



# Shamrock News

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

1/19/24

**Congratulations:** To Deacon Randy Hodge who was ordained on Saturday, January 13 at St. Andrew Cathedral.

**NHS Blood Drive:** St. Patrick School is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, January 23, from 8:00 am to 1:45 pm in the Parish Hall. To schedule an appointment, log onto to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: St. Patrick), or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Remember, if you are old enough to drive, you are old enough to donate!

**Parent/Teacher Conference Request Forms:** Conferences will take place on February 16th. The request forms will be sent home soon for preschool and elementary students and emailed in the middle and high school newsletters, please return them ASAP if you need to schedule a conference. These conferences are optional unless one is specifically requested by your child's teacher. If your child's teacher does not request a conference but you would like one, please feel free to request a conference.

**Talent Show:** We are excited to announce we will be hosting a St. Patrick School Talent Show during Catholic Schools Week on our very own gym stage! All students and staff are invited and encouraged to participate. [Click here to register](#) by Wednesday, January 24! Auditions will occur on Friday, January 26 during the school day. Catholic Schools Week is January 28-February 2, 2024 with the talent show occurring on Friday, February 2 during the school day. Remember that all acts, attire, and props must be school appropriate. We can't wait to see the talents of our students and staff!



TOGETHER,  
WE STAND FOR  
THE UNBORN

## Friday, February 16

1/2 day - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
No afternoon busing  
No Preschool, Daycare Open

## Monday & Tuesday, February 19 & 20

No School - Mid-Winter Break  
Daycare Open

**Afterschool Bowling:** If you signed your 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade student up for bowling at the Wagon Wheel, please let your teacher or the office know of the change in dismissal.

**Parents:** If you would like your student(s) to receive text messages from school (school closing, etc), YOU can send an email to [luannkinsman@portlandstpats.org](mailto:luannkinsman@portlandstpats.org) with their cell phone number and it will be added to the system. Thank you!

**Flu Season is Here:** Please be diligent with simple prevention strategies such as frequent handwashing, sneeze/cough etiquette, and staying home when sick. Many illnesses do not require exclusion. However, children should stay home if the illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in school activities or if there is risk of spreading sickness to others. Some reasons why a child should stay home include fever, diarrhea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. Children should not return to school until they are fever, diarrhea and vomit free for 24 hours without medication.

**Hot Lunch Accounts:** Don't forget to check your child(ren)s accounts to make sure that you do not have a negative balance. Go to <https://portland.familyportal.cloud/> to check your balances or move money between your children. You can add money to your account on this site or send in a check made payable to Portland Food Service.

☘ Shamrock Pride ☘



## Calendar of Events



1/19 JV & Var. Boys BB @ Dansville 5:30p  
1/22 Var. Bowling @ Central Montcalm 3p  
7th gr. Girls BB @ Saranac 5p  
JV & Var. Girls BB @ Saranac 5:30p  
1/23 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 8a-1:45p  
JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p  
1/24 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a  
ASVAB Testing for 10th grade 11:30-2:20P  
JV Girls BB vs. Bath @ SPS 6p

Var. Girls BB vs. Bath @ PMS 7:30p  
1/25 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a  
7th gr. Girls BB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5:15p  
JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p  
1/26 Jean & spirit wear day  
Senior open campus lunch  
Talent show auditions  
JV & Var. Girls BB @ Laingsburg 5:30p  
1/28-2/3 Catholic Schools Week

# St. Patrick High School and Middle School

## Honor Roll for Second Quarter 2023-2024

### 12th Grade

Devin Cook  
Janelle Dugan  
Alaina Forist  
Arianna FoxElster  
Shawn Frawley  
Tyler Groothuis  
Kyra Kinsman  
Isabelle Kissane  
Ellayna Meredith  
Nevaeh Miller  
Riley Mosser  
Olivia Pung  
Victoria Sandborn  
Addison Scheurer  
Rylee Scheurer  
Sophia Schrauben  
Lucas Simon  
Emily Snitgen  
Marley Weems  
Nicole Weems  
Hannah Weller

### 11th Grade

Maggie Bengel  
Charlotte Bergsma  
Ashlyn Clay  
Clara Corbeil  
Kenzie Fedewa  
Megan Myers  
Olivia Rockey  
Isabella Russman  
Brayden Simon  
Landon Simpson  
Gabriel Wernet  
Simon White

### 10th Grade

Brody Beckhold  
TJ Chamberlain  
Isaac FoxElster  
Gavin Groothuis  
Mattie Honsowitz  
Hudson King  
Logan Krieger  
Brady Leonard  
Amalia Lobato  
Aiden Mosser  
Maizie Pelc  
Nicholas Pung  
Lily Sandborn  
Charles Thelen  
Eden Zimmerman

### 9th Grade

Lillian Anthony  
Francis Austen  
Sophia Bergsma  
Katrina Chen  
Marian Davlin  
Aiden Fandel  
Sean Fedewa  
Naomi Hass  
Alexis Knoop  
Jorja McCall  
James Miller  
Caleb Pline  
Gracelyn Rockey  
Isaiah Rockey  
Siena Schafer  
Jerryd Scheurer  
Tyler Schneider  
Mason Simon  
Macie Smith  
Tyler Thelen  
Benjamin White

### 8th Grade

Maria Austen  
Charles Bozung  
Theodore Brown  
Reese Chamberlain  
Ivan Chen  
Gavin Darling  
Kennedy Drake  
Joanna Dugan  
Emmet Fandel  
Charlotte Frazee  
Grady Goodman  
Ethan Huffer  
Levi Knoop  
Morgan Krieger  
Lily Kwiecinski  
Olivia Martin  
Alice Newman  
Eloise Nichols  
Peyton Schafer  
Maximus Schellberg  
Shane Smith  
Julia White

