



Shamrock News

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

1/17/25

Congratulations: To Brooklynn Pline (K) who won the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for her grade level at the diocesan level.

2025-2026 School Calendar: The calendar is in this newsletter.

Please Dress for the Weather: Cold weather is upon us and we require DK-5 grade students to go outside for recess above 0°. Please wear boots, winter coats, hats, gloves, tights, and snow-pants.

Report Cards: An email was sent out this week informing you that report cards for the second quarter (grades PS-8) are available on the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal.

After School Bowling begins January 22: If a student in grades 2-5 will be participating in the afterschool bowling program at Meadow Bowl Lanes, please let the office know the change in their end of the day plans.

You and your spouse are cordially invited to attend

ST. PATRICK MARRIAGE GALA

02.22.2025 5:45 PM

KNIGHTS HALL
Portland, MI

\$50/couple ♦ Suits & Ties for Men & Dresses for Women Encouraged
Drinks, Meal & a Night of Dancing Included with Ticket

Full event details and to purchase your tickets please visit <https://one.bidpal.net/marriagegala2025>

- Monday, January 20**
No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, February 10**
No School - Mid-Winter Break
- Friday, February 14**
No afternoon buses - PPS 1/2 day
- Monday, February 17**
No busing - PPS not in session
- Friday, February 21**
1/2 day of school - No preschool, no afternoon childcare
No busing at dismissal

NHS Blood Drive: The American Red Cross blood drive is being hosted by St. Patrick School on Tuesday, January 21 starting at 8 AM and going to 1:45 PM in the Parish Hall. Visit Red-CrossBlood.org to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment to save time signing in.

St. Patrick PTO
Is in search of

Volunteers for the following positions for 2025-2026 year:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Homecoming Tailgate Lead
- Special Events **Committee Lead**

Please email pto@portlandstpats.org or contact Jennifer Brown at 517-526-2020 for more information

Next PTO Meeting is February 20th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall



Calendar of Events



- 1/17 JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p
- 1/20 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Webberville @ PMS 4:30p
- Var. Girls BB vs. Webberville @ PMS 6p
- 1/21 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 8a-1:45p
- 8th Gr. Girls BB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5p
- 7th Gr. Girls BB vs. Lansing Christian @ SPS 5p
- JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Perry @ PMS 6p
- 1/22 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a

- 1/23 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a
- 7/8 Gr. Girls BB @ Dansville 5p
- JV & Var. Boys BB @ Laingsburg 5:30p
- 5th Gr. Girls BB vs. St. Mary @ St. Joseph 7:10p
- 1/24 Mass for grades 9-12 8a
- Talent Show Auditions
- JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p
- 1/25 Second Grade Reconciliation 10a
- 5/6 Gr. Girls BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a

Catholic Schools Week 2025: January 26-February 1
Dress Up and Saint of the Day: Embrace Your Faith with the Armor of God

Monday, January 27

- Dress up day: Comfy clothes from head to toe. No pajamas, no leggings, no hats.**
 - We don't grow in our comfort zones so let's get comfortable being uncomfortable!
 - Scripture: "I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9
- Saint of the Day: St. Joan of Arc:** "I am not afraid. God is with me. I was born for this."

Tuesday, January 28

- Dress up day: Catholic Shirt Day (examples: "make heaven crowded", "Jesus loves you," saint shirts, etc), jeans or dress code bottoms, no hats.**
 - Wear your faith with great joy!
 - Scripture: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek." Romans 1:16
- Saint of the Day: Saint Sebastian:** "What makes us saints of God is not our ability to be saintly but rather God's ability to work through sinners."

Wednesday, January 29

- Dress up day 9-12: Sunday Best, no jeans**
 - Dress up for the splendor of the Lord!
 - Scripture: "Give to the LORD the glory due his name. Bow down before the LORD's holy splendor!" Psalm 29:2
- Dress up day DK-8: Neon Shirt Day, jeans or dress code bottoms, no hats.**
 - Be the Lord's bright light in the world!
 - Scripture: "For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Acts 13:47
- Saint of the Day: St. Therese of Lisieux :** "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice."

Thursday, January 30

- Dress up day 9-12: Neon Shirt Day, jeans or dress code bottoms, no hats.**
 - Be the Lord's bright light in the world!
 - Scripture: "For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Acts 13:47
- Dress up day DK-8: Sunday Best, no jeans**
 - Dress up for the splendor of the Lord!
 - Scripture: "Give to the LORD the glory due his name. Bow down before the LORD's holy splendor!" Psalm 29:2
- Saint of the Day: St. Michael the Archangel:** "Serviam" - "I will serve!" St. Michael's response to Lucifer when he said he would not serve God.

