



Shamrock News

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

3/22/24

Congratulations:

- To the February High School Student of the month Tyler Groothuis.
- To Simon White for being the Ionia County Career Center March Student of the Month.

Thank you:

- To the anonymous donors of Courageous Coffee and goodies for our staff last week. It was very much appreciated.
- To the Phillips family for the new playground toys. The students are enjoying them.

March Childcare Billing: The childcare billing for March will be posted immediately following spring break and will be due on April 20.

2024-25 Enrollment at St. Patrick School: Enrollment is open for grades K-12, 3-4 year old preschool and 3-4 year old daycare. Enrollment letters were recently emailed to all families through Finalsite. The letters included the directions for continuous enrollment with links. If your family will not be continuing at St. Patrick School, please complete the Intent to Withdraw.

March is Reading Month: On Monday, March 25, students in grades K-12 can dress up as their assigned colors of the rainbow. Big rocks and little rocks are paired up with the same colors. Green = K, 6th, & 7th; purple = 1st & 8th; blue = 2nd & 9th; yellow = 3rd & 10th; red = 4th & 11th; orange = 5th & 12th. Students may wear a top in their assigned color with dress code bottoms.

Kindergarten Round Up Monday, April 15: There will be no school on Monday, April 15th for kindergarten students only. This will allow us to conduct our kindergarten round up for our fall 2024 kindergarten class.

Shamrock Auction Tickets: The Shamrock Auction is April 19th. Visit the [Auction website](#) to purchase entry tickets, raffle tickets, or make a donation. Get your Shamrock Auction tickets! The grade with the highest participation at the auction will receive a pizza party!

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

Friday, March 29

No School/Daycare Closed - Good Friday

April 1-5

Spring Break

(Daycare closed Easter Monday only)

Friday, April 19

PPS 1/2 day no afternoon busing



HOLY WEEK

St. Patrick Parish Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 26 - NO PM MASS (Church closed for waxing)

Wednesday, March 27 - NO AM MASS (Reconciliation 12pm & 6pm)

Thursday, March 28 - NO AM MASS

The Last Supper Mass - 7pm

Friday, March 29 - Stations of the Cross - 12:00pm

Passion Liturgy - 3:00pm

Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil - 9:00pm

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday - Masses at 8:00am & 10:00am



St. Patrick Rice Bowl Project 2024

A hot dog lunch will be served to all students on **Wednesday, March 27.**

This is the only hot lunch choice available on this day. Please bring a sack lunch if your child is unable to have the hot dog lunch.

In the spirit of Lent, we ask that a free will donation be contributed to the large rice bowl on this day in place of your normal hot lunch expense. The proceeds of the project will be contributed to



Calendar of Events



3/23 Var. Track Jim Gardner Invitational @ Aquinas College 9a
 3/25 Dress Up Day: God's Promise: dress in color of rainbow
 3/27 NO MASS
 Field Trip Sophomores MiCareer Quest Tour 9:15-2:00
 Operation Rice Bowl hot dog lunch

Var. BB & SB @ Ionia 4p
 JV BB & SB vs. Ionia @ FFF 4:30p
 3/28 NO MASS
 3/29 Good Friday - No School, No Daycare
 4/1-5 Spring Break - No School, No Daycare 4/1 only

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Monday, April 15, 2024

Sessions: 9am - 12pm

Information

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Registration

here!



FREE

Literacy Night

FOR PARENTS

of PreK-5th grade children

April 17th 5:30-6:30pm

Portland St. Patrick School, Parish Hall
122 N. West St. Portland, MI



REGISTER NOW:



BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Free Resources and Books** for Kids & Families
- Special Guest: The Literacy Lady, Katie Davis
- Learn about The Literacy Camp & How to Register!
- **Food & Drinks Provided**



Supervision provided for those that need to bring children along!

FREE

TIPS for any busy parent/guardian looking for **quick & practical ways** to support your kids' learning journey - this event is for you!

Grab **FREE tips** to help you calm the chaos and build a love of learning and **READING** in your home.



**ALL FAMILIES
WELCOME!**



An out of dress code slip provided for every family that attends!

We applaud you for showing up to learn more about how we can **WORK TOGETHER** to support all kids!

Sponsored By:

The Lancaster Literacy Fund, in Honor and Memory of Theresa Lancaster (Meyers) Class of 1966



Open to the community or anyone interested in learning more about St. Patrick School or supporting your children's learning!



March is Reading Month

Noah's Ark: *Flood Your Mind With Reading*

Dear Parents,

Our theme for reading month is Noah's Ark: Flood Your Mind With Reading. We have several events taking place centered around Noah's Ark. Please see below for descriptions and details.

DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read): Students will participate daily in the classroom.

Dress Up Days: Each Monday has a different dress up theme. (No pajamas, leggings or hats)

- **Monday, March 4th**
 - Getting Cozy for the Storm: Come in your comfy clothes.
- **Monday, March 11th**
 - Two of Every Kind: Twin Day (Find a friend and dress alike).
- **Monday, March 18th**
 - Bunch of Animals: Dress in all your animal prints.
- **Monday, March 25th**
 - God's Promise: Each grade comes dressed in a different color of the rainbow.
 - Kindergarten=green; 1st=purple; 2nd=blue; 3rd=yellow; 4th=red; 5th=orange ; 6th=green

Bring items for:

Big rocks follow your little rocks color.

- **Friday, March 8th**
 - Storm Blackout: Bring a flashlight for reading in the classroom.
- **Friday, March 15th**
 - Protect the Animals: Bring a stuffed animal from home to read with.
- **Monday, March 18th**
 - Please have items brought in by this date for Friday's Ark activity. This sheet came home on March 8th.


Each student will come home with a "Passport to Dry Land" to track their reading this month. Each grade has set a different goal for the amount that needs to be read. These should come to school every Friday and will be put back into their Friday folders so they can continue to log their minutes. If the goal is met, a small prize can be earned each week.



MARCH

Noah's Ark:
*Flood Your Mind
With Reading!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	God's Promise Each grade dresses as a different color of the rainbow	Tour the Ark Students will explore the Ark and read facts.	Passport to Dryland Week 4 due tomorrow	Movies and Popcorn in the classroom	No School	



The Shamrock Auction is going to the Derby



SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY
APRIL
19TH

Kentucky Derby themed event with dinner,
drinks, and entertainment

Doors open at 6:00pm

Silent and live auctions, 50/50, and raffles

Buy tickets and follow updates on the auction website:

www.bidpal.net/shamrockauction2024



Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Rd, Portland

