



# Shamrock News

3/24/16

## Announcements:

This will be the last school newsletter before Spring Break as one will not be sent out next Friday. The 3rd marking period officially comes to an end on Friday, April 1. Report cards will not be available until after we return from Spring Break. Hall walking ends on April 1st. Shorts can be worn after Spring Break. Speaking of Spring Break, we hope everyone has safe travels and a restful and relaxing break.

Mr. David Faber, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Grand Rapids will be visiting with us on Tuesday, March 29. He will be available in the Parish Hall during secondary pickup at 2:15 and again for elementary pickup at 3:30. Please stop in and greet Mr. Faber. He is available for a meet and greet during these times and will answer any questions you may have.

**Tornado Drill on April 11:** On April 11, the Committee for Severe Weather Alertness will host a tornado drill at SPS (this committee includes the National Weather Service, local Emergency Managers, Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, State Farm and DTE).

Each year, the committee sponsors Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week to increase awareness about preparedness. This year it is April 10-16, 2016. To help raise awareness, they hold a news conference and tornado drill at a school district around Michigan. This year, the event will be hosted at Portland St. Pats. With our community's tornado experience, they thought that it would be a good location for the news conference and preparedness reminder to others in the state.

There will be a short assembly where the National Weather Service speaks about tornadoes to the students. Then the students would go back to their classrooms for a tornado drill.

**2016-17 Enrollment Reminder:** Thank you to those who have already registered their children for the upcoming school year. We wanted to remind you to please register your child by April 15 to avoid paying double the enrollment fee.

**Music Teaching Position:** Miss Heather May, our substitute music teacher has taken a full-time music teaching position in the Detroit area. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she moves on with this new endeavor.

## Jean Days:

Friday, April 1: Free Jean Day – Have a great Spring Break.

Friday, April 15: Josh Fenlong – he has been fighting brain cancer.

Friday, April 22: Kaela McCliggot – recently lost her house in a fire at Sunset Ridge.

Friday, April 29: Will be donated to help finance the Aquinas College Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic.

## Congratulations:

- To the 6th grade girls basketball team for wrapping up their successful season. They finished 3rd in the league and brought home a 1st place trophy from the league tournament.
- To the high school Science Olympiad team who competed at Alma College this past Saturday. They took 8 out of 16 teams. They medaled in two events: Wind Power (3rd place) and Astronomy (4th place). Team members are Jake Pung, Zehra Tekinel, Jenna Pung, Cassidy Remboski, and Cordelia FoxElster.

**Shamrocktoberfest:** The 2016 Shamrock Auction is Saturday, April 23. Doors open at 6:00 pm at Knights Hall. Live Auction begins at 8:00 pm. Join us for a fun night of entertainment. Contact Amber Fogarty (517) 243-1850 or any of the Auction Committee members for tickets. Tickets are also available in the church and school offices.

**Free Community Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 26, noon at the Flats. Bring your bags to collect candy! See the Easter Bunny! Sponsored by PAMA.

**Hunter Safety Program:** The Hunter Safety Program is sponsored by the Grand River Conservation Club. The course consists of three classroom sessions on April 11th, April 13th, and April 20th from 6 - 9 pm. There will also be a field exercise on Sunday, April 17th. There is a \$7.00 fee for this program. All classes will be held at the club's property at 7345 Lyons Rd. Registration forms are available in the office.

## Used Uniform Sale



**Room 208**



Short season starts after Spring Break!  
Stock up now!

**Saturday, April 16**

4 - 6 pm

**Sunday, April 17**

8am - 1pm

**Monday, April 18**

3:30 - 4:30 pm

## **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 to the school office during regular office hours. Donations are also accepted during uniform sales and during posted school office summer hours.

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

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents,

Easter is here. . .He is RISEN!!! How loved and treasured we are by our Father.

