



Shamrock News

4/13/17

Announcements:

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed a great spring break! Please keep an eye on the calendar as there are many events scheduled to take place between now and the end of the school year.

Thank you to all who have registered for the 2017-18 school year. It is very much appreciated as there is a lot of planning taking place for the upcoming school year. If you know that your child(ren) will not be returning for the 2017-18 school year, please notify the school office as this will help with our planning. Reminder: school registrations for returning students due by Friday, April 21 before the registration fee doubles in cost. Please turn in the emergency records with the tuition contract and registration fee.

Jean Days: Friday, April 21 - This jean day will go to Julia Veale. Julia is the wife of Portland Public School athletic director Kevin Veale. Julia recently had surgery to have cancer removed and this is her second time facing a fight with cancer. We ask that you keep Kevin and Julia in your prayers.

Congratulations:

- To 6th grade student Cozette Brown for medalizing by making it into the top eight at the Regional level of competition and advancing to the Championship level of competition in Atlanta, Georgia, in the National History Bee.
- To our varsity boys' basketball team who finished with the highest grade point average for Academic All-State in Class D in the State of Michigan.
- To our varsity girls' basketball team who finished with the seventh highest grade point average for Academic All-State in Class D in the State of Michigan
- To Graham Smith who was named honorable mention in Class D boys' basketball and was also named to the Academic All-State team. Graham was also named to the Lansing State Journal All Area team.
- To Dan Mackowiak who was named honorable mention in Class D to the boys' basketball Lansing State Journal All Area team.
- To Hannah Greenwood and Katie Coyne who were named to the Lansing State Journal Class D All Area team.
- To Mrs. Townsend who was inducted into the Alma College Sports Hall of Fame with her teammates from the 1998 softball team.
- To Joshua Snitgen for winning the popular vote for his age group in the Portland Creates contest.

Thank you:

- To all who have completed the Program Effectiveness Surveys. We've had a great amount of our school family's reply

No School

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday

Monday, April 17 - Easter Monday

No Afternoon Busing

Friday, April 21—PPS in session morning only

to the survey and we are appreciative to receive your feedback. If you sent in the copy of the "Thank You" page this week, your elementary child will have their out of dress code slips in their Friday folder and secondary students were handed them during the school day on Thursday.

- To Mrs. Sandborn and the Student Council for providing an Easter Egg Hunt for the elementary students.

St. Pat's Shamrock Student-Run School Branch News: SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Just want to update everyone on some great activities that are going on at St. Patrick student branch. Current youth promotion for April: make a deposit and be automatically entered for a chance to win a Movie Gift Package (one winner for all 7 seven locations). St. Patrick Elementary School contest: deposit at the school now until May 9th and you get a ballot for each deposit to enter to win a \$5.00 gift card to McDonalds. Thanks to all the savers that regularly use the student branch and for those of you that haven't signed up yet, spring is the perfect time to JOIN!

Hunter Safety Classes: Hunter Safety classes will begin on April 24. There are three classroom sessions from 6-9 pm on April 24, April 26, and May 1. The field exercise will be on April 29. There is a \$7.00 fee. This fee is due the first night. Classes are held at the Conservation Club at 7345 Lyons Road in Portland. Registration forms are in the school office. Turn in forms at class.

Yearbooks: Middle School and Elementary Yearbooks are now on sale. Order forms went home with students today. Middle school yearbooks are \$15 and Elementary yearbooks are \$12. Turn in your order forms to your homeroom teacher by April 28th.

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents,

Wow, it's an exciting time of year. . . Seniors are counting down the minutes, parents are planning open houses and summer vacations. We are in the process of finalizing year end events and enjoying the last push of the school year with your children. Here is the latest from the counseling office. . .

The SPS JOB BOARD is up in the hallway. I am starting to get requests from local businesses and calls from Grand Rapids and Lansing. There is a job fair in Greenville at the high school on April 27. This is from 1:00 to 6:00. I have not attended so I don't know if I can recommend this, but numerous counselors in this area have told me that it was helpful for their students to find summer work, entry level career ready positions, free school/work programs, etc.

The junior/senior banquet will be April 25 at 7:00 in the parish hall. The banquet is a celebration, and a lovely event. I have asked seniors to submit a form with personal information highlighting their high school career, future plans, awards, etc. I will be writing a bio on each senior based on the information sheet they provide. The bio's will be shared at the banquet.

In the past some of our top senior students have been featured in the Lansing State Journal under the GREAT GRADS section. The Lansing State Journal is looking at changing this section a bit and I am waiting for more details from them so we can proceed. I will provide the information on each student based on the information they share with me on the senior information sheets. Stay tuned for more information. . .

