



# Shamrock News

12/1/17

## Announcements:

One of the main goals of St. Patrick School is to be transparent to our parish and school community. With this goal in mind, the St. Patrick School Board made the decision to begin completing an annual report like other organizations who wish to keep their communities informed of all that takes place within that organization. Please click on this [link](#) to see the St. Patrick School annual report for this year. It can also be found on the school website in Documents/Forms under the About Us tab.

## Jean Days:

Friday, December 8 – No Jean Day – Mass Day  
 Friday, December 15 – A student’s friend who has leukemia.

## Congratulations:

- To our state runner up varsity football team on their outstanding season.
- To sophomore Ned Smith on being named as the Lansing State Journal Athlete of the Week.
- To 3rd grade student Grace Maria Heins for her performance in the Nutcracker at the Wharton Center over Thanksgiving break.
- To our Student Ambassador Team for organizing the great “Thanksgiving” service day before Thanksgiving break.

**Christmas Program:** The Preschool-5th grade Christmas Program will take place on Monday, December 11. Performances will be at 2:30 and 6:00 pm in the school gym.

**Christmas Shoebox Project:** Gift items for the shoeboxes are due by Thursday, December 7. Big Rocks and Little Rocks will fill their boxes on this day. Your children should have brought home a list of *suggested* items to purchase for these boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

**Portland Community Fund:** The Portland Community Fund is collecting nonperishable food items. Donations can be dropped off outside the school office and in the vestibule of the church.

## Friday, 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.

**No afternoon busing on Dec. 8th - PPS 1/2 day**



St. Patrick Catholic School National Honor Society is collecting new unwrapped toys for ages birth to 17 for the USMC Reserve Toys for Tots. Need some ideas? Items that are always needed include makeup bags/hair accessories, fuzzy blankets, sleds, bikes, skates, snowboards, books, DVDs, CDs. Drop off boxes are located outside the school entrance and in the high school hallway. This year we are participating in a friendly competition with other West Michigan schools sponsored by WZZM ABC13 to collect the most toys. You can watch WZZM each morning between November 20th and December 14th to see our toy tally!

## 2017 Winter Exam Schedule Secondary Schedule (Grades 6-12)

### Monday, December 18:

7:30—11:00 Regular morning school day schedule  
 11:32—12:07 5th hour class  
 12:10– 12:45 6th hour class  
 12:50 - 2:20 7th Hour Exam

### Tuesday, December 19:

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

### Wednesday, December 20: **No Busing**, PPS not in session

7:50 - 9:20 3rd Hour Exam  
 9:30 - 11:00 4th Hour Exam

### Thursday, December 21: **No Busing**, PPS not in session

7:50 - 9:20 5th Hour Exam  
 9:30 - 11:00 6th Hour Exam

## Calendar of Events

12/1	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Lansing Christian @ PMS 6p	12/5	Chess Club grades 3-5 Room 115 3:50-5p
12/2	QuizBowl @ Laingsburg League Tournament 9a		School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6p
	5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. Our Savior Lutheran @ SPS 10a		JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Ashley @ PMS 6p
12/4	Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony in Church 9:20a	12/6	Reconciliation for 5th grade 1p
	Bowling @ P-W 3:30p	12/7	HACK Club in room 200 2:30p
	7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. Potterville @ SPS 5:30p		7/8 Grade Boys BB @ Saranac 5p
	JV & Var. Girls BB @ Fulton 5:30p		JV & Var. Boys BB @ Morrice 5:30p
	Drama Club CIA Headquarters 6p	12/8	No afternoon busing - PPS 1/2 day
12/5	ICHD Hearing Screening for 3 yr. PS, DK, K, 2, & 4		Mass Grades 6-12 7:30am
	German Classes to Frankenmuth 7:45a		Mass Grades K-5 9:30am
	Reconciliation for 11th grade 8:30a		Senior Open Campus Lunch
	PFCU Student Branch during lunch	12/9	5th/6th Grade Boys BB @ St. Thomas 12:15p

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents,

FAFSA forms for seniors should be completed by now and you should be hearing very soon from colleges on financial packages available for your student. It's an exciting time! We have been praying for your kids and asking God to lead them into the career/college choice which will fulfill the work God has for your kids.

Heartland's (HIT) courses in Ionia have some outstanding options available. If you have a student interested in criminal justice, corrections or emergency 911 operations please consider this option. There is a school to work option for top criminal justice students. College credits and numerous job shadow experiences are built into the curriculum. Ionia and Montcalm County are searching for candidates to fulfill the 911 call centers. Heartland's now offers this school to work opportunity to provide the county with top notch high school graduates. The pay grade is between \$35,000-\$55,000 and students will not need additional college credit to apply next year.

HIT also offers a health course with the opportunity to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at NO COST for HIT students. College transfer credit is also available. A CNA allows students to provide care for nursing home residents and work at some hospitals. This is a nice entry level job that works well for college students who would like to work part time in college and make more than minimum wage. It is also helpful for students interested in nursing or EMT training.

We will feature other HIT options in future newsletters. Our current Juniors (Class of 2019) will have the option to apply for HIT this spring. It is done on a first come first served basis. We are guaranteed one spot in each class for next year. I may be offered additional spots at the scheduling meeting.

The college fair at Belding was well attended and successful. We have been invited to attend a CAREER FAIR in April. Hiring will be done on the spot by numerous companies. More on that exciting opportunity later. . . .

Jackie has been reading in the DK and Kindergarten classrooms. She continues to hold Friendship Lunch with third graders every other week. She has presented a "RESPECT" unit in the fifth-grade classroom and a "KINDNESS, ACCEPTING EACH OTHER" unit in the third grade. There will be multiple opportunities to read holiday stories in the next few weeks about the birth of Jesus to look forward to this month.

Jackie had the opportunity to attend the Nutcracker at the Wharton Center on November 27 with our elementary students. Our very own Grace Maria Heins performed! Our kids showed fantastic maturity, were respectful and enjoyed this special event. Jackie stopped by the classrooms to tell them how proud of them she was. We have a great group of students at SPS!!!

We are starting to work on high school schedules for next semester. The junior and senior classes can begin planning for their next LCC class soon. We are extremely pleased with how well our onsite Aquinas College class has worked out. This partnership is a win-win and we anticipate continued positive opportunities for our students.

Have a great day and hug your child today!

Val Hynes and Jackie Bass



The blood drive sponsored  
by National Honor Society  
last week collected 27 units

of blood. Thank you to everyone  
who donated. Our next drive at the  
Parish Hall is scheduled for January  
23rd.



## LOST & FOUND . . . .

If you are looking for your child's jacket, sweater, sweatshirt, sweatpants, hat, mittens, headband, or one pink cowboy boot—check out the lost and found cart in the office. We also have a set of workout DVD's that were turned in a few weeks ago.