



Shamrock News

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

11/2/23

Congratulations:

- To Isabelle Kissane for being the September high school student of the month.
- To Alexis Knoop for being the October high school student of the month.
- To Clara Corbeil for being the Ionia County Career Center student of the month for October.
- To Ellayna Meredith and Isaac FoxElster for qualifying for MHSAA LP Division 4 State Finals at the Cross Country Regional meet last Friday. Ellayna finished in 7th place and Isaac finished in 5th place at regionals. Good luck at States Saturday!

PS-5 Christmas Program: The Christmas Program will take place on Wednesday, December 13 at 1p & 7p in the school gym.

Reconciliation: All Catholics are welcome to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation from 3:00-3:45p every Saturday in the church.

Physical Education Classes: We wanted to inform you that unfortunately, due to continuing health challenges, Mr. White is unable to return as our physical education teacher at this time. We ask that you please continue to lift up Mr. White and his family in your prayers during this difficult time. Mrs. Alyssa Nichols (alyssanichols@portlandstpats.org) has graciously agreed to continue as our long term substitute teacher which allows grades K-9 physical education classes to continue without interruption.

Please Dress for the Weather: Cold weather is upon us and we require K-5 grade students to go outside for recess above 0°. Please wear boots, winter coats, hats, gloves, tights, and snowpants.

Hall Walking: Hall walking is open to the public starting November 7 through March 28 from 6:00-8:00pm on days that St. Patrick School is in session (full days of school only). You may enter the building using door #7 on West Street. **Hall walking is NOT available on Mondays when childrens faith formation classes are in session.**

High School Yearbooks on Sale Now: High school yearbooks are \$30 if you order before January 1. Order online at: <https://inter-state.com/yearbookentry/81702T> or send in a check made out to St. Patrick School. Price increases to \$35 after January 1st.

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

Wednesday, December 20 - Tuesday, January 2

Christmas Break
December 20 = 1/2 day no PS, School resumes on January 3
Daycare closed December 25-29

Good Luck at States!



Laynie and Isaac

Sock-tober Success!!

This Corporal Work of Mercy made a huge difference! We partnered with the Michigan State Police Training Division and collected brand new socks of all sizes and colors. Together we collected 1,624 pairs of new socks! St. Patrick students, Grady Goodman and Stetson King, along with a MSP Trooper delivered the socks to the Homeless Angels Shelter.

Thank you for all you do to help others in need.
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Calendar of Events



11/4 Cross Country State Finals @ MIS 9:30a
5/6 gr. Boys BB vs. St. Thomas @ SPS 9a
Var. FB Regional Final vs. Deckerville @ PHS 2p
11/5 Daylight Saving Time Ends
11/6 7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5p
11/7 Election Day
11/8 Michigan March for Life @ State Capital
Mass for grades 9-12 8a (time change)

Quiz Bowl @ Perry 4:30p
PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p
6th gr. Boys BB @ New Covenant 7:15p
11/9 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
7/8 gr. Boys BB @ P-W 5p
11/10 Veterans Day Assembly & Reception 10a
Senior Open Campus Lunch
11/11 5/6 gr. Boys BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a



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!

Shamrock Apparel Pre-Order at Fabricated Customs

Shamrock jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, t-shirts and hats are now available for pre-order from Fabricated Customs. The orders will arrive in time for Christmas! <https://fabricatedcustoms.com/collections/st-patrick-schools-fall-winter>

This pre-order will close on November 5th, 2023 at 8pm. Please make sure all orders are submitted before then. All garments will print and distribute within 2-3 weeks of the pre-order close date.



Young Adults Dinner & Speaker: Young adults of the Parish (married and single, 18-35) are invited to share a dinner together as we kick off our young adult ministry with guest presenters, Aaron Thelen and Lori Perrie on Tuesday, November 21, 7-9pm. Topic of discussion will be "building community". Dinner provided, no cost to attend, but please RSVP to Carolyn: carolynheckman@portlandstpats.org. Meet in the teacher's lounge (room 203) and use door #8 (corner of Center and West Streets).

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**



Better Together

Work together to reach a goal.

*This month we're challenging students to work together toward a common goal and shared purpose. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop teamwork in your child.** We can do this by modeling gratefulness, acknowledging positive moments, and affirming each other. Use this month's activities to practice working together and celebrate your family as a team.*



1 ENGAGE: Grateful for you

I am grateful for you! Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member all month. What you give attention to grows! On a sticky note or small piece of paper, write one thing you appreciate each day about your child and post it on their bedroom door. Doing this will plant seeds in their heads and hearts to help them see good things about themselves.



2 EMPOWER: Walk in My Shoes

Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member. Have every family member trace one of their shoes, then trade drawings and write three words you admire about that family member on their "shoe." Discuss how each family member brings something great to your family team.



3 EXCEL: Pay it Forward

When someone does something nice for you, do something nice for someone else. Doing this is a wonderful way to continue the cycle of gratitude. "Paying it forward" is a way of showing love and kindness to others. It could be something as simple as holding the door open for someone or buying coffee for a stranger. Once a week, share as a family one time you "paid it forward" during the week.

Conversation Starters

- ♥ What is the best affirmation or compliment someone has ever given you?
- ♥ What are some things we are lucky to have but sometimes find ourselves complaining about?
- ♥ What is your favorite family memory?