



# Shamrock News

10/23/15

## Announcements:

**Spanish:** It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our Spanish teacher Mrs. Martha VanHaren. She has made the decision to be a stay at home mom until she can find work closer to her home in Grand Rapids. We wish her the best as she takes on this new endeavor in life. We ask you to please keep Martha and her family in your prayers. The Spanish teaching position has been posted in the Diocese of Grand Rapids and Lansing as well as through many colleges. In case we are unable to find a Spanish teacher for this year on short notice, we have been working to line up a full time substitute teacher who has Spanish teaching/speaking experience.

**Chess Club:** We are looking at getting the Chess Club up and running again for students in grades 3 – 5 on Mondays after school from 3:50 – 5:00. All students in these grades are welcome to participate. If your child is interested, please send a note or email to your child's homeroom teacher so we know how many students are interested in joining. Students who join Chess Club may still participate in sports, join the drama club or participate on the Lego League Rockbots team.

**Coat Pick Up:** Reminder for those who may be in need of winter coats and outerwear, these items are available for pick up on Saturday, October 24, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church located at 8867 Kent Street.

**Pay It Forward Day:** Pay It Forward Day will take place on Friday, October 30. If you know of anyone within walking distance of the school that needs their yards raked or any service projects completed by our students, please contact the school office to let us know what we can do to help those in our community. Please remember that students may not bring rakes to school on the bus. Bring rakes, tarps, etc.

**Thinking Maps:** This past Monday, our staff development was Part II of Thinking Maps training. Our staff has done an outstanding job showing the students how to use all eight of the maps and integrating them into their lesson plans. Your child (ren) have done a great job of learning and using the maps. They are definitely a great tool for our staff to have available in giving your child the best education possible.

### Jean Day:

**Friday, October 30:** Free Jean Day for Pay It Forward Day.

**Lego League:** We are extremely excited to announce the beginning of a Lego League club for elementary grades and re-introduction of the Robotics club for the middle & high school grades. There will be an informational meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, October 28 at 6–7 p.m. All parents who have a student interested in this program are encouraged to attend this informational night. Kids are also welcome at the meeting.

**NHS Offers College Preparedness Webinars:** The National Honor Society is offering a variety of college prep webinars throughout the year. The first one is coming up November 14th and is on the application process featuring speakers from a number of top universities. Please visit: <http://www.nhs.us/students/college-admission-planning/webinars.aspx> for more details to take advantage of these. In 2016, they will also be rolling out a searchable scholarship database customized with NHS members in mind.

**US Military Veterans:** You are cordially invited to join the faculty, staff and students of St. Patrick School in our annual Veteran's Day Observance. The ceremony is November 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the school gym. A cookies and coffee reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the Parish Hall for our honored veterans and their families.

**Kellogg's Family Rewards** – Earn money for St. Pat's just by uploading your grocery receipts to your KFR account. You most likely purchase participating Kelloggs products on a weekly basis. Now all you have to do is upload your receipt by using your smartphone, computer or text message. Choose Portland St. Pat's to donate your rewards. Go to [www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com](http://www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com) and follow the step by step directions on how to make a donation to our school!

**My Coke Rewards** – Earn money for St. Pat's just by entering the codes you find under caps, inside the tear-off on 12-packs and on multi-pack wraps of Coca-Cola brands. Go to [www.mycokerewards.com](http://www.mycokerewards.com) to sign up and begin donating to St. Pat's. There is an option to print off your daily total before you log off. Print this off and send it to school in place of sending in the caps. These points will go toward the label contest for your student. For the next competition, any student who turns in the receipt of entered Coke caps will receive double the amount entered.



## St. Pat's Shamrock Student-Run Savings Program News

WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS! Starting Tuesday, October 27th members of PFCU (faculty and students) can now use the school branch in the music room over the lunch periods.

Middle and High school - every time you use the branch, enter for a chance to **WIN** a gift card to Subway! Plus, every 3rd time you use the school branch, you receive a full size candy bar! Limited withdrawals, deposits or cash your check- we make it easy and convenient for you to do your banking at school.

Elementary - make a deposit to your savings account and enter for a chance to win a water bottle filled with candy!

Saving money at school is cool! Please support your school branch this year. See you on Tuesday!

Cathy Simon, PFCU Assistant Youth Education Coordinator



## Wreath Sale



Yes, it is that time of year again! The German and Spanish Clubs are selling wreaths to help fund their overseas travel. The wreaths are all handmade from Fraser Fir and last a long time. The wreaths range in size from 10" (18"-20" outer diameter), to a whopping 48" (60"-62" outer diameter). We also sell roping -- a 50' coil of Fraser Fir roping is selling for \$45! If you would more information, please contact Mr. Holman at school.

Prices:	10" -- \$18	20" -- \$36
	12" -- \$22	24" -- \$48
	14" -- \$25	36" -- \$65
	16" -- \$30	48" -- \$75
	50' Roping -- \$45	

All wreath orders are due November 6<sup>th</sup>. Delivery will be the Monday evening of Thanksgiving week. Have a Merry Christmas and order your wreath today!



## Calendar of Events



10/23	End of 1st Quarter	10/28	JV & Var. Volleyball @ PW 5:30p
10/24	Cross Country Class D Meet @ Shepard 11:30a		Lego League Information Night Parish Hall 6p
	JV Volleyball @ Morrice Inv. 9a		Sanchin-Ryu Room 209 6p
	5th & 6th grade Volleyball Tournament 10a	10/30	Pay It Forward Day
	Var. Football vs Morrice Home 7p		Halloween Parties in the afternoon
10/25	Confirmation @ St. Andrew Cathedral 3p		Cross Country Regionals (Oct. 30. or 31)
10/26	Hearing Screening Grades PS, DK, K, 2 & 4		Varsity Football Regionals (Oct. 30 or 31)
	JH Volleyball vs Fowler Home 5:30p	10/31	Varsity Volleyball CMAC Tournament @ Saranac
10/27	PFCU Student Run Branch	11/1	Athletic Association Meeting Parish Hall 6:30p