



Shamrock News

3/4/16

Announcements:

Water Quality at SPS: I was thinking maybe some of our parents may be wondering about the water at St. Patrick School. We checked with the City of Portland to find out about the water in our city. This is what we found out: All water mains are lead free. 21 out of 1464 connections may have lead (1.4%). These are connections only, not lines. Again, all lines are lead free. The chemical levels are tested daily!! Phosphate is added as needed to coat the lines to prevent leaching in the lines. Chlorine is added as needed to disinfect the water from any bacteria. They take five samples a month for bacteria which is one more than state mandated to ensure water quality. This protects against any bacteria in the water. Every three years they test for lead and copper.

Diocesan Survey for our school: Each year, the Diocese of Grand Rapids asks our school parents to complete a survey about our school. The link to the Program Effectiveness Surveys is below and should only take about 10 minutes to complete. (Note there is an underscore after the word 'Effectiveness'):
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Effectiveness_Parent

The last page of the survey says "Thank you." If you print this page off, sign it, and send it in to the office, all the children in your family that attend St. Pat's will be provided with an out of dress code slip to be used at your discretion (except on Thursday's). This does not compromise the fact that your survey is anonymous.

Latchkey, Middle and High School A.M. Drop Off: Please note the morning drop off for latchkey uses the same door as middle and high school students entering for the day. If you are dropping off for latchkey between 7:10 – 7:30, please park across the street. Do not park on the side closest to the building between these times as you prevent middle and high school parents from dropping off safely in the morning.

Jean Days: Friday, March 11: This jean day will be used to purchase our D.A.R.E shirts for the 5th grade students.

Congratulations:

- To Danica Ginther, Brandon and Shelby Anthony, and Sarah Davis who were all recently baptized.
- To the following students who have completed their training as "First Year" Altar Servers: Joshua Snitgen, Hayley Fleischer, Martin White, Isaiah Pelc, Alexandria Bennett, Alex Fedewa, and Natalee Teachworth.
- To the February Students of the month:

Lower Elementary:	Joanna Dugan
Upper Elementary:	Samantha Smith
Middle School:	Austin Fleischer
High School:	Brittany Thelen

- To the boys varsity bowling team for finishing third at Regionals this week and advancing to the States.
- To the girls bowling team for wrapping up their successful season this past weekend.
- To the junior varsity girls basketball team for wrapping up their successful season this past Friday.

Smart Tuition: Beginning with the 2016-17 school year St. Patrick School has partnered with Smart Tuition to service your tuition account. We have provided basic account information to Smart Tuition. We need you to complete the enrollment process by following the instructions that were sent to you from Smart.

Smart Tuition sent you an email to enroll online. We suggest you add Smart tuition to your safe contacts so future emails do not go to your spam file. The email will come from customer-service@smarttuitionmessages.com. Please note that anyone with incidental charges (latchkey) will be assessed the \$38.00 Smart fee even if you select the pay in full or bi-annual plan.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office or Smart Tuition at 866-387-2270.

Elementary Yearbooks: Elementary yearbooks are now on sale for \$12 each. Orders need to be turned into your child's teacher by March 11th. Please make checks out to St. Patrick School.

ATTENTION NHS Members, Inductees and Parents: The NHS Induction is March 7th at 7:30pm in the church. At this ceremony we will be inducting our new members (who have been notified in writing of their acceptance) as well as recognizing our second and third year members. Members and inductees need to be to the church no later than 7pm for line up. A cake and punch reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Attention National Honor Society Parents: "The 'Right' College Fit" Webinar will take place on March 23rd at 7pm. You must pre-register. More information can be found on the flyer in the online version of this newsletter.





Calendar of Events



3/4	Var. Boys Bowling States @ Royal Scott 8:25a Var. Girls BB District Final vs. Fulton @ Fulton 7p	3/9	Shamrock Art Attack Room 111 2:30 - 4:30p 5/6 grade Girls BB @ St. Mary, Westphalia 6p
3/5	5/6 Grade Girls BB vs. St. Thomas @ SPS 10a 2nd Grade Reconciliation 1p JV/Var. Boys BB @ Bath 5:30p	3/10	Sanchin-Ryu Room 209 6p Var. Boys BB District @ Fowler 7:30p Mass lead by the 7th grade 9:30a
3/6	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	3/10	4th Grade SongFest in Grand Rapids Shamrock Art Attack Room 111 2:30 - 4:30p
3/7	Chess Club Grades 3-5 Room 112 3:50 - 5:00p 5th/6th Grade Girls BB @ St. Joe, St. Johns 6p NHS Induction Ceremony & Reception 7:30p	3/11	JH & Var. Track Parent Meeting Room 216 6p Reconciliation for 9th Grade
3/8	PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches (5th Grade PFCU VIP Day) Drama Club Grades 6-12 Room 112 2:30 - 3:30p Drama Club Grades 3-5 Room 112 3:50 - 5:00p SPS Lego League 6p	3/11	Stations of the Cross 1:10p Var. Boys BB District Final @ Fowler 7p
		3/12	2nd Grade First Communion Retreat 9a
		3/13	Daylight Savings Time Begins



NHS and NJHS Present

THE “RIGHT” COLLEGE FIT WEBINAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 ■ 7:00–8:00 P.M. (ET)

When faced with multiple acceptances, inevitably students will need to face the question: “Where should I go?” From the comfort of your home or library, participate in this webinar and learn how to determine which college to ultimately choose.

TO PARTICIPATE, YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER:

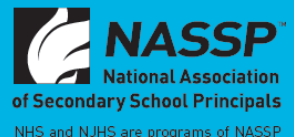
www.nhs.us/webinar

www.njhs.us/webinar

Use your school affiliation number when registering: 00013554



Get quick answers directly to your questions. Participate in the Twitter Town Hall, 7:30–8:30 p.m. (ET)
Use #Prep4College



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