



Shamrock News

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

9/19/25

Home Varsity Football Game: The first home varsity football game against Fulton is on Saturday night at 7pm at Portland High School. The theme is White Out—let's wash the stadium in white by wearing as much white clothing as possible. The State Championship Baseball Team will be recognized during halftime.

Lost and Found: Be sure to label jackets, sweatshirts, water bottles, etc. Our lost and found table is accumulating several items.

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.

NHS Blood Drive: St Patrick Catholic School National Honor Society is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 8am-1:45pm. 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.

*Let's go **SHAMROCKS!***

Friday, October 3

No School - Professional Development

Friday, October 10

No Busing - PPS not in session

Thursday, October 23

1/2 day of school - parent/teacher conferences

No busing after school

No Preschool, no afterschool childcare

Friday, October 24

No School

Mega Rock Raffle Tickets: The tickets are buy two, get one free until September 30. The first monthly drawing will take place on Friday, September 26. 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.



Homecoming 2025

**Check out the newsletter for the
spirit dress up days
and the PTO Tailgate.**



Calendar of Events



9/20 Var. Cross Country @ P-W INV 10a
5/6 FB vs. Webberville @ Morrice 10a
Var. FB vs. Fulton @ PHS 7p
9/21 HS Youth Group Kickoff in Parish Hall 7p
9/22 7/8 VB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5p
9/23 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 8a-1:45p
7/8 FB @ Byron 6p
9/24 No Mass for grades 9-12
Esports Club in room 211 4p
Varsity & MS CC @ Fowler Apples to Apples INV. 4:30
5/6 VB Green vs. St. Paul/St. Joseph @ St. Paul 5:30p
5/6 VB White vs. St. Mary/St. Joseph @ St. Mary 5:30p

JV & Var. VB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5:30p
JV FB @ Coleman 6p
9/25 No Mass for grades DK-8
7/8 VB @ Laingsburg 5p
9/26 Senior Open Campus Lunch
9/27 Var. CC @ Dewitt INV 9:30a
5/6 VB White vs. New Covenant/Resurrection @ SPS 10a
5/6 FB vs. Byron @ Byron 10a
5/6 VB Green vs. St. Joseph/Resurrection @ SPS 12:30p
Var. FB vs. Coleman @ PHS 7p Homecoming
9/28-30 Senior Class Trip to Champion, WI and Mackinaw, MI

Virtue Corner

Virtue of the Week: Foresight

This falls under the cardinal virtue of prudence, which enables us to reason and act rightly in any given situation.

Definition: Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead

Ways to Cultivate:

- Pray, think, act
- Learn how to gather information to make a decision
- Plan out long-term and short-term goals
- Have awareness of what is coming up on your calendar
- Think before speaking

Scripture: Proverbs 20:4

"In seedtime sluggards do not plow; when they look for the harvest, it is not there."

Family Discussion Question: What did you learn about foresight this week? What can we do as a family to grow in foresight?



SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION - Will Open on October 1st

Visit portlandmi.recdesk.com to sign up.

- **1ST/2ND GRADE BASKETBALL:** Season begins in early January and runs through the middle of February. Teams will practice one night a week and play games on Saturday mornings. Practice days and times will not be established until the December coaches' meeting.

Deadline: Mon, Dec. 1st - Cost: \$55/\$65

- **DK/K BASKETBALL:** Leagues will take place in March. There are two available options: Mondays and Wednesdays OR Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams will practice and scrimmage each hour-long session.

Deadline: Mon, Feb 2nd - Cost: \$45/\$55



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.

St. Patrick PTO

GAME DAY

Tailgate

*Fuel up before the big
homecoming game!*

SEPTEMBER 27TH

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THE HOMECOMING PARADE
PHS - 1100 IONIA RD**

*Food! Drinks! High spirits!
Sign up to volunteer or donate a
food/drink item.*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A8AA29A4F49-58622543-stpats>

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
WWW.THEPORTMI.COM/STPAT'SCANDLEFUNDRAISER**

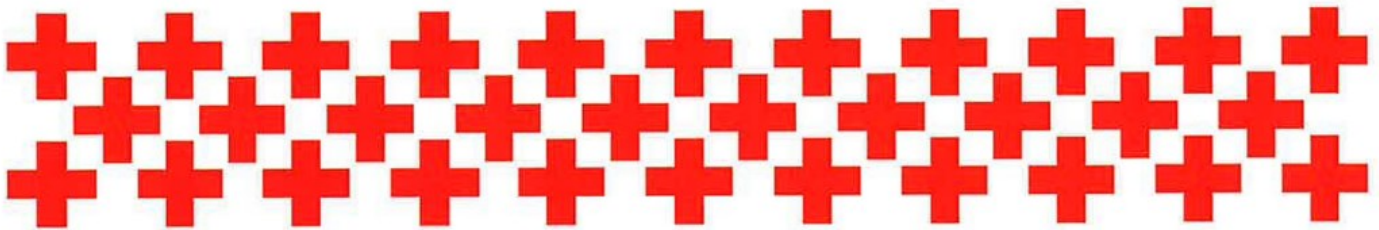
10oz JARS - \$20 7oz TINS - \$12 MELTS - \$5

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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