



Shamrock News

12/2/16

Announcements:

Calendar/Schedule Changes:

- Please note the secondary exam schedule for December 16 – 20 included in this newsletter.
- **Please note that DK – 5th grade will be released at 11:30 on December 20.**

Congratulations: To high school teacher Mr. Paul Osbourne and his wife Becca on the birth of their daughter, Samantha Therese, born Nov. 26 at 1:56 pm. She was 8 lbs. 1 oz. and 22 inches long.

Help Wanted: We are in need of a Before School Latchkey Supervisor. The shift begins at 6:30 a.m. and runs until approximately 8:50 a.m. each school morning. If you are interested in applying for this position please send a letter of application and resume to the school office as soon as possible.

Healthy Snack Vending Machine: Each year, Mrs. Martin's 7th grade students do persuasive essays and do a presentation to convince Mr. Hodge of something that the school could change or try which would improve the school. One such item was for the school to have a healthy snack vending machine. Right before Thanksgiving break, we had one installed in the upstairs between the middle and high school that is available for student use. The healthy snack vending machine is being used on a trial basis between now and the end of the school year.

Seminarian Visit: We were blessed to have five seminarians visit with our students before the Thanksgiving Break. Thank you to seminarians Deacon Stephen Durkee, Michael Steffes, Johnathan Johnson, Chad Armock and Logan Weber.

Senior's Wearing College Shirts on Friday: Each year around this time, we begin letting our seniors wear the college or trade school shirt they have committed to attending in lieu of spirit wear shirts on Fridays.

College Night: Thank you to our counselor Mrs. Hynes on our College Night which took place this past Tuesday evening. We were blessed to have ten colleges and two speakers which presented on important topics for those planning on attending college in the future.

Jean Days:

Friday, December 9 – Ele's Place: This organization, located in Lansing, works with grieving children and teens.

Friday, December 16 – Last Friday before Christmas break - Free Jean Day to all students.

Congratulations:

- To Greg Doll and Sam Hodge for being named Honorable Mention All-State in football. Those two, along with Jerrid Pine, Blake Wohlschied, Noah Goodman, Matt Janderno, Blake Hodge, Isaiah Smith, Will Simon and Colin Cook were named to the Central Michigan 8 Man All Conference team.

- To our varsity volleyball coach Heidi Wenzel who was named as the Lansing Area Coach of the Year by the Lansing State Journal.

- To Hannah Greenwood and Kelsey Schneider for being named by the Lansing State Journal to the First Team All Lansing Area Volleyball team and to Amelia Schrauben who was Honorable Mention.

- To the Stewardship Youth Contest Winners.

High School - Nathan Lehnert

Middle School - 1st place Carly Scheurer, Sarah Davlin, and Isabella Myers; 2nd place Cozette Brown, Emma Honsowitz, Alexandria Bennett, and Moriah Hass; 3rd place Mara Schrauben, Katelyn Russell, and Lydia Meredith.

4th/5th grade - 1st place (tie) Addison Scheurer and Therese Mackowiak 1st place (tie) Kenzie Fedewa and Adia Ryder; 2nd place (tie) Ella Darling and Laynie Meredith; 2nd place (tie) Janelle Dugan and Emily Snitgen; 3rd place Joel Enz, Brayden Simon and Simon White.

Hall Walking: Hall walking is open to the public from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on days that St. Patrick School is in session (full days of school only). You may enter the building using the center set of doors on West Street. Hall walking is available starting November 28 through March 31. Hall walking is NOT available on Mondays when children's faith formation classes are in session.

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

Attention all Artsy Middle and High School Students: Art Club is starting up again. Thursdays from 2:30-4:30 starting January 5th - April 13th. If you are interested in joining, please see Mrs. Gorzen for all the details.

Youth Group Information From Mr. George:

High School: Come this Sunday for Adoration with music. Meet first at the Youth Center at 6:00 pm.

Junior High: No Youth Group next Friday, December 9th. Mr. George will be on vacation.

