



# Shamrock News

4/22/16

## Announcements:

Thank you to all who registered your children for next school year. Having as many registrations returned in a timely fashion is crucial to our planning, especially in regards to staffing. Even though registrations for returning students has increased to \$100 per student, it would still be extremely helpful to get registrations turned in as soon as possible. We will be doing middle and high school schedules soon and this will help us in our planning.

St. Patrick School had scheduled four speakers to talk to our middle and high school students this past February which was cancelled due to a snow day. We are unable to find a date that works in the schedule for all of the speakers. We will reschedule this safety day in October.

Our high school students will attend a job/career fair at PHS next Wednesday afternoon. This is covered under our "Walking Field Trip" form for field trips within the city limits so permission slips are not needed.

## Jean Days:

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

**Friday, May 6:** This jean day will be donated to the Portland Library Memorial Garden that is being made in memory of PMS teacher Diane Wdzenczny.

## Congratulations:

- To 2nd grade students Laynie Sherwood and Isaac FoxElster who received their First Holy Communion this past weekend.

## Thank you:

- To the juniors for hosting a very successful Senior Banquet on Tuesday night.

**NHS Virtual College Fair:** The first-ever National Honor Society (NHS) Virtual College Fair is coming on Tuesday, May 17. To participate, register at [www.nhs.us/virtualcollegefair](http://www.nhs.us/virtualcollegefair) with our school's affiliation number (#0001355), then log in to the fair site from any computer or smartphone between 2:00 and 10:00 p.m. (EST) on May 17. Member parents can register too! During this live event, attendees can chat with representatives from a variety of public and private colleges and universities across the nation.

**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!

The **2016 Shamrock Auction** is this 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. Check out the Auction Website for a list of auction and raffle items. The Shamrock Auction is one of St. Patrick School's largest fundraisers. All proceeds are split between the Athletic Association and the school general fund. See you there!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

**Shamrocktoberfest**



## Calendar of Events



4/23	Golf @ Ionia County Invitational, Morrison Lake 9a Shamrock Auction at Knights Hall 6p	4/27	Grades 9-12 to PHS Job/Career Fair 12:30p Shamrock Art Attack Room 111 2:30 - 4:30p
4/24	CMAC Scholar Athlete Banquet @ Eagle Eye 4p		Var. Track vs. P-W/Dansville @ Dansville 4:30p
4/25	Golf @ Fulton CMAC Jamboree, The Emerald 3:30p Chess Club grades 3-5 in Room 112 3:50 - 5:00p JV BB vs. Fowler @ FFF 4:30p Var. BB & SB @ Fowler 4:30p	4/28	Mass led by the 5th grade 9:30a Shamrock Art Attack Room 111 2:30 - 4:30p Var. BB & SB @ Fulton 4:30p
4/26	PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches Drama Club Grades 6-12 Room 112 2:30 - 3:30p Golf @ Bath CMAC Jamboree, Timber Ridge 3:30p Drama Club Grades 3-5 Room 112 3:50 - 5:00p	4/29	Reconciliation for 6th Grade 8:30a Open Campus lunch for Seniors Var. Track @ Webberville Invitational 4p
		4/30	Prom @ Grand Volute Ballroom in Lowell 6p
		5/1	First Communion Group Celebration 2p Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p

## 2016 Spring Carnival and Book Fair



Time to bust out your bell bottoms and granny glasses for the Love, Peace and Books Book Fair. The Carnival will take place on Friday, May 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the school gym. The Art Show will also be at the same time in the cafeteria. Join us for a fun evening of games, food, and prizes.

The Book Fair will run the following week Monday, May 9 - Friday, May 13 from 1:30 until 4:30 daily. We will be open during Grandparents Day, on May 10th, so that the grandparents can share in the book fair with their grandchildren.



### **Shamrock Student-Run School Branch News**

We're updating everyone on some great activities that are going on at PFCU during "Get Financially Fit ~ Youth Week" Monday, April 25th through Saturday, April 30th.

- Youth that have a transaction posted on their account during Youth Week at a PFCU office or at the school branch are automatically entered in the \$100 CU Savings Challenge contest sponsored by the Credit Union National Association.
- All new youth savings accounts will be opened FREE during that week.
- PFCU's Youth Promotion prize for April is a Fitbit! Anyone who opens an account or deposits into an existing account is automatically registered for a chance to win! (ages 10 to 17).
- We are giving pedometers and a tracking sheet to students who use the student branch. Turn in your "step log" at the "Fitness Fair" at the Portland location on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Your "step log" is your ballot for a chance to win some great prizes!
- Check out our website for more "Youth Week" details [www.pfcu4me.com](http://www.pfcu4me.com).

