



# Shamrock News

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

10/11/24

**Mega Rock Raffle Tickets:** The Fall Fest Mega Rock winners will be announced at the varsity football game on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. [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.**

**Pack the Port:** In place of our annual Fall Fest, consider attending Pack the Port on Saturday, October 12th. 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. See the attached flyer for more information.

**2025-26 Financial Aid Applications:** The [application](#) and [instructions](#) were emailed to all families. The deadline for round one is December 8, 2024. This applies for students in grades DK-11. **A new application must be filled out each year.** This information can also be found on the school website under Prospective Families, Tuition/Scholarships. Please contact the office for assistance. The sooner you apply, the better!

**Please Dress for the Weather:** Please be aware of the weather each morning. Students should wear jackets on colder mornings. Students are required to go outside with the rest of the class regardless if they have a jacket or not.

**Last day for shorts:** The last day students can wear school uniform shorts to school is Thursday, October 31st.

**Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments:** A registered dental hygienist will be at St. Patrick School to assess our kindergarten students on Oct. 23. This is similar to the vision and hearing screening we have for our students.

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

**Friday, October 18**  
No School - Staff Professional Development Day

**Friday, October 25**  
No busing - PPS not in session

**Tuesday, November 5**  
No busing - PPS not in session

**Friday, November 15**  
No School - Opening day of deer firearms season

**Halloween Parties and Parade:** Halloween parties will take place on Thursday, October 31. Please see your child's classroom newsletter for the time. The elementary Halloween parade will take place at 3:15pm. You can watch the parade in the gym. Students may be signed out from their classroom at dismissal if parents would like to take them home early.

**Halloween Costumes:** As you are buying/making Halloween costumes, please remember that we have a **NO** weapons (real or pretend), gore, blood, or make-up policy.

**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.

**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.



## Calendar of Events



10/11 Var. FB @ Fulton 7p  
10/12 Var. CC Greater Lansing INV @ Ledge Meadows Golf 10a  
5/6 VB (green) CYAC Tournament vs. St. Mary @ Lansing Catholic 9a  
5/6 VB (white) CYAC Tournament vs. Resurrection @ Lansing Catholic 10a  
5/6 gr. FB vs. Merrill @ Morrice 11:45a  
Pack the Port 6p  
HS Homecoming Dance in the Parish Hall 7:30-10p  
10/14 7/8 gr. VB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5p  
10/15 7/8 gr. FB @ Sacred Heart 6p  
10/16 Touching Safety Lessons  
No School Mass  
Var. CC CMAC Jamboree @ Perry 4p

JV & Var. VB @ Saranac 5:30p  
JV FB @ Byron 6p  
10/17 Mass for grades 6-12 9:30p  
7/8 gr. VB @ P-W 5p  
PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p  
10/18 NO SCHOOL—PD Day  
End of 1st Quarter  
10/19 Var. VB @ Dansville INV 9a  
Var. CC Class D State Meet @ Shepherd HS 10a  
5/6 gr. FB vs. Vestaburg @ Webberville 1:30p  
Var. FB vs. Byron @ PHS 7p

**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

# 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!!!





# 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](#)





CITY OF PORTLAND  
NEWSLETTER  
www.portland-michigan.org  
**October 2024**



TRICK-OR-TREATING

**Halloween, Thursday, October 31, 2024,  
from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.** Keep our children  
safe.... only go to homes with lights on, carry  
a flashlight or light stick, and check all candy.



**WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION:**

Registration for winter sports will open on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Available programs:

- **1ST/2ND GRADE BASKETBALL:** Season begins in early January and runs through the middle of February. Teams will practice one night a week and play games on Saturday mornings. Practice days and times will not be established until the December coaches' meeting.
  - Deadline: Monday, December 2, 2024
  - Cost: \$55 Res/\$65 NR
- **DK/KINDERGARTEN:** Leagues will take place in March. There are two available options: Mondays and Wednesdays OR Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams will practice and scrimmage each hour-long session.
  - Deadline: Monday, February 3, 2025
  - Cost: \$45 Res/\$55 NR

**Portland Community Fund Association Coat Drive and Giveaway**

Our annual coat drive will begin Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and run through Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 sometime 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.