

# St. Patrick School

## Shamrock Newsletter



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### Principal's Notes

School handbooks are being sent home in Friday folders for students in grades DK – 5. Please read through these and sign the form at the back of the handbook, tear it out and return to the school by December 11 for each student.

When reading through the handbook, please note the behavior rubrics on pages 19 – 22. Please note that level one of the rubric for each grade level includes tardies. Tardies have become a big problem with students disrupting office staff signing in throughout the beginning of the school day and then going late to disrupt classes. Tardies will be counted whether they are unexcused or excused. Please try to have your child to school on time so we can avoid these unnecessary disruptions.

We have new signs in place on the West Street side of the school building. These signs say “**Bus Loading Zone Only – 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Friday.**” We are again asking for individuals who drop students off in the morning to obey these signs and drop their children off at the entrance ramp on Church Street. Thank you for assisting us with the safety of our children.

I was extremely impressed with the amount of canned goods that were donated to the Portland Food Bank that is housed at the Portland Congregation Church. Food donations were presented during our school Mass on Wednesday, November 18 and a jean day held on Tuesday, November 24. I thank everyone for their donations to these important causes, charities, and benefits that the school has raised funds for thus far this school year.

Thank you to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students for the excellent job they did in leading at Mass this week.

REMINDER: Students not picked up by 3:40 will be sent to latchkey in the multi-purpose room.

### Missing Your Casserole Dish?

If you provided dinner to the Barnes family and are missing a casserole dish, please check in the school office. Two dishes are here.

### The Joy 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 until 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. Checks can be made payable to “Toys for Tots”. Questions? Call Christine Wilcox at 566-7788.

Next week’s jean day collection will be donated to Cross International. We are hoping to raise enough money to donate a well for an impoverished village. According to their brochure, a well costs \$500. We encourage all students in grades DK-12 to donate generously to this cause.

We are conducting a “Baby Bottle Copper Stopper Contest” to raise money for Pregnancy Services of Ionia and Elle’s Place in Lansing. Students may contribute pennies, paper currency and gold dollars to gain points for their class. They can put in silver coins to take points away from other classes. The grade with the most points will win a pizza party. The contest will run until sometime next week. Please encourage your students to participate and help this worthy cause.

### Calendar of Events

- 12/4 Freshmen Girls’ BB @ PW 4:30p  
JV/Var. Girls’ BB vs. Fulton @ PMS 6p
- 12/7 MS VB vs. Laingsburg Home 5p  
Freshmen Girls’ BB @ Lake Odessa 6p  
Var. Girls’ & Boys’ BB @ Saranac 6p
- 12/9 MS VB vs. Dansville Home 5p  
JV & Var. Girls’ BB @ Bath 6p
- 12/10 JV Girls’ & Boys’ BB vs. Saranac Home 6p
- 12/11 Freshmen Girls’ BB vs. PW Home 4:30p
- 12/14 MS VB @ PW 5p  
JV/Var. Boys’ BB @ Morrice 6p
- 12/15 JV Girls’ & Boys’ BB vs. Dansville Home 6p  
**CHRISTMAS Program** PHS Auditorium 7p
- 12/16 MS VB @ Laingsburg 5p  
Var. Girls’ & Boys’ BB vs. Dansville @ PMS 6p  
PTO Meeting Room 110 6p
- 12/17 2nd Grade performs “The Christmas Story” in the Church a.m.  
Freshmen Girls’ BB @ CC-C 4:30p  
JV Girls’ & Boys’ BB @ Carson City 6p

