



# Shamrock News

11/11/16

### Announcements:

A letter with information for applying for financial aid was emailed to all school families this past Monday. The Diocese of Grand Rapids has chosen a new company for the 2017 – 18 school year. If you would like to apply for financial aid but lost or did not receive this information, you can find the information on the school website or you can contact the school office.

We will have our annual canned and/or boxed food drive on Thursday, November 17. Please send a canned or boxed good to school with your child on this date.

Books of Remembrance have been completed and are on display outside the school office. If you happen to be at a basketball game or stop by the school, feel free to take time to peruse and see whom the students have chosen to remember.

The PTO wine tasting fundraiser is scheduled to take place in the Oak Room at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant next Thursday, November 17. Cost to participate is \$20.

### Jean Days:

**Friday, November 18:** Children’s Healing Center (for more information visit their website at <http://www.childrenshealingcenter.org>).

### Thank you:

- To school parent, Mr. Mike Greenwood for being our speaker at our annual Veteran’s Day ceremony.
- To our school committee that planned our annual Veteran’s Day ceremony and to all who attended.

### Congratulations:

- To freshmen Ashton Walker for finishing in sixth place in the cross country state finals with a time of 16:42. He was the top freshmen finisher in Class D with the next closest finishing in 33rd place. Congratulations to Ashton and the entire cross country program on a great season.
- To our varsity football team on a great season. They finished the season with a 10 – 1 record and a league championship and advanced as one of the final eight teams in the state tournament.

- To the varsity volleyball team for winning the district this year. It is our first volleyball district championship in 25 years. They also won their regional semifinal game on Tuesday evening which broke the school record for wins in a season with 28.
- To our Patriot’s Pen Essay winners. They are: Mara Schrauben, Devon FoxElster, Natalee Teachworth, and Emma Scheurer.
- To our Voice of Democracy Winners. They are: Brendan Schrauben, Sammi Leonard, Adam Brown, Greg Doll, Graham Smith, and Abby Pearson.
- To our Students of the Month for the month of October. They are:
 

Lower Elementary:	Charlotte Frazee
Upper Elementary:	Henrik Waltersdorf
Middle School:	Marian Pearson
High School:	Adam Brown

**Christmas Program:** The elementary Christmas Program will take place Thursday, December 15th at 2:30p and 6:30p in the gymnasium.

**Sports Banquet:** The high school Fall Sports Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, December 1 at Knights Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your own table service and your favorite dish to share. The main course and drinks are provided. Attire for the students is shirt and tie and dress slacks for the gentlemen and dresses, skirts, or nice dress pants and shirt for the ladies (we ask for modest dress including no short dresses or skirts and/or bare shoulders or low cut tops). The fall teams that will be honored are Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Football, JV and Varsity Volleyball.



## Calendar of Events



11/12	5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. St. Michael @ SPS 10a	11/16	QuizBowl: League Meet @ Carson City-Crystal 4p
11/14	Open Gym 2:30-3:10p		PTO Meeting in room 115 6p
	Chess Club Grades 3-5 Room 115 3:50-5p		Sanchin-Ryu Room 209 6p
	7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. Bath @ SPS 5:30p	11/17	Mass led by 7th grade 9:30a
11/15	NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10a-4:30p		7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5:30p
	PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches		5/6 Grade Boys BB @ St. Thomas 6p
	Drama Club Grades 6-12 Room 115 2:30 - 3:30p		PTO Wine Tasting @ Wagon Wheel 6:30p
	Drama Club Grades 3-5 Room 115 3:50 - 5:00p	11/18	Reconciliation for 10th grade 8:30a
	SPS Lego League CIA Building 6p		Open Campus Lunch for Seniors
11/16	Hearing Screening Grades PS, K, 2 and 4	11/19	5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. IHM/St. Casimir @ SPS 9:30a

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents,

Here are the recent updates from the counseling office. . .

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER 29 AT 6:00! College Preparation Night will be held here on campus. We invite all high school students and parents to this event. Public schools are also invited! We have been working to make this event even bigger this year. In addition to our two key note speakers we will be hosting a COLLEGE FAIR! As of today I have numerous colleges coming, two military service units, Heartlands, and a vocational representative from Grand Rapids. I am very excited about this event. The schedule for the evening will be as follows:

- 6:00 College Fair (meet with college reps and get information)
- 6:30 Key Note Speaker, Mr. Santos, LCC. Community College experience and financial aid
- 6:55 Key Note Speaker, Mr. Bouwkamp, Aquinas College. College 101, Tips to Success
- 7:30 College Fair resumes until 8:15.

Representatives from CMU, Hope, Aquinas, Alma, Albion, Oakland, GVSU, Olivet, LCC, Heartlands, GRCC, MCC, Air Force, and the Marines, have agreed to participate and will be available to meet with you and your child. We anticipate other colleges to attend as well. DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY LOCATED CLOSE TO HOME!

