



Shamrock News

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

9/12/25

Church Ushers: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a church usher during school Masses, please contact Fr. Weber at frloganweber@portlandstpats.org.

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.

NHS Blood Drive: St Patrick Catholic School National Honor Society is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. Please come donate blood, as it is a simple way to save the lives of others. Blood is vital to the care of those in traumatic accidents, those with chronic illnesses, and those undergoing surgery. Remember, if you are old enough to drive, you are old enough to donate. All St. Patrick students and staff members who donate will be given out-of-dress-code slips. To schedule an appointment, log into [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), the sponsor code is StPatrick, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

MAPS Testing: Fall MAPS testing for students in grades 2-8 will be taking place from Sept. 8 - Oct. 3. Please make sure students eat a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep.

PTO Candle Sale: The PTO candle sale has been extended to September 22. Order your candles now. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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.

☘ Shamrock Pride ☘

Friday, September 12

No afternoon busing - PPS 1/2 day

Friday, October 3

No School - Professional Development

Friday, October 10

No Busing - PPS not in session



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.

This presentation should be very informative especially with the way our world is going. We will have presentations on Sept. 17 for all our students. This night time presentation is for parents/caregivers.

Please see the attached flyer for more information



Calendar of Events



9/12 Var. CC @ MSU Spartan INV. 10:40a
Var. FB @ Byron 7p
9/13 Var. VB @ Webberville INV 9a
5/6 VB White vs. St. Joseph/St. Mary @ SPS 9:30a
5/6 FB vs. Byron @ Webberville 11:45a
9/15 Picture day for PS-5th grade
7/8 VB @ P-W 5p
9/16 Picture day for PS and grades 6-12
7/8 FB vs. Sacred Heart @ FFF 5p
Protecting Young Eyes Parent Night in Parish Hall 6:30p
9/17 Protecting Young Eyes Student Sessions
Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
Esports Club in room 211 4p

MS CC @ P-W CMAC Jamboree 4:30p
Var. CC @ P-W CMAC Jamboree 5:30p
5/6 VB Green vs. St. Gerard/St. Mary @ St. Gerard 5:30p
5/6 VB White vs. Resurrection/St. Paul @ Resurrection 5:30p
JV & Var. VB @ P-W 5:30p
JV FB @ Fulton 6p
9/18 Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a
7/8 VB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5p
9/19 Jeans and spirit wear
High School Womens and Mens Retreats
9/20 Var. Cross Country @ P-W INV 10a
5/6 FB vs. Webberville @ Morrice 10a
Var. FB vs. Fulton @ PHS 7p

Virtue Corner

Virtue of the Week: Responsibility

This falls under the cardinal virtue of justice, which enables us to give to each, beginning with God, what is due to him/her.

Definition: Fulfilling one's just duties; accepting the consequences of one's words and actions, intentional and unintentional.

Opposing Traits:

- Failing to accept responsibility for one's words and/or actions.
- Being unreliable.
- Not completing your homework.
- Showing up to practice unprepared to play.

Saint: St. Margaret of Scotland

St. Margaret married the king of Scotland and thus became the queen of Scotland having many responsibilities. She was careful to take care of the poor and made sure that the people were able to go to Mass. She helped to reform the laws and courts so they were fair and just.

Family Discussion Question: How can we help each other be more responsible?



Homecoming 2025

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Theme: Disney Princesses

Seniors - Rapunzel from Tangled

Juniors - Moana from Moana

Sophomores - Elsa and Anna from Frozen

Freshmen - Belle from Beauty and the Beast

8th grade - Ariel from Little Mermaid

7th grade - Cinderella from Cinderella

6th grade - Snow White from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Homecoming Court

Queen Candidates: Mattie Honsowitz, Lily Sandborn, Eden Zimmerman

King Candidates: Brody Beckhold, Brady Leonard, Charlie Thelen

Juniors: Tyler Schneider and Siena Schafer

Sophomores: Max Schellberg and Alice Newman

Freshmen: Liam Mosser and Macie Leonard

Prince and Princess: Benson Lay and Joanna Phillips

Spirit Week Dress Up Days: Dress up days are for all students DK-12

Monday, Sept. 22: *Comfy Day* - Dress in comfy clothes. Jeans are permitted. No leggings. No P.J.'s.

Tuesday, Sept. 23: *Home of the Brave* - Dress in your red, white and blue. Jeans are permitted. No leggings.

Wednesday, Sept. 24: *Sunday Best Day (high school)* - Dress in your Sunday best. Guys in ties and girls wear appropriate clothing with straps on the back of their shoes. Dresses/skirts must meet handbook length requirements. No bare shoulders. No flip flops. No Jeans. AND *Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo (DK-8)* - Boys dress as any male Disney character. Girls dress as any female Disney character.

