



Shamrock News

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

10/17/25

Half day dismissal change on Oct. 23: There is a funeral at 12:00 pm on Thursday, October 23. The dismissal procedure for this day is being changed to accommodate traffic flow. Please see the email that was sent to you on Oct. 15th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 23. High School conferences are on a walk-in basis in the teacher's classrooms. Middle School conferences are also on a walk-in basis with parents and student in attendance in the cafeteria. MS & HS conferences times are 12-3pm and 4-7pm. DK-5 parents need to sign up for a conference time at this [link](#). Please enter at door #1 located by the school office.

2026-27 Financial Aid Applications: The [application](#) and [instructions](#) were emailed to all families. The deadline for round one is December 1, 2025. This applies for students in grades DK-11. **A new application must be filled out each year.** This information can also be found on the school website under Prospective Families, Tuition/Scholarships. Please contact the office for assistance. The sooner you apply, the better!

Picture Retake Day: Pictures were sent home this week. If you didn't like your picture or were absent, picture retake day is on Tuesday, October 28. For those students who would like to get their picture retaken and bought a package, they **MUST** bring their package to the photographer for an even exchange, as pictures will not be reprinted unless those are returned.

Last day for shorts: The last day students can wear school uniform shorts to school is Friday, October 31st. After October 31, shorts can only be worn by using an out of dress code slip.

Veterans Day: St. Patrick School will have a ceremony to honor local Veterans on Nov. 11 at 10 am. The ceremony and reception is open to all Veterans and their families. Students may wear a red, white, or blue shirt with dress code bottoms.

Halloween Costumes: As you are buying/making Halloween costumes, please remember that we have a **NO** weapons (real or pretend), gore, blood, or make-up policy.

Thursday, October 23

1/2 day of school - parent/teacher conferences
Walkers/drivers dismissed at 11:10a, all others at 11:15a
no busing after school
no Preschool, no afterschool childcare

Friday, October 24

No School

Monday & Tuesday, November 24 & 25

No Busing - PPS not in session

Wednesday-Friday, November 26-28

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Halloween Parties and Parade: Halloween parties will take place in the afternoon on Friday, October 31. Please see your child's classroom newsletter for the time. The elementary Halloween parade will take place at 3:15pm. You can watch the parade in the gym. Students may be signed out from their classroom at dismissal if parents would like to take them home early.

Pay it Forward Day: This is a day of service where our students do community service such as raking leaves or small service projects in our community. It will take place on Friday, October 31. Students in grades 6-12 are asked to bring rakes and tarps to school (please put names on them). Rakes are not allowed on the bus so make plans to drop them off in advance. It will also be a jeans and spirit wear day. If you know someone within walking distance of the school that needs their yard raked or have a small project, please contact the school.

New White Apparel Collection: White is the liturgical color that symbolizes purity and light, joy and celebration, glory and resurrection. Show your Catholic pride when you wear white apparel from this [new collection available now](#) until November 2, 2025, at 8pm EST. Keep warm this winter, give as a Christmas gift, wear on spirit days or be a super fan at "White Out" games. (ICYMI - Alumni apparel is also available to preorder.)



Calendar of Events



10/18 Var. VB @ Dansville INV. 9a
10/20 6th Grade Retreat
7/8 VB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5p
10/21 6th Grade Retreat
10/22 Esports Club in room 211 4p
Var. Quiz Bowl @ P-W 4:30p
JV & Var. VB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5:30p
JV FB @ Montabella 6p

10/23 1/2 day of school - see above for dismissal times
Parent/Teacher Conferences - see above for details
10/24 No School
Var. FB vs. Montabella @ PHS 7p
10/25 Var. VB CMAC Championship @ Perry 8a
Var. CC MHSAA Regional Meet @ Allendale HS 8a
HS Homecoming Dance 7-9p

Virtue Corner

Virtue of the Week: Orderliness

This falls under the cardinal virtue of temperance, which helps us moderate or balance the use of created goods.

Definition: Keeping oneself physically clean and neat and one's belongings in good order. Bearing present difficulties calmly.