Individual junior meetings have begun. I am meeting during fourth hour with juniors. We are creating a TOOL KIT for you and your student to use as you accumulate college and vocational information. Please use this folder to store all your college pamphlets and information that you are collecting. Check out the forms in the folder, especially the college cost comparison form. Please save this folder as students will need it next October for senior meetings.

Mr. Osbourne and I provided class unity meetings and lessons for the sophomore class. We worked on goal setting, defining concerns, problem solving tools, and empowering students to make great choices. You should be proud of your students and the work that they did. I will be providing the same lessons to the freshman class in December.

That is the latest from the counseling office. God bless and hug your child today!

~Mrs. Hynes

## Auditions

- Who:** All youth grades 6th - 12th
- What:** Auditions for "God Is In Control"
- Where:** Portland Playhouse
- When:** Monday, November 28th  
At 7:30 p.m.
- Why:** To spread God's love throughout our community

Performances will take place the weekend of  
January 27, 28, and 29.

**Shamrock Auction Shopping:** Black Friday is upon us, and these low prices provide a great opportunity for your 2017 donation to the SHAMROCK AUCTION! Please consider donating in one of two ways: 1) pool your money with others and make a purchase on Black Friday to donate to this year's auction while out shopping, or 2) make a cash contribution and let someone else shop for you! To make a cash contribution, put your check or cash in an envelope marked 2017 SHAMROCK AUCTION, and either drop it in the church offering or drop it at the school office or rectory.



American Red Cross

**Give Thanks! Donate Blood!:** The St. Patrick Catholic High School chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on November 15th from 10:00 am to 4:15 pm in the St. Patrick Parish Hall. To schedule an appointment to donate, please see an NHS member today or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Walk-Ins accepted. Appointments honored.



**Toys for Tots:** The St. Patrick Catholic School chapter of National Honor Society is partnering with The U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots program to collect and distribute new, unwrapped toys for children in need in Ionia county. Collection boxes are available at the school office, Parish Hall, and latch key entrances and the NHS bulletin board in the high school hallway. Toys will be collected through December 15th.

# STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION



**The Stewardship Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Stewards that give of their time, talents and treasure for the good of the Parish. All are welcome!**

**When: Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**Time: After 4:30 p.m. Mass**

**Where: St. Patrick's Parish Hall**

**Come enjoy some delicious food, get a chance to win a door prize while sharing in conversation and fellowship!**









**Also, the winners of the Youth Stewardship Contests will be announced.**

## Portland St Pats High School Spirit Wear 2016

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at <https://portlandstpatshsspirit2016.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: November 21st, 2016 (11:59pm)

<p><b>Portland St Pats Wmns Club Fleece Hoodie</b></p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$33.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats Youth Club Fleece Hoodie</b></p>  <p>\$30.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats Wmns Club Fleece Sweatpants</b></p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$30.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats Youth Club Fleece Pants</b></p>  <p>\$30.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats KO Hoodie</b></p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$36.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats KO Sweatpants</b></p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$40.00</p>
<p><b>Portland St Pats Colorblock Hoodie</b></p>  <p>\$25.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats S/S Tee</b></p>  <p>3 Colors</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats Youth S/S Tee</b></p>  <p>3 Colors</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats Wmns Stripe 1/4 Zip Pullover</b></p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$38.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats Stripe 1/4 Zip Pullover</b></p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$38.00</p>	<p><b>Portland St Pats L/S Performance Tee</b></p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$14.00</p>
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# Clip & Save

There have been some recent changes to what labels St. Pat's will be collecting. The Labels For Education has been discontinued. Spartan Labels are no longer collecting UPC's, and we are no longer collecting juice pouches. Please keep this chart handy for future label competitions.

## Box Tops for Education

- Each Box Top is worth 10¢.
- You can find Box Tops on over 270 participating products.
- Several stores offer bonus box tops when you purchase items that support Box Tops. Watch for these promotions at your favorite store.
- Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com> for on-line bonus Box Tops contests and a complete list of eligible products.



## Aunt Millie's School Spirit UPC's

- Each UPC is worth 5¢.
- The UPC must include the School Spirit logo.
- Visit <http://schoolspiritprograms.com/all-eligible-products/> for a complete list of eligible products.

## Tyson Project A+ Labels

- Each label is worth 24¢.
- There are more than 30 participating Tyson products in the freezer section.
- Look for the Tyson Project A+ Label.
- Visit <http://projectaplus.tyson.com/Products.aspx> for a complete list of Tyson products.

# New ways to donate to St. Patrick School:



## NEW BOX TOPS BONUS APP

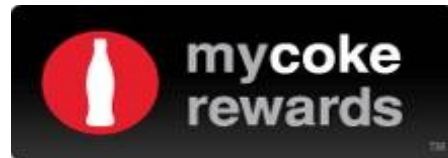
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