Thanks to all the savers that regularly use the student branch. For those of you that don't have an account yet, Youth Week is the perfect time to JOIN!

**IONIA COUNTY YMCA**  
**WHY WE RUN**  
**5&10K**  
**HITS THE ROAD AT PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

**RACE INFORMATION**

**REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 17**

5K Run/ Walk \$20  
 10K Run \$25  
 Kids Fun Run \$10

\*Add \$5 to receive a shirt. After April 17 deadline, an additional \$5 will be applied to race registration. Must be postmarked by April 16.

**RUNNER INFORMATION**

Fill out attached form, drop off at the Ionia County YMCA, mail in form or register online at [grymca.org/whywerun](http://grymca.org/whywerun). Kids run will start and finish on the Portland High School's track.

All other races will take place on paved trails as well as start at Portland High School and finish on the school track for 2016.

Refreshments served post race.

**LOCATION**

Year number 5! There is something for everyone. Why We Run is taking the show on the road to highlight the communities we serve. Check us out this year at:  
**PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL**  
 1100 Ionia Rd.  
 Portland, MI 48875

**RACE DAY DETAILS**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Late registration/ packet pick up
12:45 pm	Kids Fun Run starts
1:15 pm	10K Run starts
1:30 pm	5K Run/ Walk starts

**PACKET PICK UP:**  
 Friday, April 22 5:00 pm - 9:00pm  
 At the Ionia County YMCA

Saturday, April 23 9:00 am - 2:00pm  
 At the Ionia County YMCA

**AWARDS**

Trophies and Gazelle Gift Cards awarded to:  
 Overall Male, Male Masters, Overall Female, and Female

Medals awarded to:  
 Top male and female in each age division

Awards ceremony held post race after last competitor crosses the finish line.

Award Age Groups (Males and Females)  
 11 and under . 12-15 . 16-19 . 20-24 . 25-29 . 30-34 . 35-39 . 40-44 . 45-49 . 50-54 . 55-59 . 60-69 . 70+

### **Spring Label Contest**

Turn in your labels to your teacher by **Friday, May 13th.**

The class (grades DK-5 & 6-12) with the most labels turned in per student will win:

*Out of Dress Code Day and an Ice Cream Treat*

The Labels for Education (Campbells) will be discontinuing their program this summer. This will be the last time that we will be collecting these labels.

For a complete list of labels go to:  
<http://www.portlandstpatsto.com/label-programs>



Please continue to collect labels throughout the summer and be sure to turn them in next year.

*Thank you for supporting St. Patrick School and the PTO!*

# S<sup>3</sup>= Summer Skills Sharpener



## Summer Skills Program

Summer Skills Sharpener (S<sup>3</sup>) is our Diocesan summer skills program. For those students who traditionally participated in the GRASP program through GRPS, this should prove to be perhaps more beneficial, as the program is designed specifically around our Diocesan Curriculum.

The objective behind this program is to provide a 20-day review packet of essential academic skills in: Math, Reading, and more! (5th - 8th grade program also includes Science). The program serves grades K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a parent-friendly program allowing parent(s) and child (ren) to set the pace for this review and maintenance program, as well as providing answer keys for parent use.

Every grade level packet includes reading comprehension questions for at least one book (can be purchased at most book stores or borrowed from local libraries), and basic math skills reinforcement.

## How to Order: (must complete BOTH steps- Weebly step and Payment step)

- Weebly step:        Go to [www.summerskillssharpener.weebly.com](http://www.summerskillssharpener.weebly.com)  
                          Click on "How to Order"  
                          Fill in the Family and School Information Form (click submit)
- Payment:            Click "Buy Now" in the Summer Skills Sharpener Packet Payment section.  
                          Choose a way to pay and pay accordingly.

## The cost of this program is \$16.00.

*If order is placed by **May 13th at 8am**- packets will be delivered to your child's school.  
If order is placed **after May 13th at 8am**- packets available for pick up at Holy Spirit School.  
Last date to order will be **June 3rd at 8am**- There will be no late orders.*

### Questions:

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