



Shamrock News

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

October 23, 2026

2027-28 Financial Aid Applications: The application and instructions were emailed to all families. The deadline for round one is November 30, 2026. This applies for students going into grades DK-12. A new application must be filled out each year for scholarships from the Bishop's Scholarship or from the St. Patrick School Scholarship Program. This information can also be found on the school website under Prospective Families, Tuition/ Scholarships. Please contact the office for assistance. The funds are available on a first come, first serve basis, so the sooner you apply, the better!

Dress Code Reminder: Skirts, jumpers, dresses, and shorts can be no shorter than three inches above the knee. This length rule applies to all St. Patrick School events on or off campus. Students have been reminded of this and it will be enforced.

Veterans Day: St. Patrick School will have a ceremony to honor local Veterans on Nov. 11 at 1:15 pm. The ceremony and reception is open to all Veterans and their families. Students may wear a red, white, or blue shirt with dress code bottoms.

Halloween Parties and Parade: Halloween parties will take place on Friday, October 30. Please see your child's classroom newsletter for the time. The elementary Halloween parade will take place at 3:15pm. Parents and Grandparents can watch the parade in the gym. Students may be signed out from their classroom if parents would like to take them home early.

Halloween Costumes: As you are buying/making Halloween costumes, please remember that we have a **NO** weapons (real or pretend), gore, blood, or make-up policy.

Picture Retake Day: Pictures were sent home recently. If you didn't like your picture or were absent, picture retake day is on Tuesday, October 27 from 10:30 am-12:45 pm. For those students who would like to get their picture retaken and bought a package, they **MUST** bring their package to the photographer for an even exchange, as pictures will not be reprinted unless those are returned.

Special Days

Tuesday, November 3

No busing - PPS not in session

Monday & Tuesday, November 23 & 24

No busing - PPS not in session

Wednesday-Friday, November 25-27

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Last day for shorts: The last day students can wear school uniform shorts to school is Friday, October 30th. After October 30, shorts can only be worn by using an out of dress code slip.

Pay it Forward Day: This is a day of service where our students do community service such as raking leaves or small service projects in our community. It will take place on Friday, October 30. Students in grades 6-12 are asked to bring rakes and tarps to school (please put names on them). Rakes are not allowed on the bus so make plans to drop them off in advance. It will also be an out of dress code day. If you know someone within walking distance of the school that needs their yard raked or have a small project, please contact the school.

Portland Community Fund Coat Give Away and Christmas Giving Applications: The coat give away will be Saturday, Oct. 24th from 10am— 1pm at St. Andrew Lutheran Church located at 8867 Kent Street. Coats and outerwear will be available to anyone who needs them. Another option to get a coat is to visit the Portland Community Clothes Closet located at the Portland United Methodist Church, 310 Bridge Street. These are available free of charge on Mondays from 9am-12noon and Thursdays from 4pm-6pm. Portland Community Fund Christmas Giving applications will be available to residents of the Portland School District on October 1st at City Hall and the Food Bank. These applications are due Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026. Any questions please contact Sandy Olson at 517-647-6306.



Calendar of Events



10/23 Var. FB @ Dansville 7p
10/24 Var. VB @ CMAC Tournament 9a
10/27 Picture Retake Day 10:30-12:45p
Cherubim Choir Practice 3:30-4:45p
JV & Var. VB vs. Barry County Christian @ SPS 5:30p
10/28 Esports Club 4-5p
Quiz Bowl @ Bath 4:30p
10/29 HS Bible Study 6:30a

10/30 Last day of uniform shorts
Pay It Forward Day - out of dress code
Elementary Halloween parties - see class newsletter
Senior Open Campus Lunch
Halloween Parade 3:15p
10/31 Var. CC Regional @ Allendale HS 9a
11/1 Daylight Saving Time Ends

Virtue Corner

Virtue of the Week:

Magnificence

Definition: Undertaking great things, using money, time, and talents to their full potential.

