



# Shamrock News

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

May 15, 2026

**Congratulations Seniors!** It is time to say goodbye to the Class of 2026. We thank them for their strong leadership this school year and appreciate how much they have done for the school. We also appreciate how well they have represented our faith, our school, their families and themselves. A special thank you to their class officers: President Brody Beckhold, Vice President Aiden Mosser, Secretary Lily Sandborn, and Treasurer Eden Zimmerman. Congratulations to our Valedictorian Nicholas Pung and Salutatorian Mattie Honsowitz. Please keep the Class of 2026 in your prayers as they graduate this Sunday and prepare for the next phase of their lives.

**Catholic Identity Surveys:** It is time to complete the annual diocesan satisfaction survey. Please take the time to complete this survey. (It will only take about 10-15 minutes.) **The survey must be completed by Friday, May 22.** We truly value and appreciate your feedback. [Here is the link for the survey.](#) Submit the last page of the survey with your name on it to get out of dress code slips for your students.

**Physical Forms for Next Year:** Athletic Physical forms are being accepted in the office for students in grades 5-12 for the 2026-27 school year. A new form dated after April 14 must be turned in each year if a student would like to be on a St. Patrick School sports team.

**LET'S GO SHAMROCKS!**

## Special Days

### Sunday, May 17

Class of 2026 Graduation  
Parish-wide Baccalaureate Mass @ 10a  
St. Patrick School Graduation Commencement @ 11:45a

### Friday, May 22

No busing - PPS not in session

### Monday, May 25

No School - Memorial Day

### Thursday, June 4

Last day of school - ½ day  
No afternoon busing, no after school child care



You did it!  
*Congratulations*  
Class of 2026

## **Calendar of Events**

5/15	Var. Track MHSAA Regionals @ Concord 3p	5/20	5 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Day
5/16	Var. BB & SB @ Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart INV 9a		Preschool Promotion Ceremony in Parish Hall 10a
5/17	Class of 2026 Baccalaureate Mass 10a Class of 2026 Graduation Commencement 11:45a		Var. Track CMAC Championship @ Perry 3p
5/18	Var. SB @ Central Montcalm 4p Var. Track CMAC Meet @ P-W 4:30p JV BB @ Lansing Christian 4:30p PTO Meeting @ Portland Country Club 6:30p		7/8 grade BB vs. P-W @ Blossom Time Park 5p
5/19	NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 8a-1:45p Last day for Preschool MS Track CMAC Championship @ Laingsburg 3p	5/21	HS Bible Study 6:30a Var. Golf CMAC Championship @ MSU 9a Var. BB @ Lansing Christian 4p Var. SB vs. Vestaburg @ FFF 4p
		5/22	No busing - Portland Public Schools not in session 2/3 grade kickball and ice cream
		5/25	No School - Memorial Day

## 2026 Spring Semester Exam Schedule – Grades 6 - 11

Monday, June 1:	7:30 – 11:06 11:37 – 12:09 12:12 – 12:44 12:50 – 2:20	Regular a.m. school day 5th hour class 6th hour class 7th hour exam
Tuesday, June 2:	7:30 – 9:00 9:10 – 10:40	6th hour exam 5th hour exam**
Wednesday, June 3:	7:30 – 9:00 9:10 – 10:40 No High School Mass	4th hour exam 3rd hour exam**
Thursday, June 4:	7:30 – 8:50 9:00 – 10:20 10:30 – 11:00	2nd Hour Exam 1st Hour Exam All School Rosary**

\*\*There is busing to school on exam days, but students will need a ride home after exams.

Please also note the following:

- All high school students are expected to have an exam during their scheduled exam time. The only exceptions would be students taking a dual enrollment college course or a Michigan Virtual H.S. course (assuming they have completed the coursework for that class). If a student does not have an exam scheduled, they should not be in the school during that time unless they have a specific reason for doing so.
- Students in grades 9-11 will be allowed to leave the building as soon as their second exam of the day is complete EXCEPT on Thursday. On Thursday, all students who have a first hour exam are REQUIRED to stay for the Rosary.

## Virtue Corner

### Virtue of the Week: Perseverance

This falls under the cardinal virtue of fortitude, which enables one to endure difficulties for the sake of what is good.

**Definition:** Taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties.

### Ways to Cultivate:

- I finish what I start, even when it is hard, difficult, or boring.
- I keep trying when something is difficult.
- I stay faithful to routine things.
- In times of physical or emotional suffering, I continue to look after my responsibilities as best I can.

### Scripture: Galatians 6:9-10

And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**Family Discussion Question:** What did you learn about perseverance this week? What can we do as a family to grow in perseverance?



