

St. Patrick School

Shamrock Newsletter



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Principal's Notes

I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend the Christmas Program. Our preschool students did a great job of handling all that pressure opening the show. Our DK – 5th grade students followed that up with a fine performance of their own. I would like to thank Ms. Clack for the great job in developing and leading our music program. I would like to thank our students and staff for the great job they did in preparing and helping with the program. Finally, I would like to thank Ms. Clack's mother for her assistance with the Christmas program. Thank you to all who were able to attend the program on Tuesday evening.

Thank you to the third grade for the excellent job they did in song leading at Mass this week. This was their first opportunity to lead the school Mass. They did such a great job that one would have thought they were seasoned veterans.

The middle school volleyball season came to an end on Wednesday night. I would like to congratulate the players on their excellent season. They showed marked improvement throughout the season.

Next Tuesday will be a free jean day for all students. Students may wear uniform tops, spirit wear, or Christmas wear on this day.

This will be the last newsletter before Christmas Break. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I also want to thank everyone for their support of St. Patrick School that you have provided throughout this year. THANK YOU!



PFCU Student Branch

St. Pat's Student-Run School Branch News

We are off to a great start this year at the school branch! We have great savers at the elementary and middle school levels but I would like to see more high school students taking advantage of the school branch program. We are open every Tuesday over the lunch periods in the multi-purpose room. A reminder that 2nd-5th grade students can sign up to use the school branch anytime throughout the school year; just ask us for a permission slip.

NEW PROMO: January 5th and 19th will be **FREE** candy bar days! Students in 6th-12th grades who use the school branch on these days can spin our candy wheel to **WIN** a candy bar!

Rate the School Website

The current school website has been up and running for 2 1/2 years. We are in the process of assessing it to make sure that it's the best it can be, and we need your help to do that.

If you use the website at all, we are asking you to visit the homepage and click on the link RATE THIS WEBSITE. The link will take you to a short online survey that will take you less than two minutes to fill out. Your answers will help us improve the site. Go to www.portlandstpats.com. The link is near the top of the page.

Thank you,
The St. Patrick School Web Team

Calendar of Events

- 12/18 Freshmen Boys' BB @ CC-C 4:30p
Var. Girls' & Boys' BB @ Carson City 6p
- 12/19 Paper and Pop Can Drive
- 12/21 NO BUSSING—PPS not in session
First Grade Caroling at Country Living
- 12/22 NO BUSSING—PPS not in session
MS IMAX Field Trip
- 12/23 Christmas Break Begins
- 1/4 School Resumes
- 1/15 End of First Semester
- 1/18 NO SCHOOL—Staff Professional Development



2010 Exam Schedule Fall Semester

Monday, January 11: Normal School Day

If we have a snow day on this date exams will still begin on Tuesday, January 12th. If there is a snow day on one of the exam dates, all exams are pushed back one day and we will have three exams on Friday.)

Tuesday, January 12: 8:00 – 9:25 1st Hour Exam
 9:35 – 11:00 2nd Hour Exam

Wednesday, January 13: 8:00 – 9:25 3rd Hour Exam
 9:35 – 11:00 4th Hour Exam

High school students do not attend Mass during exam week.

Thursday, January 14: 8:00 – 9:25 5th Hour Exam
 9:35 – 11:00 6th Hour Exam

Friday, January 15 8:00 – 9:25 7th Hour Exam

- If there is a snow day on one of the exam dates, all exams are pushed back one day and we will have three exams on Friday. Times will be 7:30 – 8:45, 8:50 – 10:05, and 10:10 – 11:25. (Please note that these exam times are only one hour and 15 minutes instead of one hour and 25 minutes like the other dates listed above.)
- If you teach an elementary or middle school special and it conflicts with a high school exam, you will have to make arrangements with the elementary/middle school teacher to schedule a different time. If scheduling an alternative time is not possible you will not have that special during exam week.
- The 8th grade Algebra I exam is scheduled for Thursday, January 14.

May you have a Blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

