



Shamrock News

4/15/16

Announcements:

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful Spring Break and is prepared and ready to go as we make the mad dash to the end of the school year.

Report Cards: Report cards for students in grades DK-12 are now available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Severe Weather Awareness Week: This year, the State Committee for Severe Weather Awareness chose St. Patrick School as the host school to kick off the statewide Severe Weather Awareness Campaign. We had several speakers come in as well as WLNS TV6, WILX TV10, and WZZM TV13. We held an assembly which was followed by a school wide tornado drill. On Wednesday, we participated in the statewide tornado drill.

Jean Days:

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

Friday, April 22: Kaela McCligot – 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 2nd grade student Nicholas Pung for receiving his First Holy Communion this past weekend.
- To the varsity boys basketball team for being named Academic All State. They were first in Class D and third in the state for all divisions.
- To Graham Smith for being named to the Individual Academic All State in boys basketball.
- To our Students of the Month for the month of March. They are:

Lower Elementary:	Eden Zimmerman
Upper Elementary:	Shawn Frawley
Middle School:	Sydney Brown
High School:	Tabby Barber

Blood Drive Success!!! Our recent blood drive here at the school was quite successful, bringing in a total of 44 units of blood. Over the course of the four drives we hosted this school year, we collected 157 units, which is outstanding! Each unit of blood can save three lives, so together we potentially touched the lives of 471 people with healing and hope. Thank you to our hardworking National Honor Society members for organizing and working the drives this year and an especially big thank you to all of our blood donors. Way to be the hands and feet of Christ!

4H Bake Off Competition: The Ionia County 4H is holding a Bake Off Competition on Saturday, May 7th for all youth from the ages of 5 to 19. You do not need to be a member of 4H to compete, just be excited about baking. If interested see Mrs. Gorzen or get a permission slip from the office. Deadline for registration is April 29th.

GRAM Artfest: The Grand Rapids Art Museum is hosting an Artfest 2016, a High School Art Competition that several of our students are participating in this year. The students Artwork will be on display from Tuesday, April 26th to Saturday, April 30th at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. If you get the chance head out and see their work to support them in this competition! Good Luck all!

2016
SHAMROCK AUCTION
PRESENTS



Shamrocktoberfest

The 2016 Shamrock Auction is next Saturday, April 23. Doors open at 6:00 pm at the Knights Hall. The 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. Thank you for all the wonderful donations that have come in so far. Please turn in any auction donations as soon as possible so that they can be included in the bidding book. Check out the Auction Website for a list of auction and raffle items.



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,

I hope that you enjoyed some down time over spring break. We are all pulled in so many directions that it is a blessing to take a break and recharge. There is much to share so let's get started:

Our AP tests and test booklets have arrived. I will be giving the AP tests the first week of May. The schedule is as follows:

May 4 @ 8:00 a.m. AP English
May 5 @ 8:00 a.m. AP Calculus
May 6 @ 8:00 a.m. AP US History

Locations will be posted on the hallway whiteboard. The cost for each exam is \$90.00. Please make checks out to Portland Saint Patrick School. The results will be posted on line in July. You may access score information by signing up for a CollegeBoard account. Student's must have an account set up to access scores. Student's will need their AP ID number, which I will give them the day of the test. There are tips and supports available for your child at the CollegeBoard website. Please check it out in advance.

The Junior sponsored Senior Awards Banquet will be next Tuesday, April 19 @ 7:00. I look forward to seeing you there. Our students have received many awesome awards this year!

If you are interested in having your junior take the SAT or ACT test you can sign them up online and find a localized test center at the websites. Tests include the reading section, Writing and Language portion, Math and SAT Essay (which is optional). If you know what college your child is interested in attending contact an admissions officer and ask which test they prefer (or both) for admissions. In-state and out-of-state colleges look at this differently and unfortunately it can change. Your student can come by my office and we can call colleges together if it is more convenient. We are very disappointed that the Michigan Department of Education did not allow us to participate in the test, and that they waited to confirm this so late. We tried all options, and worked on this for months. We apologize and encourage you to contact your congress person with your concerns. It is unfair and was handled poorly by the MDE and SAT companies. We are already considering options for next year.

There are still some slots available for our students at Heartland's Institute of Technology at the Ionia Tech Center. If your student will be a junior or senior next year they may take a course at Heartland's. For a complete list of courses please check out the HEARTLANDS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, IONIAISD website. There are some great opportunities available.

That is the latest. Have a great week and hug your child today!!

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Calendar of Events



4/15	Var. Track @ Fowler Invitational 4p	4/20	Shamrock Art Attack Room 111 2:30 - 4:30p
4/16	Var. BB & SB @ Coldwater Invitational 9a PTO Used Uniform Sale in Room 208 4-6p		Var. Track Pre Season Jamboree @ Potterville 4:30p PTO Meeting in Room 208 6p
4/17	PTO Used Uniform Sale in Room 208 8:30a-1p		Sanchin-Ryu Room 209 6:15p
4/18	Golf CMAC Jamboree @ Laingsburg 3:30p PTO Used Uniform Sale in Room 208 3:30 - 4:30p Chess Club grades 3-5 in Room 112 3:50 - 5:00p JV BB vs. Laingsburg @ FFF 4:30p Var. BB & SB @ Laingsburg 4:30p	4/21	Mass led by the 6th grade 9:30a Shamrock Art Attack Room 111 2:30 - 4:30p 7/8 grade Track vs. Bath/Saranac @ Bath 4:30p JV BB @ Bath 4:30p Var. BB & SB vs. Bath @ FFF 4:30p
4/19	PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches Drama Club Grades 6-12 Room 112 2:30 - 3:30p Drama Club Grades 3-5 Room 112 3:50 - 5:00p Junior/Senior Banquet in Parish Hall 7p	4/22	Reconciliation for 7th grade 8:30a Golf Tournament @ Huckleberry Creek 2p
		4/23	Golf Ionia County Invitational @ Morrison Lake 9a Shamrock Auction at Knights Hall 6p
		4/24	CMAC Scholar Athlete Banquet @ Eagle Eye 4p



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