



# Shamrock News

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March 5, 2026

## **Congratulations:**

- To the girls bowling team for finishing 5th at states last Friday!
- To Reese Chamberlain for finishing 24<sup>th</sup>, Katrina Chen for finishing 25<sup>th</sup>, and Francis Austen for finishing 50<sup>th</sup> in individual bowling competition at states last Saturday.

**Kindergarten Round-Up:** Kindergarten Round-Up will take place on Friday, March 13 from 9am - 11am. Please register by calling the office at 517-647-7551. Look for an email with more information once you have registered. Current kindergarten and developmental kindergarten students will not attend school on this day.

**PTO Book Fair:** The PTO is looking for helpers during the Book Fair on 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!

**GO GREEN! GO WHITE!**

## **Special Days**

### **Friday, March 6**

No School - Professional Development Day

### **Friday, March 13**

No DK or Kindergarten - Kindergarten Round-Up

### **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



**Congratulations:** Don Schneider is the winner of the February \$500 monthly drawing of the Mega Rock Raffle.

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



## **Calendar of Events**

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| 3/5 | Trap Open House at Oakhill Gun Club 6p   | 3/11 | Esports Club 4p   |
| 3/6 | No School - Staff Professional Development Day<br>Var Girls BB MHSAA District Final @ Carson City Crystal 7p | 3/12 | HS Bible Study 6:30a  |
| 3/8 | Daylight Savings Time starts<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation @ St. Andrew Cathedral 3p                 | 3/13 | DK & K not in session - Kindergarten Round-Up<br>Senior Open Campus Lunch |
| 3/9 | PTO Meeting in the Parish Hall 6p  |      |   |

# 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.

### Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:7

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

### Family Discussion Question:

What is one sacrifice we can make as a family that will help us cultivate the virtue of self-control?



## March is Reading Month



Growing in Faith and Wisdom with Saint Patrick

<b>Grow in the Virtue of Hope:</b> Pray the Act of Hope	9 Read about a brave character	10 Share a challenge you overcame  -Dress up Day- Colors of the Rainbow DK-Red, K/1- Orange, 2- Yellow, 3- Green, 4 - Blue, 5- Violet & Indigo	11 Read Silently for 20 minutes	12 Write about a time you were courageous.	13 Offer to read to someone in need
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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](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.

## 2026 Spring Trap Open House Thursday, March 5th 6pm to 8pm



### 2024 Fall Trap Conference Champs

Join us at **Oakhill Gun Club**(1900 S. Pline Rd, Lyons MI 48851) and find out more about competitive trap shooting. Coaches will answer any questions you may have, see information below.

#### SPS Trap 2026 Spring Season

Open to students in grades 6-12. League info available at [miclaytarget.com](http://miclaytarget.com)  
New shooters will need to complete hunter's safety before the season starts.  
Sports physicals needed on record in the school office.

#### Shooting Days:

All shooting during the league takes place at Oak Hill Gun Club. Students must shoot 2 competition rounds of 25 shells each per week during the following available times:

**Thursdays 6pm-8pm (competition scored).**

(Minimum two practice rounds per week are encouraged to enhance skills)

Coaches: Craig Corbeil, Pete Hengsbach, Troy Smith

#### 2026 Spring League Schedule

- 2/3:** Team and student athlete registration opens
- 3/23:** Athlete registration closes – All Athletes must be registered by this date – NO EXCEPTIONS
  
- 3/5:** Practice & Open House with Parents Meeting
- 3/12:** Practice
- 3/19:** Practice
- 3/26:** Practice
- 3/31:** Practice
- 4/9:** Practice
- 4/16:** Practice/Reserve Week
- 4/23:** Competition Week 1
- 4/30:** Competition Week 2
- 5/7:** Competition Week 3
- 5/14:** Competition Week 4
- 5/21:** Competition Week 5
- 5/25:** Season Final Results Posted
- 6/20-21** State Trap Tournament, Mason MI

Contact Troy Smith if you have any questions (517) 526-1663

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*