



Shamrock News

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

8/28/25

Welcome New Preschool Students: Henrik Beard, Palmer Gentile, Paige Gibbs, Cole Kreiner, Avery Osburn, Spencer Schrauben, Allie Stephenson, Beckett Bigham, Camden Brown, Dylan Campbell, Camila Goodman, Eliza Hengesbach, Lennon Hoskins, Banks Lenneman, Lucas Lowe, Olive Mackowiak, Isla Parkhouse, Layla Pung, Lennox Rutka, Allie Schrauben, Ellis Seldon, Eliza Spitzley, Caden Stephenson, and Eric Tew.

Free and Reduced Lunch/E-Rate School Discounts: All parents: please apply for free and reduced lunch on the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#) regardless of need. Important school discounts are determined using this data. You can also manage your child's meal account from here.

Picture Days: Are scheduled for **Monday, September 15: PS-5th grade & Tuesday, September 16: PS & grades 6-12**. Students must dress in school uniform, no jacket or sweatshirts are allowed. Please see page 3 for more information. If you need a paper order form please stop in the office. We are looking for parent volunteers to help picture day run smoothly. If you are available, please let the office know.

Mega Rock Raffle Tickets: Please consider purchasing the raffle tickets. This is our main fundraiser for the parish, school and athletic programs. Students receive an out of dress code slip for selling four tickets or more. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Hodge.

PTO Candle Sale: The PTO is selling candles from September 5-15. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Elementary Yearbooks: The 2024-25 yearbooks are here. They were handed out to students this week. If you didn't receive yours, please contact the office.

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1

No School - Labor Day Weekend

Friday, September 12

No afternoon busing—PPS 1/2 day

Text or Email Reminds for Parents: Don't miss out on important reminders and emergency information.

Grade Level:	Text:	with message:
6-12	757.847.9886	@793fhb
**DK-5	81010	@eebk9kf
Preschool	81010	@797c2e4

**Please note that this is a new remind and you must sign up for it this year.

You can also receive messages via email by going to remind.com. This app allows you to receive the messages in real time for emergencies and general information. The school website and Facebook page are also great sources for information.



Tuesday, September 16 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Parish Hall

All parents and grandparents at St. Patrick School are strongly encouraged to attend an upcoming presentation from national speakers at Protect Young Eyes.

- Understand how young, developing brains are impacted by today's technologies.
- Learn how to use hardware and software to keep your children safe.
- Discover ways to ensure your family is prepared, balanced and protected online.

Please see the attached flyer for more information



Calendar of Events



8/29-9/1 Labor Day Weekend

9/3 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a

JV & Var. VB vs. Bath @ SPS 5:30p

9/4 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a

7/8 FB Scrimmage @ Montabella 6p

9/5 Var. FB @ Morrice 7p

9/6 Var. CC @ Central Montcalm Hornet INV 8:30a

Var. VB @ Perry INV 9a

5/6 VB Green vs. New Covenant/St. Mary @ SPS 10a

5/6 FB vs. Morrice @ FFF 10a

5/6 VB White vs. St. Mary/St. Joseph @ SPS 12:30p

Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion

Virtue Corner

Welcome to the Virtue Corner! Next week we will begin diving into our virtues! For now, we are learning about the overarching Theological Virtues and Cardinal Virtues. It is our hope that this little corner becomes a way for you to share in this amazing journey towards holiness with us!

Theological Virtues:

- Faith: Virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us.
- Hope: Virtue by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises.
- Charity (or love): Virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake and our neighbor as our self for the love of God.

Cardinal Virtues:

- Prudence: Find the good in every situation and choose to do it.
- Temperance: Balance our use for created things using them in moderation and for good.
- Fortitude: Strength to resist temptation, overcome obstacles, and conquer fears.
- Justice: Give both God and neighbor everything they deserve.

God gives the growth in each of the virtues. He gives us the virtues of faith, hope, and charity at our baptism and increases them in response to our asking. He is a loving God after all who created us with free will. It is our duty to exercise that free will to choose Him. These virtues are free gifts from the Holy Spirit! Let's not leave these gifts unopened and instead take them and spread His goodness to our little corner of the world!

In cooperating with His grace (His very life within us) that we receive in the sacraments and through prayer, we grow in the cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice. Underneath each of these virtues are sub-virtues (think humility, patience, modesty, generosity, obedience, etc.) that help us exercise self-discipline and eventually self-mastery over our own desires. Throughout this school year, we will take intentional time to learn about and grow in each of these virtues through knowledge and self discipline to become the unique and unrepeatable individuals we were created to be! As St. Ignatius of Antioch said *"Exercise self discipline, for you are God's athlete; the prize is immortality and eternal life, as you know full well."*

Welcome to our journey!

Family Discussion Question: What does growing in virtue mean to you? How can we grow together as a family?

HOW TO CREATE A TECH-READY HOME

Free Workshop for parents and caregivers



Research shows young children who spend more than 30 minutes a day on screens (like tablets), even if using educational apps, can experience decreases “equivalent to a full grade level” in reading skills, comprehension levels and emotional regulation compared to peers who spend that same time playing outdoors or reading (or being read to) from paper books.

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Tuesday, September 16
6:30-8:00 PM
Parish Hall

Free registration is
required at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/protectyoungeyes/1665405>



Fall Picture Day Is Here!

PICTURE DAY IS:

Monday, September 15: Preschool - 5th grade

Tuesday, September 16: Preschool and 6-12 grades

ORDER ONLINE*



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USE ORDER CODE:

Utilice el código de pedido:

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***Pay online with your debit card, credit card, PayPal, Apple Pay or Google Pay.**

***Paga online con tu tarjeta de débito, tarjeta de crédito, PayPal, Apple Pay o Google Pay.**

Students must dress in school uniform, no jacket or sweatshirts are allowed. Seniors are allowed to wear Sunday best clothes. Please note that picture re-take day has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 28. If you need a paper order form please stop in the office.



PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12
WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!

2025 Fall Trap Open House Thursday, September 4th 6:30pm to 8pm



2024 Fall Trap Conference Champs!

Join us at **Oakhill Gun Club** (1900 S Pline Rd, Lyons MI 48851) and during the open house and find out more about competitive trap shooting. Coaches will answer any questions you may have, see information below.

SPS Trap 2024 Fall Season

Open to students in grades 6-12

League info available at miclaytarget.com

New shooters will need to complete hunter's safety before the season starts.

Sports physicals needed on record.

Shooting Days:

All Shooting during the league takes place at Oak Hill Gun Club. Students must shoot 2 competition rounds of 25 shells each per week during the following available times:

Thursdays 6pm-8pm (competition scored).

(Minimum two practice rounds per week are encouraged to enhance skills)

Coaches: Craig Corbeil, Pete Hengesbach, Troy Smith

2024 Fall League Schedule

8/4: Team and student athlete registration opens

9/8: Athlete registration closes – All Athletes must be registered by this date – NO EXCEPTIONS

9/17: Conferences announced

10/27: Final Results published

9/4: Practice & Open House

9/11: Practice

9/18: Practice/Reserve Week

9/25: Week 1

10/2: Week 2

10/9: Week 3

10/16: Week 4

10/23: Week 5 – Last competition week

Contact Troy Smith if you have any questions (517)-526-1663

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PTO FALL CANDLE FUNDRAISER

SEPT. 5-15, 2025



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