



Shamrock News

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

2/21/25

Congratulations:

- To Maizie Pelc who was the recipient of the Golden Rose Award by the Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of Catholic Women! This award was given to female high school students (16 in total) in the diocese who exemplify servant leadership and a firm desire to grow in their faith life. Bishop Walkowiak presided at Mass and then presented each of the girls with their award as well as a golden rose! Thank you, Maizie, for your witness and leadership. Congratulations!



- To the following high school students of the month:

December	Maizie Pelc
January	Levi Knoop
February	Isabella Russman

2025-2026 School Calendar: Please note that we have changed the calendar. Mid-winter break and February parent/teacher conferences have been moved to the following week. Please replace the previous calendar that was sent out.

Wine and Wills: St. Patrick School is sponsoring Wine and Wills! Join Madarang Hoort & Associates to learn the basics of estate planning, so you can best plan for, protect, and prioritize your loved ones. We will discuss Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorneys (Financial and Medical) and Deeds. Monday, March 10th at 6:30 pm at The Port.

Save the Date: St. Patrick School Open House will take place on Wednesday, March 19 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. All are welcome!

Shamrock Auction: The Shamrock Auction is fast approaching! Be sure to mark your calendars for April 25th. Do you have a special skill, valuable item, or some time to spare? The auction committee is always on the lookout for volunteers to join the team or assist on the night of the event. If you have any items or talents you'd like to donate or interested in sponsoring the event, please drop them off at the school office or get in touch with Michelle Trierweiler.

Friday, March 7
No School - Staff Professional Development

Friday, March 21
No afternoon busing - PPS half day

Friday, April 4
No busing - PPS not in session

April 7 - 11
Spring Break

2025-26 Financial Aid Applications: The deadline for round three is March 2, 2025. This applies for students in grades DK-11. **A new application must be filled out each year.** You can find the [application](#) and [instructions](#) here or on the school website under Prospective Families, Tuition/Scholarships. Please contact the office for assistance. The sooner you apply, the better!

LENT

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: The beginning of our Lenten journey towards Easter begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Mass times at St. Patrick Parish will be 8:00 am (grades 9-12 will attend), 9:30 am (grades DK-8 will attend), and 6:00 pm.

Lent Confession Opportunities: There will be additional opportunities for confession during the upcoming liturgical season of Lent:

- Tuesdays: 5:00 - 5:45 pm
- Fridays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- Saturdays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm and 3:00 - 3:45 pm

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

Calendar of Events

<p>2/21 Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment Var. Girls BB vs. Dansville @ PMS 7p</p> <p>2/24 Var. Boys BB Districts vs. Ashley @ Vestaburg 7p</p> <p>2/25 JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p</p> <p>2/26 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a 7/8 Girls BB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5p Var. Boys BB Districts vs. Fulton @ Vestaburg TBD</p>	<p>2/27 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a 7th gr. Girls BB @ Dansville 4p Var. Girls BB @ Laingsburg 7p</p> <p>2/28 Jeans and Spirit wear Mass for grades 9-12 8a Senior Open Campus Lunch</p> <p>3/3 Var. Girls BB Districts @ Potterville 5:30p</p>
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PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!

Before School Childcare Supervisor

Before School Childcare (6:30 am - 8:45 am)

Job Description:

St. Patrick Childcare in Portland, is seeking a part-time **childcare supervisor**. All candidates must be highly energetic, enthusiastic, a team player, and possess a love for early childhood. This role supports our child care programming, filling in where needed, and helping maintain a safe, nurturing environment for children. This position is Monday through Friday, and currently follows the school calendar.

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- At least 18 years of age.
- A solid understanding of age-appropriate activities for young children and child development.
- First Aid and Adult/Child CPR (training will be provided if needed).
- Caring and nurturing attitude towards children.
- Commitment to fostering the faith of children.
- Excellent classroom management skills.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Commitment to lifelong learning as demonstrated by attendance at seminars, in-services, and training.
- Must have or be willing to take Virtus - Protecting God's Children training.
- The candidate should be a practicing Catholic and uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Please send electronic letters of interest and resumes to:

Cortney Smith, Principal

cortneysmith@portlandstpats.org

517.647.7551

Aaron Thelen, Early Childhood Director

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517.647.7551

The position will remain open until filled.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Patrick School Open House



