts: The last day that students can wear school uniform shorts to school is Tuesday, October 31st.

Veterans Day: Do you know a Veteran? Please invite them to attend our Veterans Day Observance on Friday, November 10 at 10 am in the gym. Cookies and Coffee Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

PTO Candle Sale: Thank you to The Port and the PTO for a successful candle sale. Congratulations to Tucker Smith who won the painting party for 8.

Socktober: One more week! This Corporal Work of Mercy makes a huge difference! We are partnering with the Michigan State Police Training Division to collect brand new socks of all sizes and colors until Friday, October 27. Students who make a donation will be entered into a drawing to have a chance to ride along with the MSP Troopers to deliver socks to Homeless Angels. The new socks can be placed in the tote outside the school office.



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

Wednesday - Friday, November 22-24

Thanksgiving Break
Daycare open on Nov. 22

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.

Bus Route Reduction Plan: All bus routes will resume to normal on Friday, October 20. If you or someone you know is interested in driving buses for Portland Public Schools, please contact Diana Graef at dgraef@portlandk12.org.

Let's go SHAMROCKS!



Calendar of Events



10/21 Var. VB CMAC Tournament @ Fowler time TBD
5/6 gr. FB vs. Breckenridge @ Coleman 10a
Var. XC @ Class D State Championships @ Shepherd HS 12p
Var. FB vs. St. Charles @ PHS 7p
10/23-24 6/7 grade at Camp Henry
10/24 JV & Var. VB @ Martin 5:30p
10/25 Quiz Bowl @ P-W 4:30p

10/26 Candle Rosary for K-12 9:30a
Anatomy Class Field Trip to Sloan Museum
Var. VB Quad @ Ionia HS time TBD
10/27 No PM busing - PPS 1/2 day
Jean & Spirit Wear Day
Senior Open Campus Lunch
Var. XC Regionals @ Webberville 4p

CHRISTMAS CHOIR



ALL Singers Grade 4 thru College

Christmas Choir rehearsal begins Saturday - Nov 4th

Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room at St. Patrick School
(Enter thru the doors at the corner of West & Center Streets)

Please reserve the following dates and times:

11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9 from 10:00am - 11:30am

12/16 and 12/22 from 10:00am - NOON

We will be singing at the 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Registration NOT required

Questions? Call Mr. James Tavadze at 647-6505 ext. 423

**NOTE: College Age Singers must have attended a
Protecting God's Children Awareness Session**





St. Patrick Catholic School
Faculty, Staff, and Students
Cordially Invite You to our annual ...
Veterans Day

Observance

Friday, November 10, 2023

10:00 AM

School Gymnasium

Cookies and Coffee reception

St. Patrick Catholic School, 122 West St Portland, Michigan 48875 (517)647-7551

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

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.

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 six times a year on Tuesdays after the 6pm Mass in August, October, December, February, April, and May. Meetings last about two 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 \(portlandstpats.com\)](https://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.



You're invited to the annual trick or treating at PHS on October 25th from 6 to 7:30pm! Just like in the years past, this will be free trick-or-treating event for the Portland community at the classroom doors within the High School. Sign up for a time slot for this family-friendly event!

To make the lines shorter and to provide the best flow, we ask that everyone sign up for your family spot on Eventbrite! As the spots fill up, we will add more availability. Our goal is to keep it balanced so that you don't have to wait in line outside with your littles!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../2023-portland-high-school...>

Can't wait to see all of you!