Colleges often offer special campus visitation days at some point during the school year. Grand Valley will be offering the LAKER EXPERIENCE DAYS on Friday, April 1 or Friday, April 8. If you would like to take your student for a visit you may register for the special tour online at [www.gvsu.edu/visit](http://www.gvsu.edu/visit), or call (800) 748-0246.

The diocese is still in the process of fixing the glitches that were found in the high school grade system. Not everyone was effected. We apologize for the delay, but want to be sure that it is corrected 100% before we share any possible changes.

Cyber concerns have been growing lately. Spring Break is a great time to have a heart to heart conversation with your child on technology and phone use. I try to remind students that what they type or post is permanent and can't be changed so they need to ask themselves a few questions before hitting the send button. The questions are:

Is it kind?

Is it helpful?

Is it true?

Teaching kids this thought process protects them, their reputations and the feelings of others. I have also had a few parents ask me about media guidelines suggested for students. Experts recommend no more than 75 minutes after school. Screens should be shut off two hours before bedtime to allow the brain to signal sleep cues. Phones and tablets can be kept in a phone charging garage in the parent's bedroom at night to eliminate distractions. Kids are texting late (and I mean LATE) into the night. For obvious reasons this creates many issues at school. Peer issues can become serious when students have had little sleep, get silly and write texts. Misunderstandings occur. I am sure you can relate. . . I know I can! Finally, remember that you have the right to look at your child's media. In fact, it's really a good idea to check in at random times. Make it a point to know all passwords, apps, and browsing histories. Cyber safety is of the utmost importance. In the past I have had students and friends who have been physically harmed by predators who they connected with on the KIK app. I am not trying to scare anyone, but to share facts so that we are all informed. The pressures they face every day in this virtual world are intense. We all need to pray for our kids regarding this issue.

The Heartland's sophomore tour will be the morning of MARCH 29 not March 28. I made an error in the previous Counselor's Corner (my apologies!). The kids will leave around 8:15 and return before lunch. UNLESS there is another SNOW DAY!!! Okay, that shouldn't be an issue. . . RIGHT?!

Have a great day, hug that kiddo today and enjoy spring break with your children.

Valerie Hynes McCaul, MA CTAS

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## Calendar of Events



3/25	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday	4/4 - 4/8	SPRING BREAK
3/28	NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday	4/10	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p
3/29	Superintendent Dave Faber, DOGR visit	4/11	Chess Club grades 3-5 in Room 112 3:50 - 5:00p
	10th grade to Heartlands 8a	4/12	PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches
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	School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	4/13	Shamrock Art Attack Room 111 2:30 - 4:30p
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3/31	Mass led by the 11th grade 9:30a	4/14	Mass led by the 10th grade 9:30a
	3/4 grade Cow Eye Dissection 1:15pm		Shamrock Art Attack Room 111 2:30 - 4:30p
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	JV BB vs. Olivet @ FFF 4p	4/15	Reconciliation for 8th grade 8:30a
	Var. BB & SB @ Morrice 4p		Open Campus Lunch for Seniors
4/1	End of Third Quarter		Var. Track @ Fowler Invitational 4p
	No School for Preschool, DK & Kindergarten	4/16	Var. BB & SB @ Coldwater Invitational 4p
	DK & Kindergarten Screening		PTO Used Uniform Sale in Room 208 4-6p
	Hall Walking Ends	4/17	PTO Used Uniform Sale in Room 208 8:30a-1p



## SHAMROCK AUCTION 2016 Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a description of the item, cash or service you intend on donating.**

**NOTE: All donated items must be new.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Value: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ I'd love to help out the night of the auction! Please contact me to tell me more!

**Please return this form to the School Office (between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm) no later than March 4, 2016.**

**All auction items must be turned in to the School Office (between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm) by April 1, 2016.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!**

Questions? Call Amber Fogarty at (517)243-1850 or [amberlfogarty@gmail.com](mailto:amberlfogarty@gmail.com)