Athletic Association is selling SPS Blankets and Umbrellas:

Stop by the Parish Hall after all masses this Sunday during coffee and donuts to purchase a blanket (\$30) or umbrella (\$20). These make great Christmas gifts.





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.

Christmas Giving Program: The Christmas Committee is collecting non-perishable food donations to fill the Christmas dinner food bags as a part of the Christmas Giving Program. Your donations will provide a Christmas dinner to the families in need of assistance in the Portland school district. The PCFA purchases the perishable items and we could use help in collecting any of the following items: instant potatoes and/or rice, gravy, dressing, bisquick/jiffy mix, vegetables (can), fruit (can), jello or pudding boxes. The collection runs from Nov. 18 - Dec. 11. There is a collection box outside the school office.

News from the Lunch Lady:

ICE CREAM YOU SCREAM!!!

WE ARE SELLING ICE CREAM!!!

During lunch every Wednesday and Friday

You can buy a delicious bowl of Ice Cream

FOR ONLY \$1.00

The Flavors vary but we have something for everyone!!



We have finally entered the 21st century!! You can now access your child's lunch account on-line. You only need their student ID and the web site: www.sendmoneytoschool.com.

I would be more than willing to help you get this set up if you think you would find this helpful.

Please contact me at: Audra_pline@portlandstpats.com

Thursday, December 8th is a Holy Day.
Grades 6-12 will be attending the 7:30 am mass.
Students must be in their first hour class by 7:25 am for attendance.

2016 Winter Exam Schedule

Thursday, December 15: Secondary Schedule (Grade 6-12)

- 7:30 - 10:35 Regular Mass Day Morning Schedule
- 10:35 - 11:00 4th hour
- 11:32 - 12:07 5th hour
- 12:10 - 12:45 6th hour
- 12:50 - 2:20 7th Hour Exam

Friday, December 16: Secondary Schedule (Grade 6-12)

- 7:50 - 9:20 1st Hour Exam
- 9:30 - 11:00 2nd Hour Exam - **No Busing at 11 am**

Monday, December 19: Secondary Schedule (Grade 6-12)

- 7:50 - 9:20 3rd Hour Exam
- 9:30 - 11:00 4th Hour Exam - **No Busing at 11 am**

Tuesday, December 20: Secondary Schedule (Grade 6-12)

- 7:50 - 9:20 5th Hour Exam
- 9:30 - 11:00 6th Hour Exam - **No Busing at 11 am**

Lost & Found



There are several items in the lost and found in the office. We have shoes, socks, a tie, a belt, jackets, balls, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, glasses, umbrella, jewelry, container full of dvd's, a St. Pat's blanket bag, a draw string bag and one adult black leather glove.



Calendar of Events



12/2	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Fulton 5:30p	12/6	School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6p
12/3	QuizBowl: League Tournament @ Laingsburg 9a		Var. Girls & Boys BB vs. Morrice @ PMS 6p
	5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. St. Gerard @ SPS 10a	12/7	Senior Retreat to Fr. Solanus Casey Center
12/4	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p		Freshman Retreat @ Aquinas College
12/5	Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony in the church 9:20a		Sophomore & Junior Retreat @ SPS
	Open Gym 2:30-3:10p	12/8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
	Chess Club Grades 3-5 Room 115 3:50-5p		Virgin Mary Masses 7:30 - grades 6-12 & 9:30 - grades K-5
	7/8 Grade Boys BB @ Fulton 5p		7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. P-W @ SPS 5:30p
	JV Girls & Boys BB @ Morrice 5:30p		5/6 Grade Boys BB @ St. Mary Williamston 6p
12/6	German I & II Classes to Frankenmuth	12/9	Reconciliation for 8th Grade 8:30a
	PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches		Open Campus lunch for Seniors
	Drama Club Grades 6-12 Room 115 2:30 - 3:30p	12/10	5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. Resurrection @ SPS 10a
	Drama Club Grades 3-5 Room 115 3:50 - 5:00p	12/15	Elementary Christmas Program in Gym 2:30 & 6:30p
	SPS Lego League CIA Building 6p		