



Shamrock News

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

9/20/24

Emergency Contact Information: One of the ways parents can help support our efforts and keep our school safe is to have updated emergency contact information on file. Please make sure that your information with the school is accurate and make sure you update the school when things change.

Correction of PTO Meeting Date: We have incorrectly listed 10/27 as the date of the October meeting. This meeting is October 17th. We hope to see you there.

Lost and Found: With the weather changing during the day, we are finding more SPS jackets in the lost and found. Please remember to put student names on them. We had four out of nine that we were able to return to the rightful owner. Five are still unclaimed if you are missing one.

Free and Reduced Lunch/E-Rate School Discounts: All parents: please apply for free and reduced lunch on the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#) regardless of need. Important school discounts are determined using this data. You can also manage your child's meal account from here.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held on Thursday, September 26 from 4:30-7:30pm and on Friday, September 27 from 12:30-4pm. High School conferences are on a walk-in basis in the teacher's classrooms. Middle School conferences are also on a walk-in basis with parents and student in attendance in the cafeteria. DK-5 parents need to sign up for a conference time at this [link](#).

MAPS Testing: Fall MAPS testing for students in grades 1-8 will be taking place from Sept. 16 - Oct. 11. Please make sure students eat a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep.

*Let's go **SHAMROCKS!***

Friday, Sept. 27
1/2 Day of School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
No Preschool, No After-School Childcare
Grades 6-12 dismiss at 11:25a; grades DK-5 dismiss at 11:40a
No busing at dismissal

Friday, October 11
No afternoon busing - PPS 1/2 day

Friday, October 18
No School - Staff Professional Development Day

NHS Blood Drive: EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE!
St. Pat's NHS is hosting our first blood drive of the year on September 24th from 8AM to 2PM in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to donate today at redcrossblood.org. The need is urgent!

Mega Rock Raffle Tickets: Tickets were sent home to school families. Please consider purchasing the tickets. This is our main fundraiser for the parish, school and athletic programs. Students receive an out of dress code slip for every four tickets that are sold. You can purchase tickets online [here](#). The first monthly drawing will take place on Sept. 27.

Homecoming T-Shirts: Order your 2024 homecoming t-shirts from Fabricated Customs. This pre-order will close on Sunday, September 22nd at 8pm.



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Calendar of Events



<p>9/20 Var. CC @ Lansing Christian 4:30p</p> <p>9/21 JV VB @ Perry INV 9a 5/6 FB @ Breckenridge 11:45a Var. FB vs. Morrice Home @ PHS 7p</p> <p>9/24 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 8a-2p 7/8 FB vs. Carson City-Crystal @ FFF 5p 7/8 VB @ Dansville 5p 5/6 VB (white) vs. St. Thomas & St. Mary @ St. Thomas 5:30p</p> <p>9/25 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a JV FB vs. Breckenridge @ FFF 5p Var. CC P-W Inv. @ P-W HS 5:30p JV & Var. VB vs. Potterville @ SPS 5:30p</p>	<p>9/26 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30p 7/8 VB vs. Laingsburg @ SPS 5:10p</p> <p>9/27 1/2 Day of School - No PS or after school childcare Jeans and spirit wear day Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-4:00p Var. FB @ Breckenridge 7p</p> <p>9/28 JV VB @ Fulton Inv. 9a 5/6 VB (white) vs. Our Savior Lutheran & St. Joe @ St. Joe 9:30a 5/6 VB (green) vs. St. Martha & St. Gerard @ SPS 10a 5/6 FB vs. Webberville @ FFF 10a</p>
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Homecoming 2024

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Theme: "The Great American Game Room"