Thursday, Sept. 25: *Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo (high school)* - Men dress as any male Disney character. Women dress as any female Disney character. AND *Sunday Best Day (DK-8)* - Dress in your Sunday best. Wear appropriate clothing. Straps must be on the back of shoes. Dresses/skirts must meet handbook length requirements. No bare shoulders. No flip flops. No Jeans.

Friday, Sept. 26: *Super Spirit Day* - Dress up in St. Patrick spirit wear and let your spirit rock! Jeans are permitted.

Activities and Events:

Friday, September 26:

- Donuts for all grades
- 9:30 a.m. - Volleyball Tournament for high school students
- 11:40 a.m. - Pep Assembly for middle school and high school students
- 1:00 p.m. - Powder Puff at Fr. Flohe Field

Saturday, September 27:

- 6:00 p.m. – Parade from St. Patrick School to Portland High School. Parade will include 5th-12th grade fall sports teams. Route is along West St. and Ionia Rd. to the High School. Spectators please line up north of Detroit Street along the route.
- 6:00 p.m. – PTO Tailgate in the PHS parking lot.
- 7:00 p.m. – Football Game St. Patrick vs. Coleman
- Bonfire after the football game at Fr. Flohe Field until 11:00 p.m.

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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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:

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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.

PTO FALL CANDLE FUNDRAISER

EXTENDED TO SEPT 22, 2025



"THE PORT HAS A GREAT LINE UP OF FALL SCENTS"



**APPLE MAPLE BOURBON
FALLEN LEAVES
LAKE MICHIGAN
PUMPKIN SOUFFLE
VANILLA**



**SCENT SAMPLES AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE
ONLINE ORDERS ONLY: USING QR CODE OR
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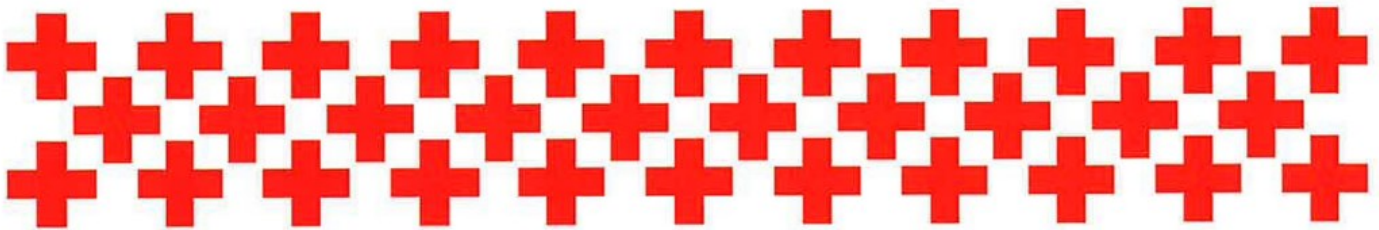
10oz JARS - \$20 7oz TINS - \$12 MELTS - \$5

PTO RECEIVES 30% OF ALL SALES

**FOR EVERY \$100 IN PRODUCT SOLD YOU RECEIVE AN OUT OF DRESS CODE SLIP
THE CLASS WITH THE MOST SALES ALSO WINS A PIZZA PARTY!**

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
St. Patrick Catholic School

Tuesday, September 23, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Sponsored by St. Patrick Catholic School National Honor Society.
To schedule an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org
(sponsor code: StPatrick), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!

Calling All Middle School Video Gamers!

Are you passionate about gaming? Do you want to be part of a team and compete against other schools? Maybe you're not into gaming, but want hands-on experience with streaming technology? Join our middle school esports team and take your skills to the next level!

Why Join?

- **Teamwork & Strategy:** Learn to work as a team and develop strategic thinking.
- **Competitive Play:** Compete against other middle schools in Michigan
- **Skill Development:** Improve your gaming skills and gain new ones.
- **Fun & Community:** Make new friends and learn about careers and scholarships.

Competition Games:

Rocket League & Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

Recreation Games:

Brawlhalla, Marvel: Rivals, Fortnite and others

How to Join:

- **Sign Up:** Contact Ross Schneider at rossschneider@portlandstpats.org or 517-526-3943.
- **Competitions:** Wednesdays at 4:00 pm.
- **Location:** Room 211, open 3:30-5:00 pm.
- **First Meeting:** Wednesday, September 10th @ 3:30 pm

Don't miss out on the fun and excitement!

