



# Shamrock News

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

9/5/25

**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](mailto:frloganweber@portlandstpats.org).

**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.

**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.

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

<u>Grade Level:</u>	<u>Text:</u>	<u>with message:</u>
6-12	757.847.9886	@793fhn
**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](https://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.

## 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



9/5	Var. FB @ Morrice 7p		JV FB vs. Byron @ FFF 5p
9/6	Var. CC @ Central Montcalm Hornet INV 8:30a		JV & Var. VB @ Laingsburg 5:30p
	Var. VB @ Perry INV 9a		
	5/6 VB Green vs. New Covenant/St. Mary @ SPS 10a	9/11	Mass for grades DK-8 9:30a
	5/6 FB vs. Morrice @ FFF 10a		7/8 VB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5p
	5/6 VB White vs. St. Mary/St. Joseph @ SPS 12:30p	9/12	No afternoon busing
	Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion		Mass for grades 9-12 8a
9/8	PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p		Var. CC @ MSU Spartan INV. 10:40a
9/9	Var. CC @ Eaton Rapids Class INV 4:45p		Senior Open Campus Lunch
	7/8 FB vs. Potterville @ FFF 5p		Var. FB @ Byron 7p
9/10	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a	9/13	Var. VB @ Webberville INV 9a
	Esports Club in room 211 4p		5/6 FB vs. Byron @ Webberville 11:45a

# 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.

### **Ways to Cultivate:**

- Cleaning up after yourself
- Faithfully fulfill our duties as sons/daughters, students, teammates, etc.
- Taking ownership of our mistakes, seeking to set things right.

### **Scripture: Colossians 3:23-24**

"Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward: you are serving the Lord Christ."

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

## Homecoming T-Shirts

This pre-order will close on September 10, 2025 at 8pm. Please make sure all orders are submitted before then. All garments will print and distribute with 2-3 weeks of the pre-order close date.

Order now



# 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>



**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:**

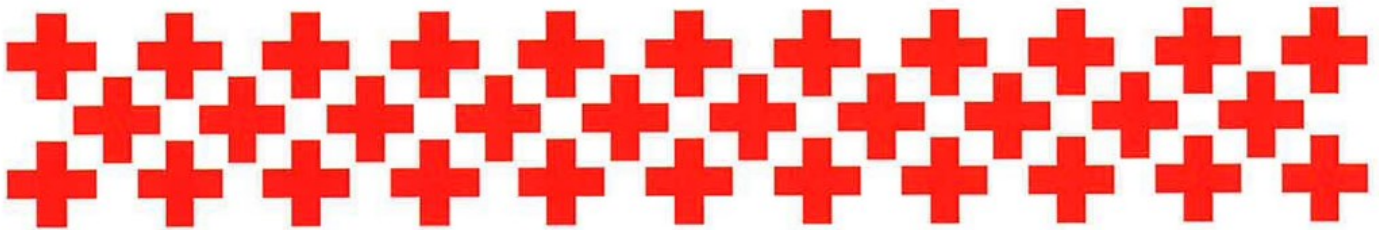
- **Sign Up:** Contact Ross Schneider at [rossschneider@portlandstpats.org](mailto:rossschneider@portlandstpats.org) or 517-526-3943.
- **Competitions:** Wednesdays at 4:00 pm.
- **Location:** Room 211, open 3:30-5:00 pm.
- **First Meeting:** Wednesday, September 10th @ 3:30 pm

**Don't miss out on the fun and excitement!**



**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](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
(sponsor code: StPatrick), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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# **PTO FALL CANDLE FUNDRAISER**

## **SEPT. 5-15, 2025**



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



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



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[WWW.THEPORTMI.COM/STPAT'SCANDLEFUNDRAISER](http://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!**



# Fall Picture Day Is Here!

PICTURE DAY IS:

**Monday, September 15:** Preschool - 5th grade

**Tuesday, September 16:** Preschool and 6-12 grades

## ORDER ONLINE\*



**INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER**

**USE ORDER CODE:**

Utilice el código de pedido:

**0231BKB**

**\*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.