

St. Patrick School Shamrock Newsletter



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Principal's Notes

Thank you to all that attended the Veterans' Day celebration at the school on Wednesday. It was great to see the large turnout of veterans and their families. Thank you to the school committee that planned this great celebration of our veterans. I was very impressed to learn that the grandfather and great grandfather of kindergarten student Seth Frawley made the trip down from the Upper Peninsula to participate in our celebration. Thank you to Representative Brian Calley for taking time out of his busy schedule to be our guest speaker.

Thank you to all our students for their efforts to help beautify the City of Portland on Pay-It-Forward Day and help raise money by participating in our Hoops for Heart tournament. Thank you to all the parents who assisted and chaperoned this event.

Congratulations to the freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity volleyball teams on their successful seasons. Congratulations to seniors Kaity Goodrich, Sarah Hodge, Rachel Miros, and Katie Simon on the completion of their successful volleyball careers.

Congratulations to the 5th and 6th grade girls' basketball teams on their successful season.

Thank you to the 6th grade students for the excellent job they did in leading Mass this week.

Thank you to Chuck Holman, Paul Osbourne, Pat Russman, Tricia Winkler, and Ariana Salogar for serving on our interview team for the position of high school science teacher.

Thank you to Ralph and Mary Willemin, Jackie Morris, and Victoria Klein for working in the Scrip room. Feel free to volunteer to work in the Scrip room and assist with these efforts. You can also assist the school by purchasing large amounts of Scrip.

And last but not least, thank you to Mr. Hank Knoop for planning lessons and filling in for our high school science teacher while we advertised and interviewed for a replacement for Mr. Yuvan, who left us on October 16. He went above and beyond the call of duty in preparing lessons to ensure the students continued to receive an education in these subject areas.

Finally, since November is the month of All Souls, our students are completing "Books of Remembrance" to remember those loved ones who have died. When these books are completed, they will be on display outside the entrance to the office on the Fr. Flohe Foundation countertop that is in front of their bulletin board. Feel free to stop in any time to check out the work of your son and daughter and to see who they chose to remember. Stop in, check out the "Books of Remembrance," and then go and purchase huge amounts of scrip.

Surveys Still Needed

Thanks to all of you who have returned the e-rate survey that was mailed to you a few weeks ago. To date we have had 61 responses. This is not a large enough response for the survey to be considered a valid tool for determining the level of need to qualify for the e-rate discounts. If you are not one of the 61 responses, please fill out the survey and return it as soon as possible (printed on blue paper). If you need a copy, please let the school office know and we can send one home with your student. **Please note: this is for families with students in grades 1-12.**

Blood Drive a Big Success!

Thank you to everyone who gave blood last week. The response was overwhelming and we apologize to the individuals who were turned away because we ran out of bags that hold the blood. We will be having another drive after the first of the year. This will allow us the receive two scholarships for \$500. Thank you again.

The Gift of Giving

Toys for Tots collects new, unwrapped toys for children in the Ionia County area. You can drop off toys in the box in the hallway of the school between November 1 and December 17. High school students from our own St. Patrick School will help distribute the toys to families. We take toys for any age child but the age that is most in need are infants and teenagers. If you prefer to donate cash that will be used to purchase toys, you can send it in a clearly marked envelope to the office. Direct any questions to Christine Wilcox, 566-7788.

Reminder: Please send in any new or gently used McDonald's kids' meal toys for the Appalachian Project.

Welcome

Mr. Jordan Smith has accepted the high school science position at St. Patrick School beginning on Monday, November 16, 2009. If you see him, please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome him to the St. Patrick Parish community.

Calendar of Events

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| 11/16 | MS VB @ Potterville 5p |
| 11/18 | MS VB vs. Fowler Home 5p
PTO Meeting Room 110 6p |
| 11/21 | Paper and Pop Can Drive
Right-to-Life Sub Sandwich pick-up |
| 11/22 | Benefit Breakfast for Family of Kelly Barnes
K of C Hall 8 a.m.—noon
\$6-ages 11 and up; \$3 children under age of 10 |
| 11/23 | MS VB vs. Fulton Home 5p |
| 11/24 | 3rd Gr. Pilgrim Feast-Multi-purpose room
No Busing |
| 11/25-27 | Thanksgiving Break |

