



# Shamrock News

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

March 13, 2026

### **Congratulations:**

- To the Maria Austen for being selected as the February high school student of the month.

**PTO Book Fair:** The PTO is looking for volunteers during the Book Fair from March 23-26. Please sign up [HERE](#) if you are available.

**Elementary/Middle School Yearbooks:** The yearbook will contain pictures for grades DK-8. There will only be one book again this year. The yearbooks are on sale from March 5-27. Order forms were sent home with students this week or you can order online at [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order) use order code: 0262PZ. Cost is \$20.

**NHS Blood Drive:** The American Red Cross blood drive is being hosted by St. Patrick School on Tuesday, March 17, 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!

**Mental Health Week:** Mental Health Week is March 16-20, please see the attached for more information and the special dress up days that are planned.

**LET'S GO SHAMROCKS!**

### **Special Days**

#### **Friday, March 20**

No afternoon busing - PPS ½ day

#### **Wednesday, March 25**

Open House 4:30 - 6:00 pm

#### **Friday, April 3**

No School - Good Friday

#### **April 6 - 10**

No School - Spring Break

**Save the Date:** St. Patrick School Open House will take place on Wednesday, March 25 from 4:30 - 6:00pm. All are welcome!

## SHAMROCK AUCTION APRIL 24



### A NIGHT FOR THE GREEN AND WHITE

Buy your tickets by March 27<sup>th</sup> and be entered into a drawing to win a Blackstone 2-Burner 28" Propane Flat Top Grill with Hard Cover.

<http://onecau.se/shamrockauction26>

## **Calendar of Events**

3/16 PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p

3/17 St. Patrick's Day

NHS Blood Drive 8a-1:45p

Hubbardston Irish Dance Troupe 1:30p

Var. Girls BB Quarter Finals vs. Concord @ Mason 5:30p

3/18 Esports Club 4p

3/19 HS Bible Study 6:30a

Var. Track @ SVSU INV 12p

3/20 End of Third Quarter

No afternoon busing - PPS ½ day

4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip

Senior Open Campus Lunch

3/21 Var. Track @ Aquinas INV 9a

# Virtue Corner

**Virtue of the Week:** Self-control

Self-control falls under the Cardinal Virtue of Temperance. Temperance enables us to be moderate or balanced in our use of created goods.

**Definition:**

Joyful mastery over one’s passions and desires.

**Opposing Trait:**

- Being excessive in words or actions, acting impulsively.

**Ways to Cultivate:**

- Master one’s desires.
- Practice restraint in regard to words and actions.
- I can—and often do—say “no” to my desires.
- I observe the limits I set for myself.
- I act only after thinking.

**Family Discussion Challenge:**

With the final 3 weeks of Lent upon us, how can we more deeply practice the virtue of self-control to unite our self-sacrifices to the Cross of Christ?



## March is Reading Month



Growing in Faith and Wisdom with Saint Patrick

<p><b>Grow in the Virtue of Love:</b></p> <p>Pray the Act of Love</p> <p>Mental Health Awareness Week</p>	<p>16 Read about Kindness</p> <p>Jesus the Healer- Dress up in one color from head to toe- Ex. White (healing, restored, new life)</p>	<p>17 Do one secret act of Kindness</p> <p>Dress up Day - Super Spirit Day - Wear as much Green as you can</p>	<p>18 Partner Read- Read to someone</p> <p>Wear Teal &amp; Purple for Mental Health Awareness - Joggers and Jeans acceptable</p>	<p>19 Write a Thank You Note</p> <p>Faith/Inspirational Shirts- Joggers and Jeans acceptable</p>	<p>20 Class Gratitude Prayer</p> <p>Community- Comfy clothes (No leggings or Pajamas)</p>
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# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick Operation Rice Bowl Tuesday, March 31, 2026



One of the suggested Catholic Relief Service activities is eating a conservative family meal and giving the saved portion to the Operation Rice Bowl project. We take this idea and do it as a school family. All students will be provided a hot dog/hamburger, chips, and dill pickle lunch on Tuesday, March 31. This will be overseen by staff, student council, and the 8th grade class of St. Patrick School. The recommended donation is what you would “normally spend” on your school lunch. Please bring your donation to school on Tuesday, March 31, and place your donation into the large rice bowl at the beginning of the lunch line.

Students can enjoy their lunch knowing that they have made a difference for many needy families. The hot dog/hamburger lunch is the only hot lunch choice available on this day. If your child is unable to have a hotdog/hamburger lunch, please bring a sack lunch.

This year St. Patrick Knights of Columbus members will help grill the hotdogs and hamburgers. Portland Public School Food Services will again help with the project. The proceeds of the project will be contributed to Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for your support of Operation Rice Bowl.

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St. Patrick School Operation Rice Bowl Coordinator



# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

# OPEN HOUSE

- *Daycare*
- *Preschool*
- *Grades DK - 12*

**Wednesday,  
March 25, 2026**

**4:30 - 6:00 PM**

122 West Street  
Portland, Michigan

## DK & Kindergarten Round Up Friday, March 13

We invite you to consider St. Patrick School for your child who will turn five on or before Sept. 1, 2026 (for our kindergarten program) or five before Dec. 31, 2026 (for our DK program). We offer an education where students can grow spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically in a loving, Christian environment.



To register for Round Up call:  
**517-647-7551**



Visit us:  
[portlandstpats.com](http://portlandstpats.com)



*Senior Capstone Project*



# BABY DRIVE!

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**diapers, wipes, formula,  
baby food, etc.**

**All donations go to ISD  
early on program and  
PSIC**

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**March 16-22nd**



**Collection boxes in St. Patrick  
Elementary Hallway and St. Patrick  
Church**

# Mental Health Week 2026

## March 16th-20th

### Rest in Christ: Healing the Mind Through Faith, Hope & Love

#### Monday March 16th

- Theme: Jesus as the Healer
- Dress up day: Healed and Restored - Pick a color to wear from head to toe - White (healing, restored, new life), Blue (peace, calm & trust), Green (growth)
- Event: Mark Scheurer will be speaking to our Middle School students. A letter about this event was emailed to all Middle School parents on February 27th.

#### Tuesday March 17th

- Theme: Our Patron Saint
- Dress up day: Super spirit wear (Joggers or jeans may be worn; no leggings or pajamas)

#### Wednesday March 18th

- Theme: Prayer
- Dress up day: Wear teal and purple for mental health awareness (Joggers or jeans may be worn; no leggings or pajamas)

#### Thursday March 19th

- Theme: Faith over Fear
- Dress up day: Faith/Inspirational shirts (Joggers or jeans may be worn; no leggings or pajamas)

#### Friday March 20th

- Theme: Community
- Dress up day: Comfy clothes (No leggings or pajamas)
- Event: Ethan Getchell will be speaking to our High School students. A letter about this event was emailed to all high school parents on Friday February 27th.

SHAMROCK AUCTION 2026

*A Night for the*

# GREEN & WHITE

- DINNER & DRINKS
- DRESS IN YOUR BEST SHAMROCK SPIRIT WEAR!
- RAFFLES & 50/50
- SILENT/LIVE AUCTIONS
- ENTERTAINMENT

**FRIDAY**  

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**APRIL 24**  

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Doors open at 6:00pm  
Knights Hall, Portland

Buy tickets and follow updates on the auction website:

<https://onecau.se/shamrockauction26>

*Celebrating Our Roots*  *Growing Our Future*