



Shamrock News

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

March 20, 2026

Congratulations:

- To the varsity girls basketball team for making it to state finals on Saturday!
- To Ben White for being selected as the March ICCC student of the month for construction technology.

NHS Blood Drive: Thank you to all who supported our recent National Honor Society/American Red Cross blood Drive. We collected 21 units of life saving blood! If you'd like to experience the feeling of saving three lives, we'd love to have you join us in donating at our next drive in May. In the mean time you can sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org.

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 or you can order online at inter-state.com/order use order code: 0262PZ. Cost is \$20.

Lost and Found: Our lost and found table is growing. There are sweatshirts, boots, hats, gloves/mittens, and water bottles. The lost and found is located on a table in the elementary hallway. Items left in the lost and found after school on April 2 will be donated to the uniform room or a local charity. Please take a look at the picture on the next page.

GOOD LUCK AT STATES!



VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Special Days

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 News: For the next few weeks, we'll continue to spotlight the various raffles available at the auction. This week, check out the details of our newest raffle in the newsletter.

PURCHASE TO WIN!

A Night for the
GREEN & WHITE

Buy your entry tickets by MARCH 27th
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



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| 3/21 | Var. Track @ Aquinas INV 9a
Var. Girls BB MHSAA Final vs Ishpeming @ MSU Breslin Center 10a | 3/25 | All School Open House 4:30p - 6:00p
National Honor Society Induction Ceremony Parish Hall 6:30p |
| 3/23 | Touching Safety Lesson
Book Fair - Open 11:00a - 4:30p | 3/26 | HS Bible Study 6:30a
Book Fair - Open 3:00p - 4:30p
Var. BB & SB @ Ionia 4p
JV BB vs. Ionia @ FFF 4p |
| 3/24 | SAT for Juniors
Book Fair - Open 3:00p - 4:30p | 3/27 | Jeans/Joggers Spirit Wear Day
Senior Open Campus Lunch |
| 3/25 | Book Fair - Open 3:00p - 6:00p
Esports Club 4p | | |

Virtue Corner

Growing In VIRTUE with St. Patrick - Be COURAGEOUS!

When St. Patrick was 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and sold as a slave in Ireland. He was forced to work as a shepherd and thus suffered greatly from hunger and cold in addition to being taken away from his family. He escaped after six years and returned to Britain. He studied to become a priest and upon being ordained, he made the courageous decision to go back to Ireland to teach those who captured him and the rest of the pagans about Jesus. As a result of his courageous virtue, just about the whole community became Catholic.

“I know for certain, that before I was humbled I was like a stone lying in deep mire, and he that is mighty came and in his mercy raised me up and, indeed, lifted me high up and placed me on top of the wall. And from there I ought to shout out in gratitude to the Lord for his great favours in this world and for ever, that the mind of man cannot measure.” - St. Patrick



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March is Reading Month



Growing in Faith and Wisdom with Saint Patrick

Grow in your Mission to get to Heaven: Pray the Rosary as a Family	23 Learn how St. Patrick shared the Gospel	24 Read about a Missionary Dress up Day -We are all God's Treasures- dress up in Gold/yellow/Sparkles	25 Reflect: How can I share about Jesus?	26 Complete Shamrock Tracker and Return to your Teacher!!	27 Celebration Day!! Please see the classroom newsletter for details.
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SHAMROCK AUCTION

Raffle Spotlight

NEW

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE RAFFLE

Introducing the **Past, Present & Future Raffle!**

For only \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25, you can select where you want to invest your chance to win. Drop your purchased tickets into the gift box of your choice for the chance to win that box's prize.



PAST: Cook up an old Shamrock family recipe with a **KitchenAid Deluxe 4.5 Quart Stainless Steel Stand Mixer.**



PRESENT: Capture your here and now memories with a 1-hour family **photo session with LB Photography.** Package also includes a \$50 Shutterfly gift card and an 8"x10" photo frame.



FUTURE: Keep your future plans up to date and all in one place with the **15" Skylight Touchscreen Calendar and Organizer!**

Buy tickets on Auction website under **RAFFLES**

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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





March 23-26

in Room 115

Monday: 11am-4:30pm

Tuesday: 3:00-4:30pm

Wednesday: 3:00-6:00pm

Thursday: 3:00-4:30pm



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13th 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

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

APRIL 24

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*