



Shamrock News

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

October 9, 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!

PTO Meeting: The October PTO Meeting is Monday, October 12 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. We hope to see you there!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: A letter from the administration was emailed to all parents. Please read the letter regarding the changes for conferences this year.

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.

Touching Safety Opt Out: If you do not want your student to participate in the Touching Safety program on November 9th, please fill out and return the attached form.

Lost and Found: If your child is missing their jacket, sweatshirt, sweater, water bottle, lunch box, etc. have them look on the lost and found table located in the elementary hallway. Be sure to label everything. Our lost and found table is overwhelmed with items.

Special Days

Friday, October 9

No busing - PPS not in session

Thursday & Friday, October 15 & 16

No School - Diocesan PD

Thursday & Friday, October 22 & 23

No afternoon busing - PPS ½ days

Tuesday, November 3

No busing - PPS not in session

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.

Picture Retake Day: Pictures were sent home this week. If you didn't like your picture or were absent, picture retake day is on Tuesday, October 27. 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.

2026-27 St. Patrick School Family Directory: This was emailed to all families who participate in the directory. If changes need to be made to your household information at any time, please share the change with the school office.



Calendar of Events

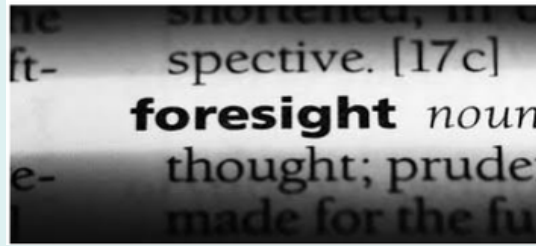


10/10 Var. VB @ Ionia INV 9a
5/6 FB vs. Coleman @ Merrill 1:15p
Var. FB @ Fulton 7p
10/12 7/8 VB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5p
PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 7p
10/13 Var. & MS CC @ Saranac Color Run 4p
7/8 FB @ Morrice 6p
School Board Meeting in room 208 6:30p
10/14 Esports Club 4p
Fr. & Var. VB vs. Lansing Christian @ SPS 5:30p
JV FB @ St. Charles 6p

10/15 No School - Diocesan PD
7/8 VB @ P-W 5p
10/16 No School - Diocesan PD
End of 1st Quarter
Var. FB vs. St. Charles @ PHS 7p
10/17 Var. VB @ Dansville INV 9a
5/6 FB vs. Morrice @ FFF 9a
Var. CC @ Greater Lansing INV @ Ledge Meadows 10a

Virtue Corner

Virtue of the Week:



Definition: Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead.

Saint Witness: St. John Bosco

John devoted himself to training boys how to make a living and teaching them to love God. He believed that, instead of threatening young people with punishments, it was more effective to show them they were loved and trusted. Because of his foresight, many young men were kept off the streets and away from those dangers and temptations, embracing virtue and holiness instead.

"God provides for all things, but He has chosen to provide for us through our own foresight and cooperation." - St. Augustine



Bishop's Scholarship



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

To be considered, you must:

- Be a student in grades K through 12
- An active parishioner
- Fill out a financial aid application with tax documents, plus a \$30 application fee

For more information: CatholicSchools4U.org/scholarships

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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COMING SOON

THE PTO IS EXCITED TO ONCE AGAIN TEAM UP WITH
COURTNEY'S CANDLES FROM THE PORT
FOR A FALL FUNDRAISER

30% of sales are given back
Fall + Christmas Scents

Last years Fundraiser brought in over \$1750 to help fund
Appreciation Luncheons • Gift Bags • Wishlist Items



OCT. 16-26