



Shamrock News

12/9/16

Announcements:

Elementary Science Curriculum: This past spring, money was donated at the Shamrock Auction to put towards the purchase of a new elementary science curriculum. We have purchased a portion of the new science curriculum with the funds that were donated and will begin using the new curriculum in the spring. Thank you again to all who donated towards the purchase of our new science curriculum.

Help Wanted: Middle School Yearbook Advisor: we are in need of a volunteer middle school yearbook advisor. This club could meet immediately after school and/or at lunch time one or two times a week. It would take approximately an hour or two of time each week to serve as the advisor. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

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. **There will be no busing at this time.**

Help Wanted: We are in need of a Before School Latchkey Supervisor. The shift begins at 6:30 a.m. and runs to 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.

Jean Days:

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

Thank You:

- To all students and parents for their generosity with our shoebox project that was completed with Big Rocks and Little Rocks working together. Our goal was to put 80 shoeboxes together with the items donated. We were able to put together 148. Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and your generosity.
- To anyone who helped make our high school retreat day a success. All retreats went well. We hope you were able to discuss the retreat with your child(ren) and find out their thoughts on their retreat experience.

Congratulations:

- To the Quizbowl team for wrapping up another successful season on Saturday. They finished 2nd in the league and 3rd in the league tournament.
- To Quizbowl team members: Veronica White who finished 9th overall in JV scoring, Kara Shaw who finished 4th overall in JV scoring, and Colin Pline who finished 3rd overall in Varsity scoring.

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

Friday, December 16

No busing in p.m. – Portland Public Schools 1/2 Day



Calendar of Events



12/10	5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. Resurrection @ SPS 10a	12/16	High School Exam (1st hour) 7:50 - 9:20a
12/12	Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony in the church 1:30p Open Gym 2:30-3:10p Chess Club Grades 3-5 Room 115 3:50-5p		High School Exam (2nd hour) 9:30-11a (No buses @ 11) NO BUSING at dismissals for all students Reconciliation for 7th Grade 8:30a
12/13	ICHD Hearing Rescreening PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches Drama Club Grades 6-12 Room 115 2:30 - 3:30p Drama Club Grades 3-5 Room 115 3:50 - 5:00p 7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5p JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p SPS Lego League CIA Building 6p		JV & Var. Girls BB @ P-W 5:30p JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Vestaburg @ PMS 6p
12/14	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Laingsburg 5:30p PTO Meeting @ Wagon Wheel 6p	12/17	5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. St. Mary (Westphalia) @ SPS 10a
12/15	NHS Toys for Tots distribution 8:30a Mass led by 6th grade 9:30a High School Exam (7th Hour) 12:50-2:20p PS-5th Grade Christmas Program 2:30p & 6:30p 7/8 Grade Boys BB @ Bath 5p JV & Var. Boys BB vs. P-W @ PMS 6p	12/19	High School Exam (3rd hour) 7:50 - 9:20a High School Exam (4th hour) 9:30-11a (No buses @ 11) Elementary Christmas Parties (see teacher notes) Second Grade Nativity Play 10:45a & 2:45p Open Gym 2:30-3:10p Bowling @ Central Montcalm 3:30p Chess Club Grades 3-5 Room 115 3:50-5p
		12/20	High School Exam (5th hour) 7:50 - 9:20a High School Exam (6th hour) 9:30-11a (No buses @ 11) Second Grade Nativity Play 9:30a 1/2 Day of School - DK-5 dismissed No buses @ 11:30
		12/21-1/4	Christmas Break begins - School resumes Jan. 4th

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents!

Thank you to all who attended our College Night last week. There were approximately 100 in attendance. We had a nice group of colleges attending and the speakers offered a wonderful array of important information for parents and students. It was a great night.

We are almost at the half way mark in individual junior meetings. Each student receives a college planning folder to store college information. Please use this tool as a family to organize and keep career/college information. I will want to have this folder returned to be used for your child's senior meeting in October, so please keep it in a safe place. Thanks!

I will be presenting a cyber safety class to the 8th grade soon. It will be the same lesson the 7th graders had last month. I am looking forward to teaching.

Have a great break and hug your child today.

~Mrs. Hynes

Tuesday, December 20

1/2 day of school – DK–5 grades released at 11:30am
No busing @ dismissal

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



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.

Show your Shamrock Pride in the Holiday Light Parade: Join us this Saturday, December 10 at 5:30 pm on Riverside Drive! Meet up with the group from St. Pat's! Please wear as much St. Pat's spirit wear and Christmas fun as you can! Get all decked out in lights! Hold battery operated candles/use glow sticks and more! Parent volunteers will be there to meet students of all ages! Students will hold and walk our school banner. This is a great way to show our Shamrock Pride! We are encouraging the group to sing carols along the parade route! Please join in on the fun!



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, an umbrella, jewelry, a container full of dvd's, a St. Pat's blanket bag, a draw string bag, boots, a water bottle and one adult black leather glove.