St. Witness: St. John Paul II

Karol Wojtyla grew up in Poland and became a priest after his studies in an underground seminary during World War II. Fr. Wojtyla gave himself wholeheartedly to whatever he was assigned to do, whether it was academic work or canoe trips with the youth in his parish. When he became pope in 1978, John Paul II continued to lead the Church with great magnificence and enthusiasm. He started World Youth Days; invited all to come into the Church; and did other great things with love, wisdom, hard work, and perseverance, undergirded by an intense prayer life. He frequently said, "Do not be afraid!" and was an inspiration to many people, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

"A magnificent building will never rise if we reject the insignificant bricks." - St. Faustina

Did you know?



Bishop Walkowiak provides \$550,000 for a needs-based scholarship to students in Catholic schools each year.

In the 2026-27 school year,

- 901 students across 31 schools were awarded a Bishop's Scholarship.
- Of those awarded, Bishop's Scholarship has distributed \$602 on average per student

For more Information: catholicschools4u.org/scholarships



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR ANNUAL ...



VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Thank you for dedicating your life to serving
our country. We owe our freedom to you!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

AT 1:15PM

IN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

COOKIES AND COFFEE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL, 122 WEST ST. PORTLAND, MICHIGAN



PTO'S CANDLE FUNDRAISER

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY: USING QR CODE OR
<https://bit.ly/4yOW9JP>

10oz JARS - \$20 7oz TINS - \$12 MELTS - \$5

Fall + Christmas Scents

Apple Maple Bourbon • Christmas Memories
Cinnamon Vanilla • Cranberry Prosecco • Pumpkin Souffle



OCT 16 - OCT 26



CHRISTMAS CHOIR



ALL Singers Grade 5 thru College

Christmas Choir rehearsal begins Saturday - Nov 7th

Rehearsals will be held in the Music Room at St. Patrick School
(Enter thru door #6 on West Street near Grand River)

Please reserve the following dates and times:

11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12 from 10:00am - 11:30am

12/19 and 12/22 from 10:00am - NOON

We will be singing at the 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Registration NOT required

Questions? Call Dr. James Tavazze at 517-940-2410

**NOTE: College Age Singers must have attended a
Protecting God's Children Awareness Session**



HAPPY SOCK-TOBER!!

St. Patrick School will be partnering with The Michigan State Police Training Division in collecting brand new socks of all sizes and colors from October 1 - October 30, 2026.

Place **NEW socks only** in the tote near the lost and found table. All donations will go to support the Portland area community and Portland & St. Patrick Schools.

This corporal act of mercy is a great way to give to others in need. Thank you for doing what you can to be Jesus' hands and feet.



Warm Feet!! Warm Hearts!! God Bless!!



St. Patrick Catholic School

Preschool through Grade 12

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!

To: Parents of St. Patrick DK-12 Students
From: Mrs. Casey Lenneman (DK-5 Principal)
Deacon Randy Hodge (6-12 Principal)
Subject: Opportunity to “opt your child out” of the *Touching Safety* program
Date: October 2, 2026

St. Patrick School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, *Touching Safety*, to all students in their religion/theology class on November 9, 2026. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*™ program developed the *Touching Safety* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. If you have questions about the program we encourage you to visit the *Touching Safety* program online at www.virtus.org. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child’s teacher no later than Tuesday, November 3. This form needs to be completed each year you wish to opt-out.

If you have any questions, please contact Casey Lenneman or Randy Hodge at (517) 647-7551.

Opt-out form for use with the *Touching Safety* program

St. Patrick School DOES NOT have my permission to present the *Touching Safety* program, to my child(ren):

Student First and Last Name

Grade

Parent name (printed): _____

Parent signature: _____ Date _____

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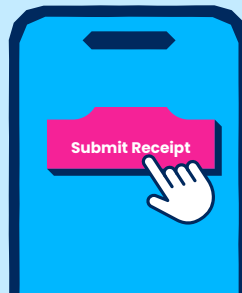
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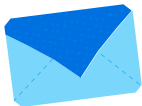
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qualifying digital receipts in the app



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