Ways to Cultivate:

- Establish order in one's daily life; keep one's space and appearance orderly and clean
- Pick up after yourself and get rid of unneeded items.
- Does my daily routine start with prayer?
- Use a planner to keep track of your homework, responsibilities, and appointments.
- Clean up before your parents ask.
- Leave things in order, for example: make your bed each morning.
- Prioritize activities and make sure you have times set aside for the things that are most important, like prayer.

Scripture: Luke 15:8-9

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.'"

Saint: St. Raymond of Peñafort

Raymond was a Dominican priest who helped train seminarians to be priests. Pope Gregory IX asked him to help with a large project. None of the Church's laws were organized. During his spare time, Raymond collected and organized all the decrees of the Church. His book was used as the main reference for the next eight hundred years.

Family Discussion Question: How can we as a family create more order in our home?

Help Make a Difference - Volunteer for the Auction Committee!

We are excited to begin planning our upcoming school fundraiser, and we need your help to make it a success! We're looking for enthusiastic and organized parent volunteers to lead and support our **Auction Committee**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute your time and talents to an event that directly benefits our students, staff, and school programs. Whether you have experience planning events or are simply passionate about giving back, your involvement will make a big impact.

As part of the committee, you'll help with tasks such as collecting donations, organizing auction items, promoting the event, and helping everything run smoothly on the big day. It's a rewarding way to meet other parents, collaborate as a team, and support our school community.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the school office. We can't wait to work together to make this year's auction the best one yet!

ST. PATRICK APPAREL FROM FABRICATED CUSTOMS

New White Apparel Collection

PURITY. JOY. GLORY.



Keep warm this winter and show Catholic pride all year long at games and on spirit days.

001 Adult Crewneck Sweatshirt

002 Beanie

003 Beanie with Faux Fur Pom

004 Relaxed Twill Dad Hat

005 Adult & Youth Hooded Sweatshirt

006 Adult & Youth T-Shirt

007 Adult Long Sleeve Tee

In case you missed it...

*Alumni shirts
available too!*



[SHOP THE COLLECTION NOW.](#) SCAN QR CODE TO ACCESS ONLINE STORE. CLOSING 8PM 11/2/25.

HAPPY SOCK-TOBER!!

St. Patrick School will be partnering with The Michigan State Police Training Division to collect brand NEW socks of all sizes and colors from October 1 - October 28, 2025.

Delivery date 10/29/25.

This Corporal Work of Mercy will make a huge difference!

All donations will go to Homeless Angels.

What a great way for our community to help those in need!

Warm Feet!! Warm Hearts!!!





*St. Patrick Catholic School
Faculty, Staff, and Students
Cordially Invite You to our annual ...*

Veterans Day

Observance

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

10:00 AM

School Gymnasium

Cookies and Coffee reception

St. Patrick Catholic School, 122 West St Portland, Michigan 48875 (517)647-7551

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

PORTLAND COMMUNITY FUND ASSOCIATION COAT DRIVE AND GIVEAWAY

Our annual coat drive will begin Friday, October 3 and run through Friday, October 17. Adult and children's clean, useable coats will be collected along with outerwear such as hats, mittens, gloves and boots. Snowpants are especially needed. General clothing and garage sale items are not being collected. PLEASE DO NOT donate these items. A "Stuff the Bus" will be provided by the Portland Public Schools, Ted Goodman of TAG Detailing and Scott Teachout and Joel Vanslambrouck of G. & B. Pool supplies. The bus will be the only location to drop off donations. The bus will be located at Bill's Party Store at 1153 E. Grand River in Portland. The coat giveaway will be Saturday, October 18 from 10:00- 1:00 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church located at 8867 Kent Street in Portland land. Coats and outerwear will be available to anyone needing them.

We also have a large selection of men's and women's size shoes available for anyone needing them. Another option to get a coat is to visit the Portland Community Clothes Closet located at the Portland United Methodist Church, 310 Bridge Street. The coats and clothing are available free of charge. The hours are Monday from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.