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

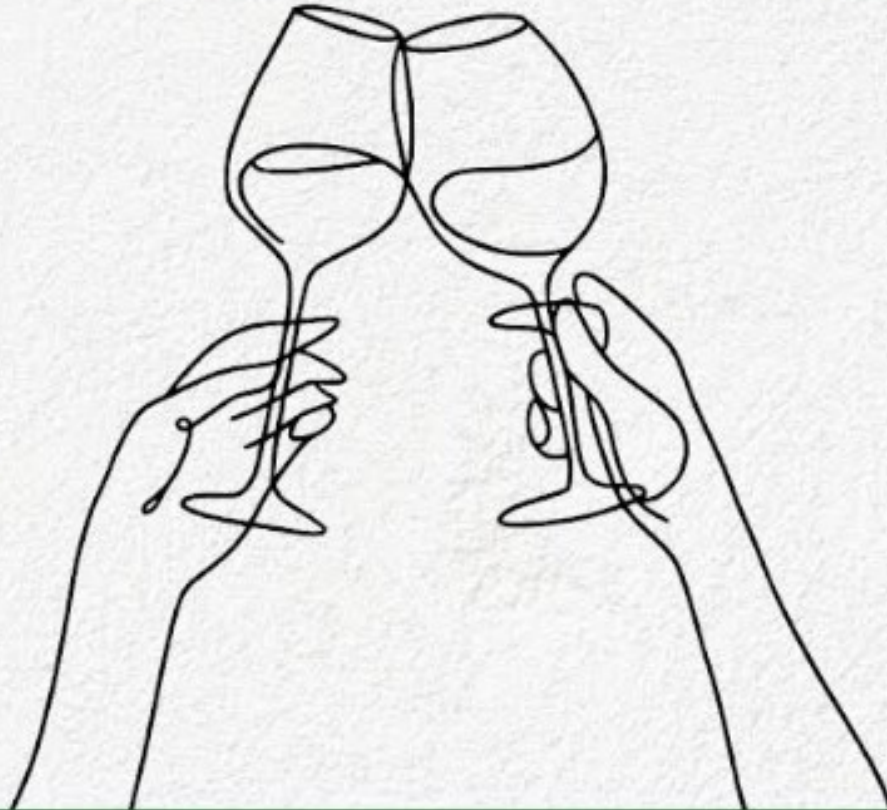
**Daycare
Preschool
DK - 12th grade**



**. Apply now!
. Enrollment opening soon!**

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

Wine & Wills



Join Madarang Hoort & Associates
March 10th | 6:30 pm | The Port

Wills | Trusts | Power of Attorneys | Deeds



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SAVE *the* DATE

SHAMROCK AUCTION

2025

FRIDAY

APRIL 25

*Doors open at 6pm
Knights Hall, Portland*



- DINNER & DRINKS
- RAFFLES & 50/50
- SILENT / LIVE AUCTIONS
- ENTERTAINMENT

A NIGHT AT THE
MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Buy tickets and follow updates on the auction website:
www.bidpal.net/shamrockauction2025





2025-2026 School Calendar

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Aug 2025	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	[20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
Sep 2025	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	1	2	3
Oct 2025	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	[20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31
Nov 2025	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
Dec 2025	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31	1	2
Jan 2026	[5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30
Feb 2026	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
Mar 2026	23	24	25	26	27
	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	[23	24	25	26	27
Apr 2026	30	31	1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
May 2026	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	1
	4	5	6	7	8
Jun 2026	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
Jun 2026	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12

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

Notes
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
September 2025
1 No School - Labor Day Break
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
November 2025
26-28 No School - Thanksgiving Break
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
January 2026
5 School Resumes
19 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 2026
13 Half Day (7:30-11:25a/8:40-11:40a)
13 Parent/Teacher Conferences (gr 6-12: 12:00-3:00p gr DK-5: 12:30-3:30p all by appointment only)
16 No School - Mid-Winter Break
March 2026
6 No School - Staff PD
20 End of 3rd Quarter
April 2026
3 No School - Good Friday
6-10 No School - Spring Break
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
June 2026
4 Half day - Last Day for Students DK-11 (7:30-11:30a/8:40-11:30a) End of 2nd Semester

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