



Shamrock News

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

11/17/23

No newsletter next week: Please note since next week is only a two-day school week, there will be no newsletter. We wish all our families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Congratulations: To Grant Pline who is the Ionia County Career Center November student of the month.

Annual Food Drive: We will be having our annual food drive on Tuesday, November 21st. Students will place their canned goods in boxes on their way to Mass. The food will be taken to the Community Food Bank. Please send non-perishable items with your child.

Reconciliation: All Catholics are welcome to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation from 3:00-3:45p every Saturday in the church. Additional reconciliation times have been scheduled for Advent: Tuesdays (12/5, 12, 19) 5:00-5:40p Fridays (12/8, 15, 22) 12:00-1:00p, Saturdays (12/9, 16, 23) 10:00-11:00a. [Here is a link to the guide to confession.](#)

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. The K-8 grade yearbooks will go on sale in March.

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!

Sports Banquet: The high school fall sports banquet is back and will take place on Wednesday, November 29 from 7-9pm in the school cafeteria. Athletes from cross country, football, and volleyball will be recognized. The main dish, tableware, and beverages will be provided by the Athletic Association. Please bring a dish to pass. The dress code for athletes is ladies in dresses or dress pants and men in dress pants and ties. Please do not purchase new clothes for the banquet.

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



Toys for Tots: The St. Patrick National Honor Society is partnering with USMC Reserve Toys for Tots to collect new, unwrapped toys for kids in need in our community. Collection boxes are near the school office. The school level that collects the most will win an out of dress code day!

NHS Blood Drive: The next blood drive will take place on Tuesday, November 21 from 8a-1:45p in the Parish Hall. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. Donors must be 16 years old.

Giving Tuesday: During 24 hours of giving on Tuesday, November 28, Catholics and others around the diocese are invited to #GiveCatholicWM and donate generously of their time or make a financial gift to their favorite parish, school, or diocesan ministry. Join us this year!

The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan has generously agreed to once again sponsor this year's #GiveCatholicWM campaign with grants totaling \$10,000! Five challenges are intended to encourage participation, inspire the sharing of faithful, joyous stories, and spark good-natured competition. Rally your communities to take up the challenges throughout the 24-hours of giving on Nov. 28 and compete to receive additional funds for your mission! In order to qualify for any challenge grants, all donations must be received through the [diocesan website](#). The challenges are detailed here: <https://grdiocese.org/givingtuesday-challenges/>.



Calendar of Events



11/18 6/5 gr. Boys BB vs. Resurrection @ SPS 10a
11/20 7/8 gr. Boys BB @ Laingsburg 5p
11/21 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 8a-1:45p
3rd gr. field trip to State Capital 9a-3p
All School Mass 9:30a
11/22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/27 7/8 gr. Boys BB @ Pottersville 5p
JV & Var. Boys BB @ Webberville 6p
5/6 gr. Boys BB @ St. Mary Westphalia 6p

11/29 All School Mass with Fr. Cavera 9:30a
Fall Sports Banquet in Cafeteria 7-9p
11/30 NET Retreat grades 9-10
No Mass
7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Bath @ SPS 5p
12/1 NET Retreat grades 6-8
JV & Var. Boys BB vs. CHAP @ PMS 6p
MS Dance in the Parish Hall 7-9p
12/2 Quiz Bowl League Tournament @ Laingsburg 8:30a
NET Retreat 8th grade 9a-3p

Shamrock Apparel Pre-Order at Fabricated Customs

Shamrock jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, t-shirts, and hats are available again 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 28th, 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.



2023 Winter Exam Schedule

Secondary Schedule (Grades 6-12)

Friday, December 15:

7:30 - 11:07 Regular morning school day schedule
11:37 - 12:09 5th hour class
12:12 - 12:44 6th hour class
12:50 - 2:20 7th Hour Exam

Monday, December 18:

7:30 - 9:00 6th Hour Exam
9:10 - 10:40 5th Hour Exam - **No busing at 10:40 am**

Tuesday, December 19:

7:30 - 9:00 4th Hour Exam
9:10 - 10:40 3rd Hour Exam - **No busing at 10:40 am**

Wednesday, December 20:

7:30 - 8:50 2nd Hour Exam
9:00 - 10:20 1st Hour Exam
10:30 - 11:30 All School Mass - **No busing at 11:30 am**

- If a high school student does not have an exam during a class period, they should not be in the school during that time unless specifically directed to be there by their teacher.
- Students in grades 9-12 will be allowed to leave the building as soon as their second exam of the day is complete EXCEPT on Wednesday. On Wednesday, all students are required to stay for Mass.
- Since Michigan Virtual classes do not end until January 12, students must be present in school during their exam time.

Lost and Found

We have several items in lost and found — see pictures below. Please take a look to see if your child is missing anything. Items that remain on December 19th will be donated to the uniform sale or a local charity.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DRESS-UP

December 15-20

Preschool-12TH Grade

FRIDAY - Christmas Attire Day-

You can wear Christmas shirts, St. Nick hats, nativity characters, anything Christmasy!

JEANS AND HATS ALLOWED



MONDAY - Mad About Plaid Day-

You can wear plaid from head to toe.

JEANS AND HATS ALLOWED, NO PAJAMAS

TUESDAY - Green and Red Day-

You can wear green, red or both to show your Christmas spirit!

JEANS AND HATS ALLOWED

WEDNESDAY - Ugly Sweater Day-

You can wear an ugly Christmas Sweater or any sweater you have.

JEANS ALLOWED, NO HATS



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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**

