



Shamrock News

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

9/27/24

Mega Rock Raffle Tickets: The Fall Fest Mega Rock winners will be announced at the varsity football game on Oct. 19th. [Tickets may be purchased online](#) or by turning them in at the school or church office payable to St. Patrick Parish or St. Patrick School. The last day to purchase two tickets and get one free is Oct. 17. **The proceeds support our parish, school, and athletics.**

Touching Safety Lesson: The first lesson will take place on October 16. The opt-out letters were sent home via the Welcome Back newsletter in August. All newsletters are on the website under About Us, Newsletters.

Fall Festival: The annual Fall Festival will not take place this year. The first Mega Rock Raffle winners will be announced at the varsity football game on Saturday, October 19th. We are seeking individuals who would like to plan Fall Fest 2025.

Progress Reports: Progress reports for the first quarter (students in grades 3-12) are available on the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal. In order to view progress reports, please log into the portal, select the appropriate student, select Documents, select progress report, view/print.

Elementary and Middle School Pictures: Pictures were sent home last week.

Picture Retake Day: Picture retake day is on Tuesday, October 22 from 10:30a - 2p. For those students who would like to get their picture retaken and bought a package, they **MUST** bring their package to the photographer for an even exchange, as pictures will not be reprinted unless those are returned.

NHS Blood Drive: Thank you to all who came out to support our first blood drive hosted by the National Honor Society. We exceeded our goal of 26 units collecting 28 units! Our next drive is scheduled for November 19th. You can schedule a time to donate anytime at redcrossblood.org. The need is urgent!

Shamrock Pride

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

Friday, October 18
No School - Staff Professional Development Day

Friday, October 25
No busing - PPS not in session

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.

PPS Bus Route Reduction Update: The routes have been reduced to only one route per week.

PPS Bus Route Reduction	
Week	No Transportation
Sep 16 - Sep 20	Bus A (4)
Sep 23 - Sep 27	Bus B (10)
Sep 30 - Oct 4	Bus C (11)
Oct 7 - Oct 11	Bus D (18)
Oct 14 - Oct 18	Bus E (12)
Oct 21 - Oct 25	Bus F (13)
Oct 28 - Nov 1	Bus G (17)
Nov 4 - Nov 8	Bus H (19)
Nov 11 - Nov 15	Bus I (20)
Nov 18 - Nov 22	Bus J (21)
Nov 25 - Nov 26	Bus K (15)
Dec 2 - Dec 6	Bus L (3)



Calendar of Events



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| 9/27 | Var. FB @ Breckenridge 7p | 10/2 | Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a |
| 9/28 | JV VB @ Fulton Inv. 9a | | Ionia County College & Career Fair for 8th grade 11:40a |
| | 5/6 VB (white) vs. Our Savior Lutheran & St. Joe @ St. Joe 9:30a | | 5/6 VB (green) vs. St. Mary @ St. Mary 5:30p |
| | 5/6 VB (green) vs. St. Martha & St. Gerard @ SPS 10a | | JV & Var. VB @ Perry 5:30p |
| | 5/6 FB vs. Webberville @ FFF 10a | | JV FB @ Merrill 6p |
| 9/30-10/4 | Homecoming spirit wear days - see attached | 10/3 | Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a |
| 9/30 | 7/8 gr. VB vs. Potterville @ SPS 5p | | 7/8 gr. VB @ Bath middle school 5p |
| | 7/8 gr. FB @ Byron 6p | | 5/6 VB (green) vs. St. Joseph @ SPS 5:30p |
| 10/1 | Var. CC CMAC Jamboree @ Bath 4:30p | 10/5 | Var. CC Olivet Pink INV @ Country Mill Orchard 10a |
| | | | 5/6 FB vs. Coleman @ Vestaburg 11:45a |
| | | | Var. FB vs. Vestaburg @ PHS HOMECOMING 7p |



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 pjs.

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.



ST. PATRICK'S PTO INVITES YOU TO

Our Annual Homecoming Tailgate

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH

6:00 pm outside of the PHS Stadium

FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED!

Please sign up here to help with set-up,
take down, and food!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A8AA29A4F49-51588167-stpats>

*Hope to
see you
there!*

Portland Community Fund Association Coat Drive and Giveaway

Our annual coat drive will begin Friday, October 4th and run through Friday, October 18th. Adult and children's clean, useable coats will be collected along with outerwear such as hats, mittens, gloves, and boots. Snowpants are especially needed. General clothing and garage sale items are not being collected. PLEASE DO NOT donate these items.

A "Stuff the Bus" will be provided by Portland Public Schools, Ted Goodman of TAG Detailing, and Scott Teachout and Joel Vanslam-brouck of G & B Pool Supplies. The bus will be the only location to drop off donations. The bus will be located at Bill's Party Store at 1153 E. Grand River in Portland.

The coat giveaway will be Saturday, October 19th from 10:00-1:00 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 8867 Kent St., Portland. Coats and outerwear will be available to anyone needing them.

