



Shamrock News

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August 21, 2026

Welcome back to all of our St. Patrick students and families! A special welcome to those who are joining our St. Patrick School Family this year. We are so excited to begin a new school year together. We look forward to the year ahead learning both academically and spiritually. May God bless our students, families, and staff as we begin this new school year, and may we always keep Christ at the center of all we do.

Welcome New Students: St. Patrick School welcomes the following new students this school year: Samuel Sanchez-Mustapha (12), Bella Jones (10), Grace Conroy (9), Micah Mulford (9), Sawyer MacKenzie (9), Rebekah Hoedeman (9), Landon Hengesbach (8), Holly Mulford (7), Elsa Lambright (7), Tucker King (6), Robert King (6), Ruby King (5), Zoe Mulford (5), Eliana Lambright (5), Eva King (4), Grace King (4), James Conroy (3), Lucas Mulford (3), Deverik Mitchell (3), William Spitzley (3), Jamison Jex (3), Hendrix Hoskins (2), Christopher King (2), Saoirse Mulford (1), and Lydia Thelen (1).

Welcome also to the following new students entering kindergarten: Apollo Densmore, Sofia Farrington, Lennon Hoskins, Chesnie Kochensparger, Gabriela Koscielniak, Banks Lenneman, Lucas Lowe, Mila Mooney, Emmett Pennington, Lee Pung, and Victoria Sands. And to the following developmental kindergarten students: Beckett Bigham, Camden Brown, Dylan Campbell, Eliza Hengesbach, Berklee Keusch, Isaac Kramer, Audrey Lenneman, Olive Mackowiak, Isabelle Mason, Junia Mulford, Isla Parkhouse, Lennox Rutka, Wade Scheurer, Henry Schneider, Allie Schrauben, Edison Schrauben, Spencer Schrauben, Haidyn Smith, Grace Spitzley, Eliza Spitzley, Caden Stephenson, Levi Thelen, Olivia Vroman, and Logan Woodman.

Marketing Photos: Photographers will be at school on Wed., Sept. 2 to take marketing photos for the 2026-2027 school year. These pictures will be used in the front windows of the school, on the school website, etc. Students should wear their nicest dress code clothes on this day. Girls who have jumpers and skirts are encouraged to wear them. No out of dress code allowed.

Free and Reduced Lunch/E-Rate School Discounts: All parents: please apply for free and reduced lunch on the [Meal Magic Family Portal](#) regardless of need. Important school discounts are determined using this data. You can also manage your child's meal account from here.

Special Days

Week of August 24

Preschool classes begin

Wednesday, September 2

Marketing photos

September 4-7

No School - Labor Day Break

Picture Days: Pictures are scheduled for Monday, September 14 for grades K-5 and Tuesday, September 15 for grades PS and 6-12. Students must dress in school uniform, no jacket or sweatshirts are allowed. Please see page 2 for more information. If you need a paper order form please stop in the office. We are looking for parent volunteers to help the picture days run smoothly. If you are available, please let the office know.

High School Yearbooks: The 2025-26 yearbooks are here. They were handed out to students this week. If you didn't receive yours, please contact Mrs. Rockey.

DK-8th Grade Yearbooks: The 2025-26 yearbooks are also here and will be going home with students this week.



Calendar of Events



8/22 Var. VB @ Battle Creek St. Phillip INV 9a
8/24 First week of Preschool
8/26 Fr. VB @ St. Patrick 4:30p
JV & Var. VB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5:30p

8/27 Var. FB vs. Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian @ PHS 7p
8/28 Jeans/Joggers and spirit wear day
JV & Var. VB vs. Webberville @ SPS 5:30p
8/29 Var. CC @ Catholic CC INV @ St. Francis Retreat Center 10a



Monday, September 14 - for PS-5 grades

Tuesday, September 15 - for PS & 6-12 grades



***Pay Online with your Debit Card, Credit Card, PayPal, Apple Pay or Google Pay.**

Students must dress in school uniform, no jacket or sweatshirts are allowed. Seniors are allowed to wear Sunday best clothes. Please note that picture re-take day has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 27. If you need a paper order form please stop in the office.

Spread the word.

Substitute Teachers Needed

See below on how to get started.



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We welcome all parents and family members (grandparents, aunts, uncles) to attend field trips throughout the school year. However, everyone will need to take a Protecting God's Children* session before this can happen. 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(rens) attendance 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 school website under the About Us tab.)

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.



All children who attend a school or childcare in Michigan are required by State law to be fully immunized.

Don't wait until school starts to vaccinate!

**Avoid the crowds or delays in appointments,
get immunizations up-to-date now!**

Ionia County Health Department offers walk-in clinic hours to make it convenient to get your child up-to-date with immunizations.

Ionia County Health Department
175 E. Adams St.
Ionia, MI 48846
(616) 527-5341

If your child is entering a licensed childcare, kindergarten, 7th Grade or a new school district they must have immunizations up-to-date or a vaccine waiver on file.

*****To waive vaccines for school or childcare you **must** make an appointment with your Local Health Department to obtain an official waiver form.*****