



Shamrock News

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

1/26/24

Remote Learning Days: You should have received an email from the school administration this week regarding snow days going forward. We have used our snow days up for this school year. In the event of a school cancellation, **teachers will be in contact with parents/students through email for grades K-5, Google Classroom for grades 6-8, and Canvas for grades 9-12 to provide coursework.** Attendance will be counted by collecting your child's completed assignments. Please see the email for more information.

Tax Statements: Tax statements for 2023 are available in Final-site. Once you log into your account, click on the Billing Management tab, in the Ledger section you will see a link for "Tax Statement". All of your 2023 payments are reflected on this statement.

Class Composites On Sale Now: Order forms are going home this week to order your class composites for grades PS-12. Deadline to order is Friday, February 16. Checks can be made out to Inter-State Studio or you can order online [here](#) and use the order code 85736E. The event is called Prom Picture Day 1/26/24. This is correct.

Parent/Teacher Conference Request Forms: Conferences will take place on February 16th. The request forms will be sent home Feb. 2nd 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.

Catholic Schools Week

January 28 - February 3



Friday, February 16

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

Monday & Tuesday, February 19 & 20

No School - Mid-Winter Break
Daycare Open

Friday, March 1

No School - Professional Development Day
Daycare Open

Shamrock Auction: SAVE THE DATE! Friday, April 19 @ 6:00p at Knights Hall. The theme this year is Kentucky Derby.

READ TO YOUR CHILD TO HELP THEM SUCCEED

- ◆ Read together every day; even a few minutes a day helps. Make it a comfortable time to be close.
- ◆ Read out loud: Reading to your child increases attention span, improves listening skills, and develops vocabulary.
- ◆ Have books available: Encourage your child's interest by having plenty of books. You can go to your public library for more.

GO GREEN!

GO WHITE!



Calendar of Events



1/26 JV & Var. Girls BB @ Laingsburg 5:30p
JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p
1/27 5/6 gr. Girls BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a
1/28-2/3 Catholic Schools Week - see attached for activities
1/29 Bowling vs. Carson City Crystal @ Meadow Lanes 3p
7th gr. Girls BB @ Laingsburg 5p
1/30 JV & Var. Boys BB vs. P-W @ PMS 6p
1/31 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
JV & Var. Girls BB @ P-W 5:30p
6th gr. Girls BB vs. Resurrection @ IHM 6p

2/1 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
7th gr. Girls BB @ Potterville 5p
JV & Var. Boys BB @ Fowler 5:30p
2/2 Jeans and spirit wear day
JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Fowler @ PMS 6p
2/3 5th gr. Girls BB vs. St. Thomas @ SPS 10a
6th gr. Girls BB vs. New Covenant @ SPS 11:15a
High School Dance in Parish Hall 7-9p
2/4-5 Senior Trip to Boyne Mountain



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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St Patrick Catholic School

Please order your class composite by:
Friday, February 16, 2024

Class Composite

1 - 8 x 10

Classroom Composite

for \$12.00

To order online go to www.inter-state.com/order and use order code: **85736E**
Please make check payable to: **Inter-State Studio**

NEED HELP? Talk to a Customer Service Representative Today! www.inter-state.com/support
Professional photographs are copyrighted. Photocopying or scanning portraits is a form of theft and it is against the law.
Background design, color and the portrait sizes may vary from those illustrated.

Tear At Perforation Above, Moisten Flap, Fold To Seal. Enclose correct payment and return this envelope to school.
Use one envelope per child - please do not fold currency. Save top portion of this flyer for your reference.

St Patrick Catholic School (MI5848)

FIRSTNAME:
LASTNAME:
TEACHER: GRADE:

PHOTOGRAPHER USE ONLY

FRAME:

Payment by check is your express authorization that it may be
reverted into a non-refundable bill from your account, and all returned
checks or bills may be processed electronically along with a separate
bill or demand draft for the maximum returned check fee allowed
by state law. For additional information: www.inter-state.com

PLACE YOUR ORDER

Package/Description	Qty.	Price
SUB-TOTAL		
SUB-TOTAL X 0.0600 SALES TAX		
TOTAL AMOUNT		

Please enclose exact change - change cannot be made by photographer.



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

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.

WE GIVE BACK BETTER, TOGETHER.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS SCAN YOUR RECEIPT **EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS**

Box Tops will donate \$20,000 to 10 local Meijer schools***

40 Bonus Box Tops WHEN YOU BUY 4 PARTICIPATING PRODUCTS**

***General Mills is donating \$2,000 each to the following elementary schools: Independence in Bolingbrook, IL, Aylesworth in Portage, IN, Laukhuf in Louisville, KY, Lincoln in Findlay, OH, Madison in Sheboygan, WI, Elms Road in Swartz Creek, MI, CA Frost in Grand Rapids, MI, William Donley in East Lansing, MI, Pinecrest in East Lansing, MI, and Hillcrest in Elgin, IL.

**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 (a \$4 value) for your BTFE-eligible enrolled school. This offer excludes single serve cups of yogurt and ratio dairy snacks, Old El Paso Seasoning Packets and Lysol products. Limit 5 claims per receipt. To join, download the BTFE App and support an eligible, enrolled school. To redeem, your Meijer receipt must be scanned in the BTFE App within 14 DAYS of eligible purchase. See www.BTFE.com for App Terms of Service, Official Program Rules and Privacy Policy. Standard data rates may apply.

BASEBALL FOR PORTLAND AREA YOUTH IN GRADES 1-8



PORTLAND
YOUTH BASEBALL

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 29, 2024

REGISTER ONLINE AT: WWW.PORTLANDMIBASEBALL.COM



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR QUICK ACCESS TO THE REGISTRATION SITE



FACEBOOK.COM/PORTLANDYOUTHBASEBALLLEAGUE

ROOKIE LEAGUE - GRADES 1 + 2

Machine/Coach pitch - Games are held at the KC Hall

Cost:

\$80 early bird pricing - *sign up by February 15*

\$90 after February 15

Please e-mail:
PYBB2018@gmail.com
if you have any
questions or to inquire
about financial
assistance for your
player

MINOR LEAGUE - GRADES 3 + 4

Kid pitch - Games are held at the Wagon Wheel and/or Bogue Flats

Cost:

\$85 early bird pricing - *sign up by February 15*

\$95 after February 15

MAJOR LEAGUE - GRADES 5 + 6

Kid pitch - Games are held at various places in the surrounding area

Cost:

\$85 early bird pricing - *sign up by February 15*

\$95 after February 15

PONY LEAGUE - GRADES 7 + 8

Kid pitch - Games are held at various places in the surrounding area

\$85 early bird pricing - *sign up by February 15*

\$95 after February 15

Portland Youth Baseball League is not affiliated with Portland Public Schools