



Shamrock News

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

January 9, 2026

Congratulations: To Pauline Schafer who is the December Mega Rock \$500 Raffle winner.

Questionnaire: We appreciate the feedback that we have received for the potential schedule change for the 2026-2027 school year. We are working on an informational sheet to address questions and concerns. We plan to email this out to you next week.

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 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](#).

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.

LET'S GO SHAMROCKS!

Special Days

Friday, January 16

No afternoon busing - PPS $\frac{1}{2}$ day

Monday, January 19

No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Friday, February 13

$\frac{1}{2}$ day - Parent/Teacher Conferences
No Preschool, no afternoon busing or childcare

Monday, February 16

No School - Mid Winter Break

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: The annual free throw contest will be held on Saturday, January 10 in the St. Patrick School gymnasium. Registration is at 8:30 am. The contest begins at 9:00 am. This is for ages 9-14 (boys and girls). You do NOT have to be a Knight for your child to participate. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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. Please contact the office for assistance. The sooner you apply, the better!

PTO Meeting: The January PTO Meeting will take place on Monday, January 12 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. We hope to see you there!

Calendar of Events

1/9	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Perry @ PMS 6p	JV & Var. Boys BB @ Lansing Christian 5:30p
1/10	KC Free Throw Contest @ SPS 8:30a	NET Retreat for grades 9-12
1/12	Bowling vs. P-W @ Meadow Bowl 3p PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Saranac 5:30p
1/13	7/8 gr. Girls BB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5p JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Lansing Christian @ PMS 6p	No afternoon busing - PPS $\frac{1}{2}$ day
1/14	ASVAB for 10 th grade Bowling Scrimmage vs. Portland @ Meadow Bowl 3p 7/8 gr. Girls BB @ P-W MS 5p	NET Retreat for grades 6-7 JV & Var. Boys BB @ Saranac 5:30p

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.



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(ren)s 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. (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.

