



Shamrock News

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

12/1/23

Elementary Morning Drop-off: Please do not drop off your student before 8:20am. There is no supervision in the parking lot until 8:20am. Students who are dropped off early will need to go to the before school childcare room and will be billed accordingly.

Physical Education Update: We regret to inform you that Mr. Bob White will not be returning to the physical education position. Portland Public Schools is posting the position for qualified applicants to apply. Mr. White will retire in March. We want to thank Mr. White for his time at St. Patrick School and pray for his health and his journey in retirement.

St. Patrick School Community Survey: St. Patrick School is applying for State of Michigan grant funds to maintain current student services, as well as add additional services, including student mental health and school safety and security. We want to hear from you. If awarded this grant, how should St. Patrick School prioritize the funds? [Please complete this short survey](#) by December 7th at 11:30pm. Thank you.

NHS Blood Drive: The recent blood drive sponsored by the St. Patrick National Honor Society collected 33 units of life saving blood! Thank you for your support of this critical public service. Our next blood drive in the Parish Hall is January 23rd. Please sign up to donate at redcrosssblood.org.

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!

Wednesday, December 20 - Tuesday, January 2

Christmas Break

December 20 = 1/2 day, all grades dismiss after 10:30a Mass

No Preschool on Dec. 20

Daycare closed December 25 - January 1

School resumes on Wednesday, January 3

January 3 - 5

No busing - Portland Public Schools not in session

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 snow-pants.

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.](#)



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! As of Tuesday, high school brought in 5 toys, middle school 17 toys, upper elementary (3-5) 19 toys and lower elementary (PS-2) in the lead with 40 toys. The contest goes through December 8th.

First week of Advent

Hope



Calendar of Events



12/1	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. CHAP @ PMS 6p MS Dance in the Parish Hall 7-9p	12/6	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a JV & Var. Boys BB @ Bath 5:30p
12/2	Quiz Bowl League Tournament @ Laingsburg 8:30a NET Retreat 8th grade in Parish Hall 9a-3p	12/7	Mass for grade K-8 9:30a 7/8 gr. Boys BB @ Lansing Christian 5p
12/4	Advent Wreath Lighting 9:20a 7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Perry @ SPS 5p 5/6 gr. Boys BB @ St. Mary 6p	12/8	Immaculate Conception Mass Holy Day all school 9:30a Senior open campus lunch JV & Var. Boys BB @ Laingsburg 5:30p
12/5	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. CHAP @ PMS 6p	12/9	5/6 gr. Boys BB vs. St. Joseph @ SPS 10a

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DRESS-UP

December 15-20

Preschool-12TH Grade

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.

FRIDAY - Christmas Attire Day-

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

JEANS AND HATS ALLOWED, NO PAJAMAS, NO LEGGINGS. *



MONDAY - Mad About Plaid Day-

You can wear plaid from head to toe.

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TUESDAY - Green and Red Day-

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

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WEDNESDAY - Ugly Sweater Day-

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

JEANS ALLOWED, NO HATS, NO PAJAMAS, NO LEGGINGS.

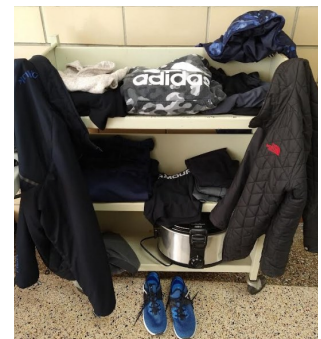
****Hats must fit in with the theme of the day.**



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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.



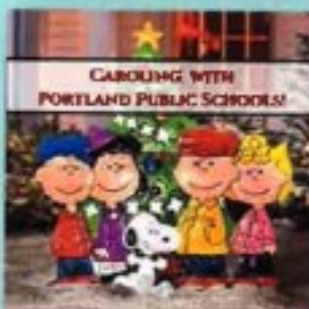
Holiday fest

Saturday 12-9-2023

Afternoon Events Begin
@ 4pm and Feature:

SNOWBALL DROP @ Splash Pad
Old Fashioned Horse & Sleigh Bell Wagon Rides
Open Houses—Activities, Refreshments, Displays

HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE
Following the Parade at Scout Park
~visits & pictures with Santa~
~Tree Lighting~



Complete information at:
MiPortland.org - Event Calendar
Portland PRIME! -community gift certificate-
@miportland.org/prime-giftcertificate