### 7th Grade

Isabel Anthony  
Patrick Austen  
Reed Boyd  
Simon Fedewa  
Evelyn Hager  
Amelia Lansdell  
Jordyn Lansdell  
Olivia Lansdell  
Macie Leonard  
Adelle Martin  
Maci Morris  
Liam Mosser  
Kerrigan Newman  
Ethan Nickols  
Tanner Owen  
Vivian Rockey  
Evan Ryder  
Nolan Schafer  
Benjamin Smith  
Olivia Stahl

### 6th Grade

Madelyn Bergsma  
Emerson Brown  
Bree Chamberlain  
Hallie Davis  
Ian Fandel  
Kiley Hengesbach  
Bella Hinds  
Rhett Honsowitz  
Addison Knoop  
Josie Pung  
Titus Rockey  
Joesie Russman  
Olivia Schafer  
Easton Scheurer



**Catholic Schools Week (Sunday, Jan 28, 2024 - Friday, February 2, 2024)**  
**Theme: United in Faith and Community through Acts of Service**

Sunday, January 28

- ❖ Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Mass at 10:00 am
- ❖ All students and their families are invited to attend!
- ❖ Please wear your school dress code to Mass.

Monday, January 29: Celebrating our Community

- ❖ Dress up day: Comfy clothes (no pj's, no leggings, no pants with holes)
- ❖ All school assembly followed by a Big Rock/Little Rock activity
- ❖ Saint of the day: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, patron saint of Catholic schools

Tuesday, January 30: Celebrating our Students

- ❖ Dress up day: Favorite liturgical season color from head to toe (uniform for students attending Mass at the cathedral). \*See the next page for more information.
- ❖ Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral (2 from each grade)
- ❖ All School: enjoy donuts and juice
- ❖ Service: Thank you note/card to parents for sending you to St. Patrick Catholic School
- ❖ Saint of the day: St. John Bosco, patron saint of youth

Wednesday, January 31: Celebrating our Nation (broader community)

- ❖ Grades 9-12: Dress up day: Sunday best
- ❖ Grades K-8: Dress up day: Vocation
- ❖ **Service: Donations for Pregnancy Services of Ionia County**
  - **Needed items: baby wash, pacifiers, diaper rash cream, childrens toothbrush/toothpaste, diapers, powder formula, infant-3T clothing in great condition**
- ❖ Saint of the day: St. John Neumann, patron saint of Catholic education

Thursday, February 1: Celebrating Vocations

- ❖ Grades 9-12: Dress up day: Vocation
- ❖ Grades K-8: Dress up day: Sunday best
- ❖ All School: Adoration
- ❖ Service: Cards/letters for Fr. Mike, Deacon Don, and Deacon Randy
- ❖ Saint of the day: St. Gemma Galgani, patron saint of students

Friday, February 2: Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

- ❖ Dress up day: Jeans and spirit wear
- ❖ Grades 9-12: Winter sports assembly
- ❖ All School: Talent Show: [Click here to register.](#)
- ❖ **Service: Bring in a snack to donate to the staff lounge. Teachers love mints, gum, pop, crackers, popcorn, chips, chocolate, snack bars, etc.**
- ❖ Saint of the day: St. Albert the Great, patron saint of teachers

## Liturgical Seasons of the Catholic Church

We as Catholics are given the extraordinary opportunity to live differently than the rest of this world in more ways than one. First and foremost, we are called to live differently in the way we act, the way we prioritize our lives, and the way we treat others. Secondly, we are able to live on a different calendar so to speak! This is called the “liturgical calendar” in which our liturgical seasons are outlined. *Fun fact: The Church’s liturgical calendar begins with Advent!*

Each season has a primary color associated with it and is often displayed on the vestments that the priests and deacons wear during that time frame.

**Purple** is used during Advent and Lent and symbolizes penance preparation.

**White** or **Gold** is used during the Christmas and Easter seasons as well as feast days of the Blessed Mother and angels and saints who aren’t martyred. It symbolized joy and purity.

**Green** is used during ordinary time and is a symbol of hope, life, and growth.

**Red** is used on Passion Sunday, The Triduum, and Pentecost as well as on the feast days of the apostles and martyrs. It symbolizes sacrifice.





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You can also contact your Scrip coordinator Julia Schmitt  
 Phone: (517) 526-2021 Email : [Scrip@PortlandStPats.org](mailto:Scrip@PortlandStPats.org)





St. Patrick Parish  
**2024 Marriage Gala**

Saturday, February 10th  
Knights Hall

**TICKETS ONLY \$30/couple!**

Tickets available in the parish office or contact Carolyn:  
[carolynheckman@portlandstpats.org](mailto:carolynheckman@portlandstpats.org)

Doors open: 5:30pm.

Dinner: 6:00pm.

Keynote Speakers, Dan and Amber DeMatte: 6:45pm.

Dancing to follow, cash bar.



Dan and Amber Dematte are Catholic authors and missionaries. As executive leaders of Damascus, one of the fastest-growing youth and young adult ministry movements in the country, they bring the Gospel to thousands each year. The couple has been featured on EWTN Global Catholic Radio Network. They currently live in Ohio with their four children.

\*\*\*The next Mega Rock Raffle winners will be announced at the Marriage Gala. Make sure to purchase your tickets before then.

Grand Prize: \$5,000, 2nd Prize: \$2,500, 3rd Prize: \$1,000, 4th Prize: \$750, 5th Prize: \$500 (2), and 6th Prize: \$250 (4)

For every 4 participating products purchased in a single transaction at Meijer between 1/7/24 - 2/7/24, you can earn 40 Bonus Box Tops for St. Pat's. You must scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase. See BTFE.com for participating products.

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