



# Shamrock News

[The link to the school calendar is here.](#)

**January 16, 2026**

**PTO Uniform Room:** Pants too short? Shirts have stains? Or just need more to get you through the year? The PTO uniform room is open when the school office is open (7a-4p). All items are \$1.

**Please Dress for the Weather:** Cold weather is here and we require DK-5 grade students to go outside for recess when it is above 0°. Please wear boots, winter coats, hats, gloves, tights, and snow pants every day, the weather changes during the day. It is cold in the morning when they are outside before school starts. Make sure students wear their hats, gloves, and boots to school.

**Tax Statements:** Tax statements for 2025 are available in Finals. Once you log into your account, click on the Billing Management tab, in the Ledger section you will see a link for "Tax Statement". All of your 2025 payments are reflected on this statement.

**DK-8 Report Cards:** An email was sent out this week informing you that report cards for the second quarter (grades DK-8) are available on the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal. High School report cards are coming soon.

**After School Bowling begins January 21:** If a student in grades 2-5 will be participating in the afterschool bowling program at Meadow Bowl Lanes, please let the office know the change in their end of the day plans. Please note that when school is cancelled, there is no bowling. If you have questions, please call Meadow Bowl Lanes.

**2026-27 Financial Aid Applications:** The [application and instructions](#) were emailed to all families. The deadline for round two is January 18, 2026. This applies to 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. The sooner you apply, the better!

## **Special Days**

### **Monday, January 19**

No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### **Friday, February 13**

½ day - Parent/Teacher Conferences

No Preschool, no afternoon busing or childcare

### **Monday, February 16**

No School - Mid Winter Break

**NHS Blood Drive:** The American Red Cross blood drive is being hosted by St. Patrick School on Tuesday, January 20 from 8 am to 1:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to sign up and to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment to save time signing in. If a student or faculty member donates blood they will get an out of dress code slip!

### **Annual Catholic Schools Week Talent Show Coming January**

**30th:** Our Catholic Schools Week talent show is coming up soon. This year it will be held on Friday, January 30th to help us end an amazing Catholic Schools Week. This is open to ALL of our students! Registrations MUST be in by Friday, January 16th at 8:00 pm in order to be part of the show so start thinking what talent you might want to show the school! The registration form can be found [here](#).

 *Shamrock Pride* 



## **Calendar of Events**



1/16 JV & Var. Boys BB @ Saranac 5:30p  
1/19 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
JV & Var. Boys BB @ Webberville 4:30p  
Var. Girls BB @ Webberville 6p  
1/20 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 8a-1:45p  
7/8 gr. Girls BB @ Saranac 5p  
JV & Var. Boys @ Dansville 5:30p  
1/21 Third grade field trip  
MS Esports Club 4p

JV & Var. Girls BB @ Dansville 5:30p  
1/22 MS Esports Club 4p  
7/8 gr. Girls BB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5p  
JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p  
1/23 Jeans & spirit wear  
Senior open campus lunch  
JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p  
1/24 5/6 gr. Girls BB vs. New Covenant @ SPS 10a  
1/25 Catholic Schools Week Mass 10a

# Virtue Corner

## **Virtue of the Week: Prayerfulness**

Prayerfulness falls under the Cardinal Virtue of Justice. Justice enables one to give to each, beginning with God, what is due to him.

### **Definition:**

The habit of being in the presence of God, taking time to be with Him, talk with Him, and seek communion with Him (like a friend).

### **Opposing Trait:**

- Entertaining distractions during prayer and Mass.

### **Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Family Discussion Question:**

What is one prayer we can pray together each day that will help us grow closer to the Lord together as a family?

**Catholic Schools Week 2026**  
**January 25-30, 2026**  
**Love Like Christ Through the Works of Mercy**

**Sunday, January 25:**

- Event/Activity: Kickoff Mass at 10 am; Work of Mercy: Pray for the living and the dead
- *Dress Up Day: School Uniform*

**Monday, January 26:**

- Event/Activity: All School Assembly centered on loving like Christ; Work of Mercy: Instruct the ignorant
- Event/Activity: BR/LR: Donuts and Works of Mercy Poster in LR Classroom
- *Dress Up Day: Out of Dress Code (NO leggings or pajamas)*

