



Shamrock News

11/30/18

Announcements:

Teaching Vacancies: The high school English teaching position and the middle school science teaching position are officially opened and will be posted. Please help us in our search to find qualified candidates in these positions and please keep our students and staff in your prayers as we make these transitions.

Recess Reminder: Elementary students are outside for recess unless the weather prohibits, as outlined below:

- a. Wind chill 10°F and higher: students will have recess at Alton Park.
- b. Wind chill 0-9°F: students will have recess in the parking lot
- c. Wind chill below 0°F: students will remain indoors.
- d. Raining: students will remain indoors.
- e. Recess location is subject to change at the discretion of Administration.

Elementary Recess News: We cannot stress how important it is to have your students dressed appropriately for the weather. This means elementary students are required to have boots, snow pants, winter jacket, gloves and hat or some other appropriate way to keep ears and head warm. If you need help obtaining these items, especially due to financial reasons, please contact Mr. Hodge as he is happy to help with this. Students will be sent outside weather permitting but those students who do not have the appropriate attire, especially boots, will have to stand off to the side and not join in recess activities. When students do not wear boots, their shoes and/or socks get wet and this has been particularly damaging to the carpet in classrooms and wet pants cause damage to the desk seats.



Friday, December 7

No busing in the afternoon.



American Red Cross

Our recent blood drive was a big success despite adverse circumstances involving scheduling! We exceeded our goal of 41 units, collecting 43 units of life-saving blood! Thank you to all who donated, worked and recruited. Our next blood drive is scheduled for January 22nd. Please save the date; we'd love to have you join us in saving lives!

Additional Reconciliation times: Fr. Mike will be holding reconciliation on Tuesday evenings 5:30pm-5:50pm (just before Mass) and on Friday's from noon until 1:00pm along with the normal Saturday at 3:00pm during Advent (December 2-23).

Portland Community Fund: The Portland Community Fund is collecting nonperishable food items. Donations can be dropped off outside the school office and in the vestibule of the church.

Elementary Christmas Program: The Preschool through 5th grade Christmas program will have two productions on Thursday, December 6 in the school gymnasium. They will be at 2pm and 6pm. All are welcome to attend one or both performances. The PTO will be decorating the stage on Sunday at 6pm if anyone would like to help.

PTO Christmas DVD's: The PTO will be selling Christmas Performance DVD's before and after each performance. The last day to order a DVD is Friday, December 7.

Congratulations to Deacon Don on his retirement!

There will be a Retirement Celebration this Sunday after the 11:30am Mass in the Parish Hall.



Calendar of Events



11/30	JV & Var. Boys BB vs. Webberville @ PMS 6p	12/5	High School Retreat Day
12/1	Var. QuizBowl League Tournament @ Laingsburg		Mass for grades 10 & 11 9:30a
	5th Grade Boys BB vs. IHM @ SPS 10a	12/6	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
	6th Grade Boys BB vs. Our Savior Lutheran @ SPS 11:15a		Christmas Program PS-grade 5 in gym 2 & 6p
12/2	Deacon Don Retirement Celebration 12:30p		Coding Club in room 200 2:20-3:45p
	PTO Meeting & Stage Decorating 6p		JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Lansing Christian @ PMS 6p
	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p	12/7	No busing at dismissal
12/3	Advent Wreath Lighting in the gym 9:20a		Senior open campus lunch
	Bowling vs. Dansville @ City Limits Mason 3:30		JV & Var. Boys BB @ Laingsburg 5:30p
	5th Grade Boys BB @ Resurrection 5p	12/8	5th Grade Boys BB vs. St. Mary Westphalia @ SPS 10a
	7/8 Grade Boys BB vs. Laingsburg @ SPS 5:30p		6th Grade Boys BB vs. St. Michael @ SPS 11:15a
12/4	JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Webberville @ PMS 6p		

2018 Winter Exam Schedule

Secondary Schedule (Grades 6-12)

Monday, December 17: Regular full day of school

Tuesday, December 18:

7:30 - 11:07 Regular morning school day schedule
11:37 - 12:09 5th hour class
12:12 - 12:44 6th hour class
12:50 - 2:20 7th Hour Exam

Wednesday, December 19:

7:50 - 9:20 1st Hour Exam
9:30 - 11:00 2nd Hour Exam - **No busing at 11 am**

Thursday, December 20:

7:50 - 9:20 3rd Hour Exam
9:30 - 11:00 4th Hour Exam - **No busing at 11 am**

Thursday, December 21: **No busing, PPS not in session**

7:50 - 9:20 5th Hour Exam
9:30 - 11:00 6th Hour Exam

Elementary students will be dismissed at 11:40a on Dec. 21.



The St. Patrick Catholic School chapter of the National Honor Society will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the USMC Reserve's Toys for Tots. Collection boxes

will be available through December 14th by the school office entrance, parish hall, latchkey room, and Mr. Smith's room. All toys collected go to children in need in Ionia County.

This year our NHS chapter will again be participating in a friendly competition (sponsored by ABC 13) against other west Michigan schools to collect the most toys. You can watch the morning news broadcast on ABC 13 each day through December 14th to see an update on the competition. On the 14th, students and faculty from St. Pat's will be visiting the studio and appear on the broadcast during the 6:30 programming!

Hall Walking

Hall walking is open to the public from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on days that St. Patrick School is in session (full days of school only). You may enter the building using the center set of doors on West Street. Hall walking is available starting November 27, 2018 through March 29, 2019.

Hall walking is NOT available on Mondays when childrens faith formation classes are in session.

2018 Christmas Program DVD

**St. Patrick PTO is taking orders
for the Christmas Program on December 6th.**

**\$5.00 each for DVD ____
\$6.00 each for Blu-Ray ____**

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Your DVD(s) will be sent home with the following student:

Student Name: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

You can return order form and money to your child's teacher marked PTO Christmas DVD.

FREE

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



**THE
STAR**
THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 7th

PORTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Movie begins at 7:00 pm
on the BIG screen

Free popcorn



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Portland, MI 48875

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