



Shamrock News

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

September 3, 2026

Elementary Lunch and Recess Volunteers: We are in need of volunteers during our elementary lunch time especially on Mondays and Fridays. The time is 11:50a-12:35p. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, alumni, etc. All volunteers need to be Virtus trained and have a current background check. Please contact the office if you are able to help or have any questions.

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 entire time that your child(ren) attend St. Patrick School. This must be completed two weeks before you want to volunteer or chaperone. Don't wait, do it now!

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. We need EVERY family to apply in order to receive discounts.

Picture Days: Pictures are scheduled for **Monday, September 14** for grades PS-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 the attached 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.

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!

 *Shamrock Pride* 

Special Days

September 4-7

No School - Labor Day Break

Friday, September 11

No afternoon busing - PPS ½ day

Friday, September 25

½ day of school - no pm busing
no preschool

Friday, October 9

No busing - PPS not in session

Guided Hunt through the Portland Grand River Conservation

Club: The Portland Grand River Conservation Club is holding a drawing to allow one youth who has not hunted before, but is interested to go on a doe hunt. It must be a student who is aged 12-18 who has never hunted before but is interested in getting into hunting. This will be a guided hunt through the GRCC. One name will be drawn out of a hat. The students' family will be responsible for providing a doe permit for the hunt. If your son or daughter is interested in getting their name in the drawing, please email Dcn. Randy Hodge randyhodge@portlandstpats.org by Tuesday, September 15.



Calendar of Events

9/4 Var. FB @ Montabella 7p

9/4-7 Labor Day Break

9/8 NHS Blood Drive 8a - 1:45p

JH FB @ Fulton 6p

9/9 Esports Club 4p

5/6 VB (green) vs. St. Joseph/St. Mary @ St. Joseph 5:30p

Fr, JV, Var VB vs. Laingsburg @ SPS 5:30p

9/10 7/8 VB @ Fowler 5p

9/11 No PM busing - PPS ½ day

Var. CC @ MSU INV 10:40a

Senior Open Campus Lunch

9/12 JV VB @ Ionia INV 9a

Var. VB @ Breckenridge INV 9a

5/6 VB (green) vs. St. Gerard/New Covenant @ St. G 9:30a

5/6 VB (white) vs. St. Mary @ St. Mary 9:30a

5/6 FB vs. Morrice @ Breckenridge 1p

Var. FB vs. Morrice @ PHS 7p

Virtue Corner

Virtue of the Week:



Definition:

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

Scripture Verse: Luke 10:33-35: The Good Samaritan

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, You are kindness itself. I desire to show charity toward my neighbor through my thoughts, words, and actions. When others meet me, let them meet You in me.
Amen.

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

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Questions? Contact Ross Schneider -
rossschneider@portlandstcats.org





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Monday, September 14 - for PS-5 grades

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



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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.

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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
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