



# Shamrock News

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

9/6/24

**Free and Reduced Lunch:** Apply for free and reduced lunch on the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#). You can also manage your child's meal account from here.

**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](http://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 4 tickets that are sold. You can purchase tickets online [here](#). The first monthly drawing will take place on Sept. 27.

**Parents:** Are you looking to understand your beautiful Catholic faith on a deeper level? Are you not Catholic but interested in exploring what Catholicism is all about? Join Fr. Mike and the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) crew on Tuesday evenings beginning September 10 immediately following the 6:00 Mass. They will discuss topics such as:

- What is faith?
- The Holy Trinity
- The Sacraments
- The Bible and Divine Revelation
- The Mass
- Mary and the Saints

Call the parish office with questions or for more details! 517-647-6505.

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
No afternoon busing - Portland Public Schools 1/2 day of School

**Friday, Sept. 27**  
1/2 Day of School - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
No Preschool, No After-School Childcare

### PPS Bus Route Reduction (Aug/Sept 2024) - Weekly

Week	No Transportation		
Aug 21 - Aug 23	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
Aug 26 - Aug 29	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
Sep 3 - Sep 6	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
Sep 9 - Sep 13	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)
Sep 16 - Sep 20	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
Sep 23 - Sep 27	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
Sep 30 - Oct 4	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)

**ST. PATRICK PARISH  
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP  
2024-25 SEASON KICKOFF**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
**TIME: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**WHERE: PARISH HALL**

**WHAT: TAILGATE DINNER FOLLOWED BY A NIGHT OF FRIENDLY TEAM COMPETITION**

**TEST YOUR COMPETITIVE SPIRIT IN A SERIES OF TEAM ACTIVITIES AND BE THE FIRST TO FINISH THE RACE! PLAY FOR THE TROPHY BUT LEAVE WITH THE GAGGING RIGHTS!**



## Calendar of Events



- 9/7 5/6 VB vs. St. Mary & St. Gerard @ SPS 10a  
Var. CC @ Central Montcalm Inv. 10a  
5/6 VB vs. Our Savior Lutheran & St. Mary @ SPS 12:30p  
Class of 1974 - 50th Reunion  
Var. FB vs. Webberville @ PHS 7p
- 9/8-10 Senior Class Trip to Mackinaw
- 9/9 Middle School Orientation in Parish Hall 6p
- 9/10 Var. CC Eaton Rapids Inv. @ Burchfield Park 4:45p  
MS FB vs. Fulton @ FFF 5p
- 9/11 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a  
JV FB vs. Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart @ FFF 5p  
JV & Var. VB vs. P-W @ SPS 5:30p

- 9/12 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a  
7/8 gr. VB @ Fowler 5p  
5/6 VB vs. Resurrection & St. Thomas @ St. Thomas 5:30p  
5/6 VB vs. St. Mary & St. Joseph @ St. Joseph 5:30p
- 9/13 No afternoon busing  
Var. CC @ MSU Inv. 11:50a  
Var. FB @ Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 7p
- 9/14 Var. VB @ Webberville Inv. 9a  
5/6 VB vs. New Covenant & St. Mary @ SPS 10a  
5/6 FB vs. Morrice @ Coleman 1:30p

# Adult Ministry

Parents! Are you interested in growing in your Catholic Faith? Are you not Catholic but wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith? Are you wanting to grow in a community that supports you on your faith journey? See below for opportunities within our Parish to get involved and grow even stronger in leading your family to heaven!

## MEN'S GROUP

EVERY SATURDAY AT  
6:30 AM IN THE  
PARISH HALL

BREAKFAST PROVIDED  
2ND SATURDAY  
EVERY MONTH AT  
7:00 AM!



JOIN A GROUP OF MEN WHO GATHER TOGETHER TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN ACTIVELY PURSUING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST IN A TIME THAT ACTIVELY WORKS AGAINST THIS!

ALL MEN AGES HIGH SCHOOL AND UP ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!



YOU'RE INVITED

ST. PATRICK  
CHURCH WOMEN'S  
GROUP  
LADIES IN TRUTH  
(LIT)

LIT MEETS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 8:30 - 10 AM  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 7, 2024  
PARISH HALL

WOMEN OF ALL AGES WELCOME, FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND UP. COME GROW IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER WOMEN ALL WORKING TOWARDS A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD. BREAKFAST PROVIDED THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.



**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 an exciting team and compete in sports against other schools? Join our middle school esports team and take your gaming 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 be part of a supportive community.

### Games We'll Play:

- Rocket League
- NBA 2K25
- Mario Kart 8 Deluxe
- Super Smash Bros
- ChessKid

### How to Join:

- **Sign Up:** Contact Ross Schneider at [rossschneider@portlandstpats.org](mailto:rossschneider@portlandstpats.org) or 517-526-3943
- **Practice Sessions:** Mondays and days designated for each game after school
  - Times TBD (tentatively 3pm - 5:00pm)
- **Location:** Room 211
- **First Competition:** Week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, pending equipment arrival

**Don't miss out on the fun and excitement!**

