



# Shamrock News

1/15/16

### **Announcements:**

Friday, January 15 marks the end of the first semester which means we are now officially half way through the school year. Congratulations to all of our students on their hard work throughout the first semester and a special thank you to the senior class for their exceptional leadership during this first half of the school year.

### **Jean Days:**

**Friday, January 22:** This jean day will go to Laura Coon. Laura is a 19 year old from Lyons that recently lost her barn in a fire. She lost some of her goats that she uses for 4-H and a great deal of supplies.

**Friday, January 29:** This jean day will go to Leigha Carter. Leigha is a young lady from Lake Odessa that was recently diagnosed with Stevens-Johnson Syndrome. This jean day will help Leigha with her medical expenses.

### **Congratulations:**

- To our November Students of the Month:
 

High School:	Emma Trierweiler
Middle School:	Alex Kissane
Upper Elementary:	Canaan Pohl
Lower Elementary:	Caleb Pline
- To the top 10 of our school for the National History Bee. The following 10 students now take an on-line test to see if they advance to the Regional level of the Bee. Our top 10 are:

6th Grade:	7th Grade:	8th Grade:
Christy VanderMey	Devon FoxElster	Bret Weller
Carly Scheurer	Teddy Wernet	Jeff Davlin
Shane Cook		Mya Luna
		Seth Hoppes
		Cole Lyon

- The members of the Class of 2016 for winning \$5,000 and to Tabby Barber, Brady Lehman, and Joe Weller for winning \$20,000 each in the H & R Block Budget Challenge.

### **Hope Begins With You! Donate Blood!**

The St. Patrick Catholic High School chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on January 19th 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.

### **St. Patrick School Pancake Breakfast:**

Our annual Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 31 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the St. Patrick School Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served by the St. Patrick teaching staff and school board as a thank you to the parents, grandparents, supporters, and community for the support that they give our school. All are invited. There is no cost for the breakfast (goodwill donations accepted)!

### **NHS Scholar Dollars Database :**

The National Honor Society is pleased to announce the launching of NHS Scholar Dollars, which is a searchable college scholarship database based on the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. It's accessible through the NHS website. Members can visit [www.nhs.us/scholardollars](http://www.nhs.us/scholardollars) to find scholarship opportunities tailored to their interests and experiences.



### **Winter Label Contest**

Turn in your labels to your teacher by **February 5th**. The class (grades DK-5 & 6-12) with the most labels turned in per student will win:

*Out of Dress Code Day, Hot Chocolate & Cookies*

For a complete list of labels go to:

<http://www.portlandstpspto.com/label-programs>



## Calendar of Events



1/15	JV/Var. Girls BB vs. Potterville @ PMS 6p	1/20	PTO Meeting room 208 6p
1/18	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day		Sanchin Ryu room 209 6p
	Bowling vs. PW Home 3:30p	1/21	NO BUSING at 2:20 grades 6-12 (PPS exams)
	JV/Var. Boys BB vs. Potterville @ PMS 6p (rescheduled)		Shamrock Art Attack room 111 2:30 - 4:30
1/19	NO BUSING at 2:20 grades 6-12 (PPS exams)		JV/Var. Girls BB @ PW 6p
	National Honor Society Blood Drive	1/22	HALF DAY OF SCHOOL - Dismissal at 11:45a - all students
	PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches		NO BUSING ALL DAY (PPS not in session)
	JV/Var. Girls BB @ Laingsburg 5:30p		Reconciliation for 4th grade
1/20	NO BUSING at 2:20 grades 6-12 (PPS exams)		Staff Professional Development in the afternoon
	Shamrock Art Attack room 111 2:30 - 4:30		JV/Var. Boys BB vs. PW @ PMS 6p
	7/8 grade Girls BB vs. Fulton @ SPS 5:30p	1/24	Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 9a

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents,

I hope the holidays were refreshing and a time of blessing for your family as we celebrated the birth of Jesus. What an amazing gift!

The PSAT scores for our students will be available for you and your student to see online after January 7. If you visit the collegeboard.org website you and your child can set up an account to see the results of the PSAT exam. When you set up the account you will be asked for our school code. Our school identification code is #233100. There have been a few glitches in the tests this year as the CollegeBoard testing company have been creating new tests and measurements. We have had longer than normal wait times. We should be receiving hard copy parent's guides, score results and national norms from them within the next seven weeks. When they arrive, I will make sure that the hard copies are sent home with your child. I will let you know when they are to be sent home in another Counselor's Corner column.

Our seniors have been invited to apply for the Sparrow/Ionia Hospital Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship is worth \$500 and will be given to one of our seniors at SPS. Students who are interested in any career in the medical, human services or health related field may apply for this scholarship. Please have your senior stop by my office to pick up an application. I need them back by February 29 so that I can meet with the Ionia Foundation Director for consideration. Please encourage your child to apply.

Junior career planning counseling meetings will begin on February 26. I will be meeting with each individual student to provide college and career information in an effort to help them begin formulating a plan for their futures. I look forward to meeting with them and getting to know each of them better.

Have a great week and hug your child today!

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# Benefit Concert

with

**Catherine Jandernoa**

**Supporting**

**Mission in Tanzania**  
with the *Servants of the Lord*

**Saturday, January 23 7:30 pm DeMazenod Room**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
1935 Plymouth Ave, SE, Grand Rapids

Featuring Hannah Royce, Jane VanHouten, and other special guests

## Used Uniform Sale



Room 208



**During CSW Breakfast**

Sunday (1/31)

8:30am - 11:30am

**After School**

Monday (2/1) through Friday (2/5)

3:30pm - 4:30pm

**We need your donations!**

The St. Patrick PTO will accept your gently used uniform donations throughout the school year. You may drop off your uniform donations at the school office during regular office hours. Donations are also accepted during uniform sales.

*Thank you for supporting your St. Patrick PTO.*

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