Friday, January 31

- Dress up day: Spirit Wear and jeans.**
 - Show your zeal for our parish patron, Saint Patrick, who brought others closer to Christ clothed in the Armor of God.
 - Scripture: "For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones." Hebrews 6:10
- Saint of the Day: St. Patrick:** "Each and all shall render account for even our smallest sins before the judgement seat of Christ the Lord."



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Notes
Aug 2025	11	12	13	14	15	August 2025 18 Welcome Back Open House (5:30-7:00p) 20 First Day of School: Grades DK-12 (full day) 25-26 First Day of School: Preschool 29 No School - Labor Day Break
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	
Sep 2025	1	2	3	4	5	September 2025 1 No School - Labor Day Break
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
Oct 2025	22	23	24	25	26	October 2025 3 No School - Diocesan PD Day 17 End of 1st Quarter 23 Half Day (grades 6-12: 7:30-11:25a grades DK-5: 8:40-11:40a) 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences (gr 6-12: 12:00-3:00p and 4:00-7:00p gr DK-5: 12:30-3:30p and 4:30-7:30p) 24 No School
	29	30	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
Nov 2025	13	14	15	16	17	November 2025 26-28 No School - Thanksgiving Break
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	
Dec 2025	3	4	5	6	7	December 2025 19 Half Day - Christmas Break begins (7:30-11:30a/8:40-11:30a) End of 1st Semester 22-2JAN No School - Christmas Break
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
Jan 2026	24	25	26	27	28	January 2026 5 School Resumes 19 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
Feb 2026	15	16	17	18	19	February 2026 6 Half Day (7:30-11:25a/8:40-11:40a) 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences (gr 6-12: 12:00-3:00p gr DK-5: 12:30-3:30p all by appointment only) 9 No School - Mid-Winter Break
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30	31	1	2	
Mar 2026	[5	6	7	8	9	March 2026 6 No School - Staff PD 20 End of 3rd Quarter
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
Apr 2026	26	27	28	29	30	April 2026 3 No School - Good Friday 6-10 No School - Spring Break
	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
May 2026	16	17	18	19	20	May 2026 15 Last Day for Seniors (full day) 17 Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony 18-19 Last Day for Preschool (PS Promotion Ceremony on May 20) 25 No School - Memorial Day
	23	24	25	26	27	
	30	31	1	2	3	
Jun 2026	6	7	8	9	10	June 2026 4 Half day - Last Day for Students DK-11 (7:30-11:30a/8:40-11:30a) End of 2nd Semester
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	

no school half day

Daily Schedule	
Preschool:	8:30a-11:30a and 12:30p-3:30p
Grades KG-5:	8:40a-3:45p (lunch 11:50a-12:35p)
Grades 6-12:	7:30a-2:20p (lunch 11:06/09-11:37/39)
Mass DK-8:	Thursday at 9:30a
Mass 9-12:	Wednesday at 9:30a

- St. Patrick School reserves the right to make calendar changes as necessary. Q1: 40
- This calendar contains 180 days of student instruction. Q2: 41
- Up to 4 half days are allowed. Diocesan and State of Michigan criteria have been met. Q3: 52
- Inclement weather days beyond statutory limit of six (6) days will be virtual/remote learning days. Q4: 47



Catholic Schools Week All School Talent Show – Register Your Act Today!

Last year’s talent show highlighted some of the amazing gifts God has placed within our school and we are so excited to bring it back for a second year! The talent show will be held on Friday, January 31 during Catholic Schools Week. **Please register your act no later than Friday, January 17 using this link!**

Remember to make sure the lyrics to any songs used as well as the act itself are Catholic school appropriate! We will hold auditions with Deacon Randy, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Brown on Friday, January 24 to ensure the act is appropriate and ready to go.

If your child will be performing, you are more than welcome to attend! Communication on logistics will be forthcoming! We are so excited to see what the students and staff come up with this year!



**ORDER
YOUR
CLASS
COMPOSITE
TODAY!**



St Patrick Catholic School

Orders must be placed by:
Los pedidos deben realizarse por:

Friday, January 31, 2025

ORDER ONLINE!
inter-state.com/order

Use Order Code:
Usar código de pedido
93099H

Checks Not Accepted

Questions? Visit inter-state.com/support
¿Preguntas? Visite inter-state.com/support

**1 - 8x10
Class Composite**

\$12.00

Order forms were sent home this week.