**American  
Red Cross**

## **Blood Drive**

**St. Patrick Catholic School**



**Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
8:00 A.M to 1:45 P.M**



Ran by the SPS Honor Society.

To schedule an appointment, log into [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
(Sponsor code: StPatrick), or call 1-800-RED CROSS(1-800-733-2767)

Streamline your donation by 15 minutes by visiting  
[RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete pre-donation reading and  
health history questions.



# LAST PTO MEETING

*for the school year*

## PORTLAND COUNTRY CLUB



MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

6:30 PM

*Located at*



4901 Divine Hwy  
Portland, MI 48875

# St. Patrick Parish

# SUMMERFEST

JUNE 26-28, 2026

26  
FRIDAY



- ## FRIDAY
- Golf Outing at Willow Wood
  - 4:30–7:00 PM Taste of Heaven Chicken Dinner
  - 4:30–8:00 PM Bounce Houses
  - 5:30 PM Mega Rock Raffle Winners Announced
  - 6:00–7:00 PM Irish Dancers Performance
  - 7:00–10:00 PM DJ Jumpsuit

- ## SATURDAY
- Baseball Tournament
  - 9:00 AM–4:00 PM 3-on-3 Tournament
  - 10:00 AM–11:00 AM Entertainment Tent Open
  - 10:00 AM–7:00 PM Kids Karnival/Bounce Houses
  - 11:00 AM–11:00 PM Food Trucks and Tent
  - 4:00 PM Corn Hole Tournament
  - 7:00 PM Beer Tent (21+)
  - 8:00–11:00 PM Mark Blomsteel & Motor City Drive

27  
SATURDAY



28  
SUNDAY



- ## SUNDAY
- Baseball Tournament Concludes
  - 9:30 AM–2:00 PM Clean Up

Great Times. Strong Community. Lasting Memories.

2026 Aquinas College Sports and Academic Summer Camps



AQ Saints Science Camp

- June 15-19, 2026
- Grades 5-8
- Day camp
- Partial scholarships available

Your adventures at the **2026 Aquinas College Summer Camps** are about to begin! We can't wait to have you on our beautiful campus for these fun and highly interactive camps! Immerse yourself in a wide range of inclusive and **hands-on summer camps** -- from a dozen awesome athletic camps to **Seriously Fun Jazz** to **Innovative Science Explorations** to build your own fantasy world in an **epic Roleplay Gaming Adventure!** Enjoy the safe and nurturing environment of our **park-like campus** while exploring new skills, making new friends, and creating lasting memories!

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- Design a toothpick bridge and test its strength
- Use your critical thinking to design & build a roller coaster
- Explore the science of motion and design an obstacle course
- Explore animal sounds, shelters, and adaptations
- Many other hands-on activities and demonstrations will be included!

COST \$255

*Scholarship Applications must be received by May 1, 2026.*



MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for summer programs is now open! To register for programs, visit [portlandmi.recdesk.com](http://portlandmi.recdesk.com).

- **DK/K COACH PITCH BASEBALL (COED):** This coed league will take place on Mondays & Wednesdays at Bogue Flats. Participants must provide their own glove. League play will begin in late June. **Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 27, 2026**
- **1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE SOFTBALL:** Sessions will take place Tuesdays & Thursdays at Bogue Flats. Participants must provide their own glove. League play will begin in early June. **Registration deadline: Monday, May 18, 2026**
- **4/5-YEAR-OLD FLAG FOOTBALL (COED):** Sessions will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays at Bogue Flats beginning in late May. Mouth guards are required to participate and must be provided by the participant. **Registration deadline: Monday, May 4, 2026**
- **TOT SOCCER CAMP:** Runs Monday-Wednesday, July 27-29, 2026, at the Portland High School soccer field. Led by the Portland High School coach and players. Ages 3-4 from 6:00 - 6:45 P.M. and Ages 5-6 from 7:00 - 7:45 P.M. **Registration deadline: Monday, July 13, 2026**
- **YOUTH SOCCER CAMP:** Designed for ages 7 through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Runs Tuesday-Thursday, July 14-16, 2026, at the Portland High School soccer field. Led by the Portland High School coach and players. **Registration deadline: Monday, June 29, 2026**

**YOUTH TENNIS CAMPS:** Register by May 29, 2026 to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Portland Tennis is offering another summer of quality, cost-effective summer programs to meet the needs of tennis players from beginner to experienced. Programs will begin in mid to late June and end in mid to late July.

Programs are available for grades K-12 (Fall 2026 grade). To view full descriptions and register please visit [portlandmi.recdesk.com](http://portlandmi.recdesk.com). To be guaranteed a Portland Summer Tennis shirt, register by May 29, 2026; registrations taken after June 8, 2026 will receive a shirt only while supplies last.



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