Seniors - Space Invaders

Juniors - Donkey Kong

Sophomores - Mario

Freshmen - Pac-Man

8th grade - Retro Bowl

7th grade - Tetris

6th grade - Frogger

Homecoming Court

Queen Candidates: Maggie Bengel, Olivia Rockey, and Bella Russman

King Candidates: Nathan Fears, Brayden Simon, and Landon Simpson

Juniors: Charlie Thelen and Mattie Honsowitz

Sophomores: Mason Simon and Naomi Hass

Freshmen: Charlie Bozung and Morgan Krieger

Prince and Princess: Kaden Diamond and Teaghan Olney

Spirit Week Dress Up Days: Dress up days are for all DK-12 students

Monday, Sept. 30: Comfy Day - Dress in comfy clothes. Jeans are permitted. No leggings. No P.J.'s.

Tuesday, Oct. 1: 80's Day - Dress up in your finest 80's attire. Jeans are permitted.

Wednesday, Oct. 2: High School: Sunday Best Day - Dress in your Sunday best. Guys in ties and girls wear appropriate clothing with straps on the back of their shoes. Dresses/skirts must meet handbook length requirements. No bare shoulders. No flip flops. No Jeans. DK-8th grade: *Cowboy vs. Prep Day* - Dress in either cowboy or prep attire. Jeans are permitted.

Thursday, Oct. 3: DK-8th grade: Sunday Best Day - Dress in your Sunday best. Guys in ties and girls wear appropriate clothing with straps on the back of their shoes. Dresses/skirts must meet handbook length requirements. No bare shoulders. No flip flops. No Jeans. High School: *Cowboy vs. Prep Day* - Dress in either cowboy or prep attire. Jeans are permitted.

Friday, Oct. 4: Spirit Day - Dress up in St. Patrick spirit wear and let your spirit rock! Jeans are permitted.

Activities and Events:

Friday, October 4:

- Donuts for all grades
- 10:00 a.m. - Volleyball Tournament for high school students
- 11:45 a.m. - Pep Assembly for middle school and high school students
- 1:00 p.m. - Powder Puff at Fr. Flohe Field

Saturday, October 5:

- 6:00 p.m. – Parade from St. Patrick School to Portland High School. Parade will include 5th-12th grade fall sports teams. Route is along West St. and Ionia Rd. to the High School. Spectators please line up north of Detroit Street along the route.
- 6:00 p.m. – Tailgate sponsored by the PTO in the PHS parking lot. Hot dogs and drinks provided. Bring your own chair. Please help with set-up/tear down and to bring a dish to pass.
- 7:00 p.m. – Football Game St. Patrick vs. Vestaburg
- Bonfire after the football game at Fr. Flohe Field until 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 12, 2024:

- High School Dance from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Dress is semi-formal, guys in ties and girls in dresses (same rules apply as Sunday best above).
** Students from other schools MUST have an approved Dance Guest Request Form.



🎮 Calling All Video Gamers! 🎮

Are you passionate about gaming? Do you want to be part of a team and compete against other schools? Maybe you're not into gaming, but want hands-on experience with streaming technology? Join our middle school esports team and take your skills to the next level!

Why Join?

- **Teamwork & Strategy:** Learn to work as a team and develop strategic thinking.
- **Competitive Play:** Compete against other middle schools in Michigan
- **Skill Development:** Improve your gaming skills and gain new ones.
- **Fun & Community:** Make new friends and learn about careers and scholarships.

Games Available To Play:

- Rocket League - Thursdays
- NBA 2K25 - Tuesdays
- Mario Kart 8 Deluxe - Wednesdays
- Super Smash Bros. - Thursdays
- Splatoon 3 - Tuesdays
- ChessKid - Tuesdays
- Madden 25 - Wednesdays

How to Join:

- **Sign Up:** Contact Ross Schneider at rossschneider@portlandstpats.org or 517-526-3943.
- **Competitions:** Days designated for each game at 4:00 pm.
- **Location:** Room 211, open 3:00-5:00 pm.
- **First Meeting:** Week of September 30th, pending equipment arrival.

Don't miss out on the fun and excitement!

