



# Shamrock News

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

12/15/23

This is the last newsletter for the year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for supporting St. Patrick School. Have a safe and relaxing Christmas break.

**Toys for Tots Winner:** And now for the final tally for the Toys for Tots Challenge...in fourth place with 25 toys, the high school; in third place with 40 toys, the middle school; in second place with 52 toys, grades 3-5, and our winners with an outstanding 109 toys, the preschool-2nd grades. Overall we collected a total of 226 toys. Thank you all for your generosity in helping kids in need in our community have a Merry Christmas! The winners will get an out of dress code day at a date to be announced.

**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.

**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.](#)

**Jesus Loves You Shirts on Sale:** The St. Patrick Campus Ministry Team is on a mission to spread the word of God's love to all they meet. This is a message for EVERYONE to spread. Please consider pre-ordering a t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie with the message "Jesus loves you" on the back for all to see! These are available in different colors. Pre-order is available now through 8 pm on January 5th and can be found here: <https://fabricatedcustoms.com/collections/st-patrick-campus-ministry>



## 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

## Wednesday - Friday, January 3 - 5

No busing - Portland Public Schools not in session

## Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No School, Daycare Open

## Friday, January 19

No PM busing - PPS half day

## High School Youth Group Christmas Party

Join us  
for a night of  
Christmas fun!

INCLUDING:  
FAMILY FEUD  
COOKIE DECORATING  
POPCORN  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
THE CHOSEN

DEC. 17

7:30-9:00PM

IN THE PARISH HALL

Third & Fourth week of Advent

Joy & Love



## Calendar of Events



- 12/15 JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Fowler @ PMS 6p
- 12/16 5th gr. Boys BB CYAC Tournament @ St. Joseph 11a  
6th gr. Boys BB CYAC Tournament @ St. Thomas 12p
- 12/18 Exam Schedule this week - see page 2  
Christmas Spirit Week - see page 2  
Var. Bowling vs. Coleman @ Meadow Bowl 3p  
7/8 gr. Boys BB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5p
- 12/19 Elementary Christmas Parties - see classroom newsletter  
JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Potterville @ PMS 6p
- 12/20 1/2 day of School - see above in gray box

- All School Mass 10:30a
- JV & Var. Boys BB @ Potterville 5:30p
- 12/21 JV & Var. Girls BB @ West Catholic 6p
- 12/27-28 Entire School Building Closed for Critical Incident Training (Ionia County Sheriff)
- 1/3 School Resumes - no busing this week  
No Mass for grades 9-12  
Var. Girls BB scrimmage @ PHS 3p
- 1/4 ICHD Vision & Hearing Rescreening  
No Mass for grades K-8

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## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DRESS-UP

December 15-20

Preschool-12<sup>TH</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> hour class  
12:12 - 12:44 6<sup>th</sup> hour class  
12:50 - 2:20 7<sup>th</sup> Hour Exam

##### Monday, December 18:

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

##### Tuesday, December 19:

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

##### Wednesday, December 20:

7:30 - 8:50 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Exam  
9:00 - 10:20 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