Another option to get a coat is to visit the Portland Community Clothes Closet located at the Portland United Methodist Church, 310 Bridge St. The coats and clothing are available free of charge. The hours are Monday from 9am-12pm and Thursday 4p-6p.

Portland Community Fund Association Christmas Giving Program

Applications will be available in the school office starting in October. Any family residing in the Portland School District that may need assistance or know of someone in need should fill out an application.

HAPPY SOCK-TOBER!!

St. Patrick School will be partnering with The Michigan State Police Training Division to collect brand NEW socks of all sizes and colors from October 1 - October 28, 2024.

Delivery date 10/30/24.

Place NEW men's, women's and children's socks only in the tote outside of the school office.

All donations will go to Homeless Angels.

Students who make a donation will be entered into a drawing. Two students along with their Big Rock/Little Rock will ride along with The MSP Troopers to deliver socks. What a great way for our community to help those in need!

We can be the light for others!!

Warm Feet!! Warm Hearts!!!



**Mark your calendar for October 12th for Pack the Port!
Pre-order your Advent candles, pick up some bottles of wine,
and support the Mega Rock Raffle and the Al and Carla Schrauben Athletic Fund.**



PACK THE PORT

25% OF YOUR PURCHASES WILL GO TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF MEGA ROCK RAFFLE TICKETS. IF A TICKET WINS, THOSE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE AL & CARLA SCHRAUBEN FUND. THIS IS A WIN, WIN, WIN!!!

PURCHASES INCLUDE:
EVERYTHING BOUGHT THAT NIGHT AS WELL AS PRE-ORDERS OF ADVENT CANDLES



12 OCT 2024 | At 6 PM - 9 PM

THE PORT - 143 Kent St., Portland

MegaRock Raffle



PARENT NIGHT

**HELPING KIDS GET ALONG:
HOW TO REDUCE STUDENT CRUELTY AND
ENHANCE CARING RELATIONSHIPS**



PRESENTER: DR. MARCIA MCEVOY

**THURSDAY, OCT. 24
5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
ST. PATRICK PARISH HALL**

As parents, we all want the best for our children. Join Dr. McEvoy for an engaging presentation to learn how to support your child's growth and development.

Topics include:

- Collaborating with school
- Mean behavior/bullying
- Family dynamics that contribute to aggressors and targets

- Earn OUT OF DRESS CODE SLIPS for your SPS student(s) by attending!

- Child care provided in room 209

[RSVP HERE](#)

[About Dr. McEvoy](#)

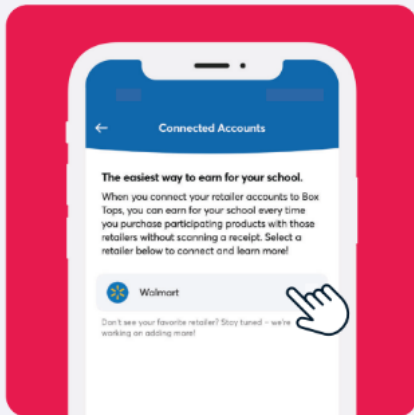


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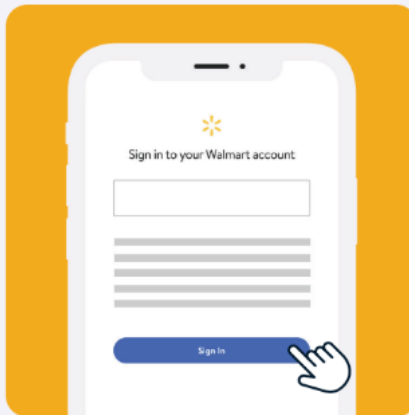
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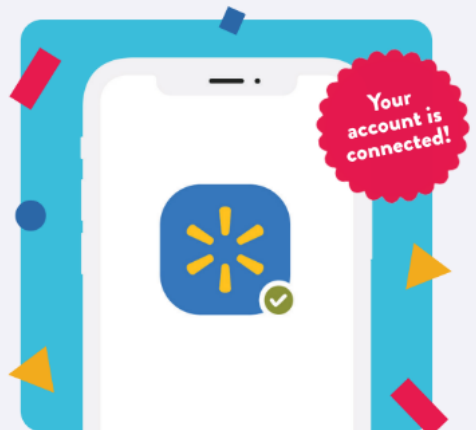
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Download the Box Tops app or update to the latest version. In the app, go to your profile, then tap on “Connected Accounts” and select “Walmart.”



STEP 2

When prompted, sign in to your Walmart account, (If you don't have a Walmart account, you'll be prompted to create one). Make sure to save a payment method to your Walmart account.



STEP 3

Your Walmart account is now connected to Box Tops, so your qualifying purchases made in-store and online with a saved payment method will earn for your school! Box Tops will be credited after you receive your Walmart items.

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ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!

🎮 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!

