



Shamrock News

12/16/16

Announcements:

Thank you for all the support you have given St. Patrick School throughout the 2016 portion of this school year. We hope all of you find time for rest and relaxation over the break. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Help Wanted: Middle School Yearbook Advisor: we are in need of a volunteer middle school yearbook advisor. This club could meet immediately after school and/or at lunch time one or two times a week. It would take approximately an hour or two of time each week to serve as the advisor. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Help Wanted: We are in need of a Before School Latchkey Supervisor. The shift begins at 6:30 a.m. and runs to approximately 8:50 a.m. each school morning. If you are interested in applying for this position please send a letter of application and resume to the school office as soon as possible.

St. Patrick School Wish List: As we wrap up another year, we are often asked about the current needs of the school since people like to make donations that are tax deductible before the end of the current tax year. Below is a wish list of items that we would greatly appreciate receiving donations towards:

- New tables for our school cafeteria - \$16,000 (buy one table at \$1,150) – We have already received a partial donation from generous donors who are hoping someone will partner with them for the rest of the cost. The tables in the cafeteria are falling apart and desperately need to be replaced. We would like to replace the current tables with the folding tables that can be moved easily. This will make the cafeteria space more usable and save custodial staff a lot of labor due to not putting up the chairs and taking them down again to clean the floor. We would like to have the new tables in place by the Catholic Schools Week breakfast at the end of January.
- Cost of making the new bus ready to pass MSP inspection = \$11,000 – We received a bus from St. Patrick School in Parnell at no cost. To get it road worthy and have it pass a Michigan State Police inspection, it will take approximately \$11,000 for all repairs. This second bus will give us flexibility when two buses are needed. It will also help extend the life of the current bus.
- New Laptops for Parish and School Staff = \$25,000 (buy one laptop at \$500) – We are now in our fourth year of using our current laptops and they are in desperate need of replacement for the 2017-18 school year.
- Chromebooks for Class of 2021 = \$4,500 - \$7,000 – We would like to continue our 1:1 implementation of Chromebooks for our high school students. This donation would allow us to purchase Chromebooks for next year's freshmen class.
- Rest of Elementary Science curriculum = \$6,000 – A portion of the curriculum was already purchased with generous do-

nations from last spring's Shamrock Auction. However, we came up short at the auction but we would like to purchase the rest of the curriculum for next school year.

- AQ Dual Enrollment classes for juniors and seniors = \$4,000 – We will be hosting Aquinas College classes here at St. Patrick School next school year. This donation would help defray the costs of our students enrolling in these classes.
- Sponsor a St. Patrick School student with a donation of your choice (or donate to the Shamrock Scholarship Fund) – There are always students that are in need of tuition assistance, especially when things come up unexpectedly over the course of a school year such as a loss of employment, divorce or a death in the family.
- Create a college scholarship – We are always looking for college scholarships to award to our graduating seniors. Generous donors have already created scholarships awarded each year at the senior banquet. Create a scholarship in the name of a business or loved one. Choose the amount of your choice and the qualifications for the scholarship.

We would appreciate any amount of money that is donated to help fulfill our needs for the upcoming year. Thank you for considering making a donation to these items and helping those who have already donated.

Also, please note that in the future, it is our goal that all needs will be met through the new Parish Faithful Giving program. Unfortunately, we are not able to do so at this time due to the fact the program has just started and we have these immediate needs.

Attention all Artsy Middle and High School Students: Art Club is starting up again. Thursday's from 2:30-4:30 starting January 5th - April 13th. If you are interested in joining, please see Mrs. Gorzen for all the details.

Progress Reports: An email was sent to all parents earlier this week to inform you that progress reports for the second quarter (students in grades 3-12) are available on the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal. In order to view your student(s) progress report, please log into the portal, select the appropriate student, select Reports, select Progress Report and the appropriate grade level, view/print.



Portland Federal Credit Union - Student Branch: We are off to a good start at St. Pat's student-run PFCU branch. We had our first "Saver Giveaway" contest and 2nd grader, J. Scheurer, won the water bottle filled with candy. Look for more contests to make saving money fun in 2017! We appreciate all of the students using their credit union and we look forward to them continuing saving after the Christmas Season. Merry Christmas to you all from the PFCU.

Snow day phone calls: As some parents may have noticed this week, Portland Public Schools have initiated an automated phone system that automatically calls parents to inform them of school closing for inclement weather. St. Pat's students enrolled in shared time classes (physical education and art classes) were automatically placed in their system. Calls will be made when Portland Public Schools will be closed. If the call is due to inclement weather, St. Pat's is automatically closed as well. Please be aware that there may be occasions when you may receive a call when it does not affect our students. For example, if St. Pat's is not in session and PPS cancels due to a snow day. Or PPS is closed for a reason that would not close St. Pat's such as a power outage. Please be conscience of what the closing is for and if it affects St. Pat's. Phone calls will go out to all people in their system. If you do not want to receive the phone calls, please call our office and we will have you removed from their system.

Elementary Christmas Program

Due to the snow day, the Elementary Christmas Program has been rescheduled for **Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

Please note that there will only be one performance.

Children should dress in Sunday Best for the performance.

2016 Winter Exam Schedule

Friday, December 16: Secondary Schedule (Grade 6-12)

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

Monday, December 19: Secondary Schedule (Grade 6-12)

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

Tuesday, December 20: Secondary Schedule (Grade 6-12)

- 7:50 - 9:20 5th Hour Exam
- 9:30 - 11:00 6th Hour Exam - **No Busing at 11 am**

Friday, January 6:

- 12:50 - 2:20 7th Hour Exam

Tuesday, December 20

1/2 day of school - DK-5 grades released at 11:30am

No busing @ dismissal

Lost & Found



There are several items in the lost and found in the office. We have shoes, socks, a tie, a belt, jackets, balls, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, glasses, an umbrella, jewelry, a container full of dvd's, a St. Pat's blanket bag, a draw string bag, boots, a water bottle and one adult black leather glove.



Calendar of Events



12/16	JV Boys BB @ P-W (JH Gym) 4:30p	12/20	High School Exam (5th hour) 7:50-9:20a
	JV Girls BB @ P-W (Fieldhouse) 4:30p		High School Exam (6th hour) 9:30-11a (No buses @ 11)
	Var. Boys & Girls @ P-W (Fieldhouse) 6p		Second Grade Nativity Play 9:30a
12/17	5/6 Grade Boys BB vs. St. Mary (Westphalia) @ SPS 10a		1/2 Day of School - DK-5 dismissed/No buses @ 11:30
12/19	High School Exam (3rd hour) 7:50-9:20a		JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Laingsburg @ PMS 6p
	High School Exam (4th hour) 9:30-11a (No buses @ 11)	12/21	Christmas Break begins
	Elementary Christmas Parties (see teacher notes)	1/4	School resumes
	Elem. students may dress in festive Christmas apparel	1/5	Elementary Christmas Program 6:30p
	Second Grade Nativity Play in Parish Hall 10:45a & 2:45p	1/6	High School Exam (7th hour) 12:50-2:20p
	Bowling @ Central Montcalm 3:30p		
	Chess Club Grades 3-5 Room 115 3:50-5p		