



Shamrock News

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

3/14/25

2025-26 Enrollment at St. Patrick School: Enrollment is open. Enrollment letters were recently emailed to all families through Finals site. The letters included the directions for continuous enrollment with links. If your family will not be continuing at St. Patrick School, please complete the Intent to Withdraw before May 1. View the [2025-26 Parent/Student Handbook](#) with the updates listed on the second page.

Changes in Finals site: If you make changes to your Finals site account, these do NOT transfer to Infinite Campus. Please notify the office of any changes (address, phone number, email, emergency contacts, health information, employment, etc). Thank you.

NHS Blood Drive: The American Red Cross blood drive is being hosted by St. Patrick School on Tuesday, March 18 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.

Join us for the Shamrock Auction! It's a night of fun and fellowship. For only \$30 per ticket you get a meal, unlimited drinks, and a great time. See the auction website to purchase tickets and find out more! [Shamrock Auction Tickets](#)

Kindergarten Round Up: Kindergarten Round Up will take place on Friday, March 21. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information. All kindergarten and developmental kindergarten students will not attend school on this day.

Lenten Opportunities at St. Patrick Parish

Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 5:00 - 5:45 pm

Fridays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Saturdays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm and 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

Friday evenings during Lent at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 19

OPEN HOUSE - 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday, March 21

No afternoon busing - PPS half day
No Developmental Kindergarten or Kindergarten

Friday, April 4

No busing - PPS not in session

April 7 - 11

Spring Break

Bus Route Reduction: Thank you everyone for your patience and support as we work through our driver and bus aide shortage. We are going to need to extend the one route per week reduction calendar. Below is a calendar for route reductions for the remainder of the school year.

PPS Bus Route Reduction	
Week	No Transportation
Mar 10 - Mar 14	Bus L (3)
Mar 17 - Mar 21	Bus A (4)
Mar 24 - Mar 28	Bus B (10)
Mar 31 - April 3	Bus C (11)
April 14 - April 17	Bus D (18)
April 21 - April 25	Bus E (12)
April 28 - May 2	Bus F (13)
May 5 - May 9	Bus G (17)
May 12 - May 16	Bus H (19)
May 19 - May 22	Bus I (20)
May 27 - May 30	Bus J (21)
June 2 - June 6	Bus K (22)



Calendar of Events



- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day - super spirit wear day/wear green!
Hubbardston Irish Dance Troupe performs 1:30p
- 3/18 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 8a-1:45p
- 3/18-21 Book Fair in room 206 - see attached
- 3/19 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
Reconciliation for 12th grade after Mass
St. Patrick School Open House 4:30-6p
- 3/20 SAT for Juniors 7:30-11:30a
Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a
Reconciliation for 6th grade after Mass

- Var. Track @ Saginaw Valley State University 12p
PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p
- 3/21 Kindergarten Round Up - DK & K not in session
No afternoon busing - PPS 1/2 day
End of Third Quarter
Grades 11-12 Pilgrimage to Solanus Center & Holocaust Museum
Mass for grades 9-10 8a
Stations of the Cross led by 5th grade 10:20a
Author Jenna Epkey visit grades 1-3 1p
- 3/22 Var. Track @ Aquinas INV 9a



All Are Welcome!



St. Patrick Catholic School Open House

Daycare/Preschool-12th Grade

**Wednesday, March 19th
4:30-6:00 pm**

- Apply Now for New Families • Everyone Welcome
- Dress Code Info & Resources • PTO Book Fair

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

COME TO THE...

Book Fair!

**TUES. MAR 18 -
FRI. MAR 21**

Tues, March 18: 9a-4:30p
Wed, March 19: 3p-6p
Thurs, March 20: 3p-4:30p
Fri, March 21: 3p-4:30p

In Room 206



MARCH

**Jonah and the
Whale:
Go Overboard with
Reading**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	St. Patrick's Day: Wear Green!		Jonah and the whale story time in the classroom	Passport to Ninevah: Week 3 Due tomorrow	Big Rock/Little Rock read together	

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Friday, March 21, 2025

Sessions: 9am - 12pm

Information

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Registration

here!





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

aaronthelen@portlandstpats.org

517.647.7551

The position will remain open until filled.



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



Calling All Parents: Join Us for our Speaker Series #2 **Renewing the Catholic Family**



For the second speaker in our series, we welcome nationally-acclaimed Brooke Shannon, the Executive Director and founder of *Wait Until 8th*. Brooke works with parents and communities across the country to help them establish a healthy relationship with technology. She is a national speaker on how to parent in the digital arena, having appeared on the Today Show, Good Morning America, NPR and many other outlets. *You don't want to miss this!*



Save the date: Monday, May 5

6-6:30pm: Complimentary Wine, Beer & Appetizers
6:30-7:30pm: Presentation
7:30-8:30pm: Q&A, Conversation & Fellowship
Childcare available



Admission is FREE but please RSVP



Cathedral Square: 360 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, MI 49503



MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

Spring registration is now open! For more information, visit portland-michigan.org. Sign up online at portlandmi.recdesk.com. **Deadline: March 31, 2025 | Cost for Youth Programs: R \$50/NR \$60**

- **DK/K COACH PITCH:** Mondays & Wednesdays starting in late April
- **1ST/2ND GRADE SOFTBALL:** Tuesdays & Thursdays starting in late April
- **4/5 YEAR OLD FLAG FOOTBALL:** Tuesdays & Thursdays in May
- **MEN'S SOFTBALL:** Tuesdays beginning in late April | Team Fee (\$500) + Player Fees
- **COED SOFTBALL:** Sundays beginning in late April | Team Fee (\$400) + Player Fees



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.