**Tuesday, January 27**

- Event/Activity: Cards of love and encouragement for our parish homebound; Work of Mercy: Comfort the sick
- Event/Activity: Mass at the Cathedral for those selected from each class (school uniform dress)
- *Dress Up Day: Catholic shirt day! (jeans and joggers allowed, no leggings)*

**Wednesday, January 28**

- Event/Activity: All School Scripture Service; Work of Mercy: Pray for the living and the dead
- *Dress Up Day: Sunday Best (remember skirt length should be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee)*

**Thursday, January 29**

- Event/Activity: Cards and a gift basket for our first responders; Work of Mercy: Comfort the sorrowful, comfort the sick, instruct the ignorant etc.
- **\*\*If you would like to gift our local first responders with snacks for the station and squad vehicles, please send them in by today! They are always first to be the hands and feet of Christ to those most in need, so we want to show them our appreciation for their sacrifice and acts of love! \*\***
- *Dress Up Day: Liturgical season color day by grade (jeans and joggers allowed, no leggings)*  
*DK - 2: Purple; 3-5: Red; 6th: White; 7th: Green; 8th: Purple; 9th: Red; 10th: White; 11th: Green; 12th: Purple*

**Friday, January 30**

- Event/Activity: Talent Show
- Event/Activity: Cross of prayers/acts of love for Fr. Weber; Work of Mercy: Pray for the living and the dead, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish the sinner, etc.
- *Dress Up Day: Spirit wear (jeans and joggers allowed, no leggings)*

DOORS OPEN AT 5:45  
DINNER SERVED AT 6:30

You are cordially invited to the

*Portland St. Patrick*

# *Marriage Gala*

*Happily Ever After*

PORTLAND MICHIGAN  
KNIGHTS HALL

Suits and tie for men and dresses for women are encouraged

Drinks, meal and a night of dancing are included with ticket

To purchase your ticket please visit:

*February 14, 2026*

*\$50/Couple*



# KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE



Get your VIRTUS TRAINING  
done now so you can join us  
on field trips and fun events.

Sign up for on-line  
classes at [Virtus.org](http://Virtus.org).



Parents or other family members (Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles) will need to take a Protecting God's Children\* session before they can attend field trips. **If you do not complete this at least two weeks before the event, you will be ineligible to attend.** You only have to do this one time and you will be good for the rest of your child(rens) field trips at St. Patrick School. Don't delay, do it now.

Volunteers may now take an on-line session which takes about two hours to complete. To register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). ([Virtus Registration Instructions](#) can be found on the website under the About Us tab, [Documents/Forms](#).)

If you have previously attended a session in a diocese other than Grand Rapids, please contact that diocese to forward your information to Grand Rapids Diocese.

\* **Protecting God's Children® for Adults** is training conducted by VIRTUS certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. Two videos are the centerpiece of the training: **A Time to Protect God's Children™** and **A Plan to Protect God's Children™**. The facilitators incorporate policies and procedures into the training defining child sexual abuse, addressing the reporting of child sexual abuse, the screening and selection of employees and volunteers, and victim advocacy.





# JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



## DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

The Daddy Daughter Dance is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2026, and Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the KC Hall.

This is a special opportunity for girls ages 3+ and their dads (or grandfather, uncle, guardian, brother - whomever!) to have a fun-filled evening together.

The events will run from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM and will include a live DJ, dancing, and a digital photo from Reflections Photography. Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration opens January 6, 2026, and will close 3:00 PM the day of each dance. When registering, please do so under your daughter's name.

Pricing may vary depending on residency.



## MOTHER SON DANCE

The Mother Son Dance is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the Nazarene Church.

The Mother Son Dance is for boys and any mother figure to join us for a fun-filled evening together.

The event will run from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and will include a live DJ, a digital photo from Reflections Photography, light refreshments, and a small complimentary glowstick (larger options available for purchase, \$5 each).

Registration opens January 6, 2026, and will close 3:00 PM the day of the dance. When registering, please do so under your son's name.

Pricing may vary depending on residency.



## PORTLAND YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

### OPEN REGISTRATION

#### Available Leagues

- ✓ Rookie League (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades) - \$100
- ✓ Minor League (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades) - \$100
- ✓ Major League (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades) - \$100



Early Bird Rate Good through  
February 3, 2026

SCAN TO REGISTER



Register Now  
[portlandmibaseball.com](http://portlandmibaseball.com)

Registration Due by  
March 2, 2026