



Shamrock News

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

3/6/25



Congratulations: Ann Goodwin is the winner of the February \$500 monthly drawing of the Mega Rock raffle.

Congratulations:

- To the girls bowling team for finishing 13th at States on Feb. 28.
- To Charlotte Frazee for finishing 56th in individual competition at states on Mar. 1.

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. One hour sessions will take place between 9am - 12pm. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information. All kindergarten and developmental kindergarten students will not attend school on this day.

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.

Shamrock Pride

Friday, March 7
No School - Staff Professional Development

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

Elementary Yearbooks: The yearbook for elementary school will contain pictures for grades DK-8. There will only be one book this year. The yearbooks are on sale from March 5-28. Order forms were sent home to all students or you can order online at inter-state.com/order use order code: 91543V. Cost is \$20.

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



LENT



Calendar of Events



- 3/7 No School - Staff Professional Development
Var. Girls BB District Final @ Potterville 7p
- 3/9 Daylight Saving Time Starts
- 3/10-14 Mental Health Week - see attached
- 3/12 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
Reconciliation for 12th grade after Mass

- 3/13 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a
Reconciliation for 7th grade after Mass
- 3/14 Mass for grades 9-12 8a
Stations of the Cross led by the senior class 9:50a
Senior Open Campus Lunch

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Friday, March 21, 2025

Sessions: 9am - 12pm

Information

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Registration

here!



Mental Health Week
Theme: Growing as a Community
March 10th-14th

Monday, March 10th

Dress up day: Green for mental health awareness, head to toe

Virtue of the day: Affability

Scripture: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." - Colossians 3:12

Tuesday, March 11th

Dress up day: Favorite team shirt, jeans

Virtue of the day: Justice

Scripture: Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." -
Thessalonians 5:11

Wednesday, March 12th

Dress up day 9-12: Sunday best, no jeans.

Virtue of the day: Fortitude

Scripture: "My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak." - 2nd Corinthians 12:19

Dress up day: DK-8: Comfy clothes from head to toe. No pajamas, no leggings, no hats.

Virtue of the day: Meekness

Scripture: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." - Matthew 5:5

Thursday, March 13th

Dress up day 9-12: Comfy clothes from head to toe. No pajamas, no leggings, no hats.

Virtue of the day: Meekness

Scripture: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." - Matthew 5:5

Dress up day DK-8: Sunday best, no jeans.

Virtue of the day: Fortitude

Scripture: "My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak." - 2nd Corinthians 12:19

Friday, March 14th

Dress up day: Spirit Wear, jeans

Virtue of the day: Magnanimity

Scripture: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

****We encourage you to look up the virtues and scripture verses and discuss them with your children! ****

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
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
This week is Mental Health Week Extra Dress up days	Seasick: Wear green head to toe	Team Jersey Day with Jeans	Jonah and the whale craft in classroom Comfy Clothes Day	Passport to Ninevah: Week 2 Due tomorrow Sunday Best	Storm Blackout: Flashlight Reading in the classroom Spirit Wear Day	



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 Catholic School Open House

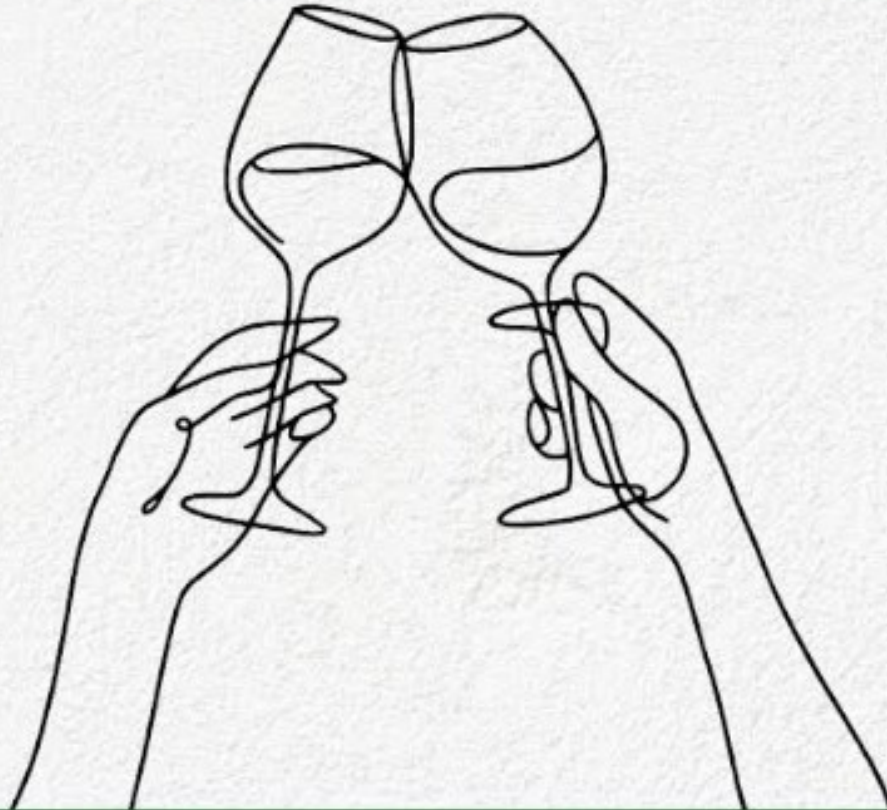
Daycare/Preschool-12th Grade

**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!

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
	20	21	22	23	24
May 2026	27	28	29	30	1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
Jun 2026	25	26	27	28	29
	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.