AP exam dates are fast approaching. The AP biology test is scheduled for May 8 and the AP calculus test will be May 9. The cost is \$84 dollars. Checks can be made out to St. Patrick High School. Please add the words AP TEST in the information section on the check. Test results will be available in July and can be seen at apscore.org. Students will need to set up an account in order to get the results. I will be sending home a flyer of information in the next week.

THANK YOU for helping your child register online for classes this year. Overall it went well and we have been pleased with the efforts that you and your student have made in enrolling. If you haven't already, please be sure to get your enrollment forms/fee in as soon as possible. We appreciate it. Getting this done allows us to accurately plan for next year. It helps our staff start preparing for the new year ahead.

Have a great week and hug your child today!!!

~Val Hynes

Easter Egg Hunt

At the Bogue Flats

Saturday, April 15th @ Noon

The Easter Bunny will be present



Calendar of Events























4/14	No School - Good Friday	4/20	Golf: CMAC @ Laingsburg (Pine Hills) 3:30p
4/17	No School - Easter Monday		7/8 Grade Track vs. Potterville & Saranac @ Potterville 4:30p
4/18	3/4 Grade Field Trip to Charleton Park 8:45a		JV BB vs. Fulton @ FFF 4:30p
	PFCU Student Run Branch during lunches		Var. BB & SB @ Fulton 4:30p
	Michael James Mette Concert Grades 9-12 11:40a	4/21	No busing in the afternoon (PPS morning only)
	Michael James Mette Concert Grades 6-8 12:40p		No School for Preschool, DK or Kindergarten
	Golf: CMAC @ Fulton (The Emerald) 3:30p		7th Grade Retreat at St. Joe, Pewamo 7:45a
	JV BB & SB vs. Bath @ FFF 4:30p		DK & Kindergarten Screening 9a - 3p
4/19	Author visit - Mary Morgan 1:00p		Open Campus Lunch for Seniors
	Var. Track Preseason @ Bath 4:30p	4/22	Golf: Ionia County Invitational 10a
	PTO Meeting in Room 115 6p		Shamrock Auction @ Knights Halls 6p
4/20	Mass led by the 5th Grade 9:30a	4/23	CMAC Scholar Athlete Banquet @ Eagle Eye 4p

Portland St Pats High School Spirit Wear 2017

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at <https://portlandstpatshsspirit2017.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: April 23rd, 2017 (11:59pm)

<p>Portland St Pats Wmns Club Fleece Hoodie</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$33.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Youth Club Fleece Hoodie</p>  <p>\$30.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Wmns Club Fleece Sweatpants</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$33.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Youth Club Fleece Pants</p>  <p>\$30.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats KO Hoodie</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$36.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats KO Sweatpants</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$40.00</p>
<p>Portland St Pats S/S Tee</p>  <p>3 Colors</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Youth S/S Tee</p>  <p>3 Colors</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Wmns Stripe 1/4 Zip Pullover</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$38.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Stripe 1/4 Zip Pullover</p>  <p>3 Colors</p> <p>\$38.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Hustle Backpack II</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$45.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Wmns Full Zip Hoodie</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$46.00</p>
<p>Portland St Pats S/S Hot Jacket</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$46.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Blitzing Cap</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$22.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Chino Relaxed Team Cap</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$22.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Wmns Renegade Hat</p>  <p>\$22.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats Wmns L/S Legend Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$24.00</p>	<p>Portland St Pats L/S Legend Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$24.00</p>
<p>powered by  ORDERMYGEAR</p>			<p>Portland St Pats Youth L/S Legend Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors</p> <p>\$22.00</p>	<p>Questions? Nick Duflo (517) 393-2221 webstores@johnnymacs.com http://www.johnnymacs.com/</p>	

S³ Summer Skills Sharpener



Summer Skills Program

Summer Skills Sharpener (S³) 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-8th 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)

1. Weebly step:
Go to www.summerskillssharpener.weebly.com
Click on "How to Order"
Fill in the Family and School Information Form (click submit)
2. PayPal step:
Click "Buy Now" in the Summer Skills Sharpener Packet Payment section.
Choose a way to pay and pay accordingly. (PayPal or Credit Card)

The cost of this program is \$17.50.

*If order is placed **by May 5th at 8am**- packets will be delivered to your child's school.
If order is placed **after May 5th at 8am**- packets available for pick up at Holy Spirit School.
Last date to order will be **June 2nd at 8am**- There will be no late orders.*

Questions:

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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