



Shamrock News

3/10/17

Announcements:

Please note that school Mass next week will take place on Friday, March 17. Students must be in dress code attire for Mass. Students may change into festive St. Patrick's Day attire (no colored hair spray please) after Mass on Friday. We will still have a jean day but it will be next Thursday, March 16.

One final reminder that Sarah Hart will be here at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday evening in the church for an evening of music, storytelling and witness.

Drinks at Lunchtime: Please make sure to provide your child with a water bottle, juice box or have them purchase a milk at lunch time. The cafeteria was providing a water jug at lunch but we were going through an inordinate amount of cups which is expensive and is not good for the environment.

Congratulations:

To senior Matt Jandernoa whose bowling season came to an end this past Saturday at the State level of competition. Congratulations Matt for advancing to the States!

To our District champion varsity girls basketball team whose season came to an end on Tuesday in the Regional semifinals. Great season lady Rocks!

To our varsity boys basketball team whose season came to an end in the District Semifinal game on Wednesday night.

To our JV boys basketball team who wrapped up their season last Thursday.



To our Students of the Month for the month of February:


Lower Elementary	Adelle Martin
Upper Elementary	Nicole Weems
Middle School	Samantha Smith
High School	Noah Goodman

Jean Days:

*Thursday, March 16 – This jean day will go to the family of Tammy Stauffer who passed away last Friday in the auto accident that happened on I-96. Three of our staff members were returning from Rockford after serving on an accreditation team and witnessed the accident and wanted to send a donation to the family, especially in light of the fact they do not have enough money to cover burial expenses. *This jean day will be collected at the St. Patrick's Day Mass on March 17.

Friday, March 17 - No busing in the afternoon.
Portland Public Schools are in session for the morning only.

Art Contest: The Portland Library art contest 'Portland Creates' is in full swing. Many students and Mrs. Gorzen have art entered into the contest! Prizes will be given to the top three entries in each age level: children ages 6-9, children ages 10-12, teens, and adults! Head down to the library this whole month and vote everyday for your favorite art pieces within each of the age ranges.

 **American Red Cross Blood Drive:** The St. Patrick Catholic High School chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting our last Red Cross blood drive for the school year on March 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. To schedule an appointment to donate, please see an NHS member or visit redcrossblood.org.

 **Calendar of Events** 

3/10	School Play Performance in gym 7:30p	Drama Club Cast Party in room 115 3:45p
3/11	5/6 Grade Girls BB CYAC Tournament begins Sarah Hart Concert in Church 7p	SPS Lego League @ CIA 6p
3/12	Daylight Savings Time Begins JV/Varsity Baseball & Softball Parent Meeting in room 216 5:30p	3/15 PTO Meeting in room 115 6p Winter Sports Banquet @ Knights Hall 6:30p
3/13	Open Gym 2:30—3:30p Chess Club Grades 3-5 in room 115 3:50-5p Sanchin-Ryu Karate in room 209 6p	3/16 Art Club in room 111 2:30-4:30p 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
3/14	Reconciliation for 9th grade 8:30a PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches	Student may dress in festive St. Patrick wear after mass. No busing in the afternoon (PPS morning only) Mass led by Student Council 9:30a Irish Dancers in the gym 1:45p
		3/18 Science Olympiad Competition @ Alma College 9a

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents!

Wow, the school year is flying by! I could use your help. . . If you know of any summer jobs openings for high school students, would you please let me know the details? I am planning to have a JOB BOARD in the hallway again this spring and would appreciate any leads you may have. While we are on the subject of jobs, there is a really neat opportunity to learn about construction careers, May 4-5 in Howell, MI. Michigan Construction Career Days offers hands-on activities, info booths, hands-on equipment and tool experience and guidance from construction professionals. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to come. If you would like more information please call Eric Hill at (248) 979-1473 or email him at hill.eric@yahoo.com.

HERE IS IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT SCHEDULING CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR. . . We are joining the diocese in ONLINE class scheduling this year, this is a big change from the past, but we are hopeful this will empower your child to use the online system. Mr. Hodge and I will meet with 8-11th grade students next week. We will be passing out the class scheduling list for student's to take home. We are asking that you WORK WITH YOUR CHILD to schedule classes on Infinite Campus. THE SCHEDULES MUST BE DONE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 17. Also, please turn in your registration for next year as soon as possible so that we can accurately plan for next year. We appreciate your help with this. . . Thank you!

Here is a huge SHOUT OUT to parents of juniors and seniors who have taken their kids for college visits or allowed them to job shadow for a day. Just this week I have had two students change their college plans based on job shadow experiences. They both are excited and ready to start working towards their career goals. That makes me smile. . .

As we all know sometimes traditional health insurance doesn't cover enough of our expenses. If you have a child with a serious, chronic health condition you are well aware that those expenses can devastate the family budget. Children's Special Health Care Services is a program within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for children and some adults with special health care needs. CSHCS pays for specialty medical bills for various diagnoses and services. It will also cover co-pays and deductibles if clients have insurance or Medicaid, and provides specialty coverage if clients do not have health insurance. Check out the website www.michigan.gov/cshcs if you would like more information.

That's the latest, be sure to hug your child today!

Mrs. Hynes

March 2017 · Reading Month				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
13 Reading is No Sweat -wear sweats to school Reading Log Due... Keep Reading!	14	15 Quiet on the Set: Reading!	16	17 MASS 9:30am BRLR Upstairs -Three Little Trees All School Mystery Reader St. Patrick's Day! -change into spirit wear AFTER mass -Irish Dancers 1:45
20 MASS 9:30am Reading Log Due... Keep Reading!	21 Turn Around Tuesday -be ready for a wacky school day!	22 Quiet on the Set: Reading! Stunt Double Wednesday -dress like a friend	23	24 All School Mystery Reader Stations of the Cross 12:40pm End of 3 rd Quarter
27 Bright Lights of Hollywood -wear neon colors to school Reading Log Due... Keep Reading!	28	29 Quiet on the Set: Reading!	30 MASS 9:30 Hollywood Red Carpet Literacy Day -wear Sunday Best to school Final Reading Log Due!	31 All School Mystery Reader Stations of the Cross 9:15am Afterparty -wear pajamas and slippers to school -Elementary Movie



Portland St. Patrick
Evening of music,
stories and witness
with
Sarah Hart

Saturday, March 11, 2017
7:00 PM

Portland St. Patrick Church
140 Church St.
Portland, MI 48875

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Sarah Hart



has been a singer, songwriter and keynote speaker for 20 years. Her parish missions and ministry events have taken her across the United States and abroad. Sarah has performed for countless parishes, conferences and conventions, and for Pope Francis in 2013. She has written several retreats for parish, women's and adult catechesis, which she herself presents. She is a Grammy-nominated songwriter and her songs have been recorded by numerous performers and are found in many hymnals. Sarah makes her home in Nashville, TN with her husband and two awesome teenage daughters.



SHAMROCK AUCTION 2017

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 31, 2017.

All auction items must be turned in to the School Office (between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm) by March 31, 2017.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Questions? Call Amber Fogarty at (517)243-1850 or amberlfogarty@gmail.com