



Shamrock News

1/22/16

Announcements:

Jean Days:

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.

Friday, February 5: Free Jean Day - Catholic Schools Week.

Congratulations:

- To the 5th/6th grade boys basketball team on their 2nd place finish in the League Tournament. They also took 2nd place in the League.
- To our December Students of the Month:
 High School: Tate Schrauben
 Middle School: Sophia White
 Lower Elementary: Lily Sandborn
- To Christy VanderMey! Her drawing was selected as one of the top five designs for Governor Snyder's 2016 State of the State program cover student design contest. Many talented students submitted their designs, and they were especially impressed with hers.

Lost and Found: There are many items in the lost and found including a winter coat, gloves, school uniforms, jewelry and even a Christmas tie. Check it out if you are missing items.

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 to find scholarship opportunities tailored to their interests and experiences.

Catholic Schools Week Activities

Sunday, January 31 - We Celebrate as a Parish!

- ◆ Celebrate Catholic Schools Week at any weekend Mass.
- ◆ All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast 8:30 - 11:30 am in the cafeteria.

Monday, February 1 - Let the School Celebration Begin!

- ◆ Breakfast sponsored by the PTO - for all students preschool-12th.
- ◆ Pajama Day - for all students.

Tuesday, February 2 - We Celebrate with the Diocese!

- ◆ A Delegation of Students will attend Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral.
- ◆ High School Students will pray a Candlelight Rosary.
- ◆ Students may wear apparel from any Catholic High School or College with uniform pants.

Wednesday, February 3 - We Celebrate with the Community!

- ◆ Middle & High School Students will watch movies in the morning.
- ◆ Students may wear patriotic red, white & blue apparel (jeans allowed)

Thursday, February 4 - We Celebrate Spiritually!

- ◆ Please join us as we celebrate the Eucharist at 9:30 am Mass.
- ◆ Students bring in canned/boxed food for the SOUPer Bowl food drive.
- ◆ Students dress in their "Sunday Best" for school Mass.

Friday, February 5 - We Celebrate as a School!

- ◆ Students will be treated to ice cream at lunch.
- ◆ High School students celebrate with a pep assembly.
- ◆ Elementary students bowl at Meadow Bowl Lanes.
- ◆ Middle School dance.
- ◆ All students wear school spirit wear - Free Jean Day.

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)!



Calendar of Events



1/22	JV/Var. Boys BB vs. PW @ PMS 6p	1/28	Shamrock Art Attack room 111 2:30 - 4:30
1/24	Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 1p		JV/Var. Girls BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p
1/25	Chess Club Room 112 3:50-5p	1/29	Reconciliation for 3rd Graders
	7/8 grade Girls BB @ Fowler 5p		Open Campus Lunch for Seniors
1/26	PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches		JV/Var. Boys BB vs. Bath @ PMS 6p
	JV/Var. Girls BB vs. Fulton @ PMS 6p	1/31	CSW Pancake Breakfast in Cafeteria 8:30-11:30a
	JV/Var. Boys BB @ CC-C 6p		PTO Used Uniform Sale Room 208 8:30-11:30a
1/27	Shamrock Art Attack room 111 2:30 - 4:30		Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p
	7/8 grade Girls BB @ PW 5p	1/31—2/6	Catholic Schools Week
	JV/Var. Boys BB @ Fulton 6p		
	Sanchin Ryu room 209 6p		

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents,

I received information about an upcoming A.C.T. Test Preparation Workshop that is going to be offered for students in grades 9-12. Dr. Frank Bernier will be presenting workshops at the following places and dates:

- Saturday, February 27 @ The Owosso High School, media center 8:30- 1:30
- Saturday, March 26 @ MSU Union Building, 2nd floor ballroom 8:30-1:30
- Saturday, May 14 @ MSU Union Building, 2nd floor ballroom 8:30-1:30

Dr. Bernier is an excellent instructor and his workshops are widely acclaimed. The workshops will help students prepare for the ACT test. While we are providing the PSAT tests here at SPS, and are offering the SAT test this spring, the strategies that Dr. Bernier will offer will also benefit students who take the SAT. He will provide information about how ACT and SAT scores and GPA impact college admissions, provides essay strategies and test taking skills, gives a full length timed ACT practice test (and essay), establish a self-help method for correcting and understanding mistakes made on the practice test. Dr. Bernier's course is designed to improve student's scores, often by 3-8 points. The cost of this session is \$60.00 and you must pre-register. If you are interested in more information please email me or give me a call and I will send you a registration form and additional information.

I will begin meeting with the junior class during third hour on January 26th. The goal is to meet individually with each student to start creating a career goal and a college planning folder. In addition, I look forward to meeting with the students and getting to know them better.

The 10th grade will be visiting Heartland's in Ionia for a tour of the facility on March 2nd from 12:00 to 2:00p. Please keep an eye out for the permission slip that will need to be returned so that your sophomore will be able to attend. Busing is provided.

Sue Vanlente has been helping me create a new counselor's webpage on the school website. I hope to use this page for important dates and information in the near future. Thank you Sue!

That is the latest. . . Hug your child today, and enjoy the beauty of this season.

Valerie Hynes McCaul, MA CTAS
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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.

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

Catholic Schools Week Coming Soon

The week of January 31, 2016 is designated as Catholic Schools Week. This is the time of year we celebrate our own Catholic School here in Portland and Catholic Schools throughout the United States. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." This year's theme celebrates the constant attention Catholic educators pay to increasing the learning and growth in faith of all students who attend Catholic Schools.

There are many activities planned throughout Catholic Schools Week that bring us together to celebrate St. Patrick School. Here is a calendar of events for activities taking place during Catholic Schools Week.

Sunday, January 31, 2016: We Celebrate as a Parish!

Come celebrate with us as we kick off Catholic Schools Week at the weekend Masses. (Church)

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Preschool – 12th grade breakfast sponsored by the St. Patrick School PTO.

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We are very excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We are looking forward to all of these exciting activities and we hope you will join us for the weekend Masses, the Sunday morning breakfast, and our school Mass on Thursday. We are very blessed to have a Catholic School here in Portland and are proud of 109 years of service to the greater Portland area.

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