



Shamrock News

The link to the school calendar is here.

August 28, 2026

Welcome New Preschool Students: Emery Brown, Emmett Ferris, Timothy Fischer, Camila Goodman, Saige Goodman, Beckett Hamilton, Cora Heckman, Eliza Heinz, Julia King, Mason Krausz, Carson Kreiner, Ada Lay, Holden Lay, Landry Lay, Breyer Longanbach, Rome Lynn, Delaney Mackowiak, Carter Meekhof, Brynlee Moyer, Reese Moyer, Letti Nurenberg, AJ Ostrom, Declan Parkhouse, Bree Remboski, Andrew Schmitt, Brayleigh Schrauben, Violet Schrauben, Renley Simon, and Quinn Spohn.

Attention School Chaperones and Volunteers: If you or a relative plan to go on a fieldtrip, help out in the classroom or at lunch, you must take the Virtus Training course. You only have to take this course once and you will be good for the time that your child(ren) attend St. Patrick School. This must be completed two weeks before you want to volunteer or chaperone. The directions are on page 6. Don't wait, do it now!

Marketing Photos: Photographers will be at school **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. Seniors should wear normal dress code colors; green, navy blue, or white (do not wear Senior polo's for the pictures).

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.

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 3 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.

LET'S GO SHAMROCKS!

Special Days

Wednesday, September 2

Marketing photos

September 4-7

No School - Labor Day Break

Friday, September 11

No afternoon busing - PPS ½ day

NHS Blood Drive: The American Red Cross blood drive is being hosted by St. Patrick School on Tuesday, September 8 from 8 am to 1:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Visit 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!

Ways to make the school year run smoothly:

- Please call/email absences or late arrivals before school starts.
- Make sure your end of the day plans are in place before school starts. Only email/call with late changes that can't be made before school starts.
- If your child is sick, please keep them home. Students must be vomit, diarrhea, and fever free for 24 hours.
- If a student will be leaving during the day, please notify the teacher and office.
- Check Infinite Campus for missed/late school work.
- PLEASE read the school/class newsletters - they contain information you need to know.



Calendar of Events



8/28 JV & Var. VB vs. Webberville @ SPS 5:30p
8/29 Var. CC @ Catholic CC INV @ St. Francis Retreat Center 10a
9/1 Var. CC @ Saranac INV 6p
MS CC @ Saranac INV 7p

9/2 Marketing Photo Day
JV FB vs. Montabella @ FFF 5p
Fr, JV, & Var. VB @ Bath 5:30p
9/4 Var. FB @ Montabella 7p
9/4-7 Labor Day Break

Virtue Corner

Virtue of the Week:



Definition:

Expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others; anticipating their needs.

Saint Witness:

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was an incredible example of kindness as she ministered to those left in the streets to die. She gave them their dignity back and loved them when very few others would.

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."

--St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

JOIN THE ESPORTS CLUB!

Calling all Middle and High School Students

MEETING TIMES & DETAILS

-  **WHEN:** Wednesdays @ 3:30 PM
-  **FIRST MEETING:** September 9th
-  **WHERE:** Room 211
-  **WHO:** Open to ALL Skill Levels

WHAT WE OFFER



- COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENTS
- CASUAL PLAY & SKILL BUILDING
- GAMING COMMUNITY
- NEW FRIENDS & TEAMWORK

Questions? Contact Ross Schneider -
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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.



PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!

2026 Fall Trap Open House Thursday, September 3rd 6:30pm to 8pm



2026 Spring Trap Conference Champs!

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

SPS Trap 2026 Fall Season

Open to students in grades 6-12

New shooters will need to complete hunter's safety before the season starts. League info available at miclaytarget.com
Sports physicals needed on record.

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 Hengesbach, Troy Smith

2026 Fall League Schedule

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- 8/3:** Team and student athlete registration opens
 - 9/7:** Athlete registration closes – All Athletes must be registered by this date – NO EXCEPTIONS
 - 9/15:** Conferences announced
 - 10/26:** Final Results published

 - 9/3:** Practice & Open House
 - 9/10:** Practice
 - 9/17:** Practice/Reserve Week
 - 9/24:** Week 1
 - 10/1:** Week 2
 - 10/8:** Week 3
 - 10/15:** Week 4
 - 10/22:** Week 5 – Last competition week

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

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Blood Drive
St. Patrick Catholic School
140 Center Street, Portland

Tuesday, September 8, 2026
8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Sponsored by St. Patrick Catholic School National Honor Society.

To schedule an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org
(sponsor code: StPatrick), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health
history questions on the day of your appointment.



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