



Shamrock News

11/13/20

Congratulations:

- To Laynie Meredith who finished 77th and Cozie Brown who finished 82nd out of the top 245 division 4 cross country runners in the state. This was the first time in school history where two girls made it to the state finals in the same year.
- To the varsity cross country team for a successful season.
- To Christy VanderMey for being named Heartlands November student of the month.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for grades K-8. Grades 4, 5 & 7th will be making posters during art class. Entry forms are being sent home this week for grades K, 1, 2, 3, 6 & 8. The posters are due back by Nov. 20th.

Annual Food Drive: Our annual can/box food drive will be on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Please send in a non-perishable item with your child.

Blood Drive: The National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive on November 24th in the Parish Hall from 10:30 -5:00. Please contact an NHS member to make an appointment, or drop-in to donate and help save lives.

Toys for Tots: Due to the pandemic families are struggling more than ever and need our help. This year St. Patrick School and Parish will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots School Spirit Challenge 2020. We are asking that you please drop off your donations in the donation box outside of the School Office starting November 16 until December 10. Let's work together to make sure that every child wakes up with a present under the tree this Christmas.

Elementary Christmas Program: Due to Covid19, the annual elementary Christmas program will not take place this year.

Hall Walking: Due to Covid19, the school will not be available for walkers. We will re-evaluate after Christmas break.

November 18, Dec. 2, 9 & 16

No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

November 25-27

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Colder weather is here: Please come to school dressed for the weather. Wear winter jackets, hats, gloves and boots. We require K-5 grade students to wear rain or snow boots for recess when it is wet, muddy or snowy. Staying indoors is not a choice.

Lost and Found: We have a few items in the lost and found that is currently located outside the school office. There is a SPS blanket, jackets, sweatshirts, sunglasses, masks, jewelry and more.

St. Pat's vs. Colon Regional Final Football Game: This game is on Saturday, November 14 at 2pm at Portland High School. Tickets must be purchased through GoFan before you enter the gates for the game. Here is the [link](#) to purchase tickets. General admission tickets are \$6.

Portland Community Fund Association 2020 Christmas Giving Program: PCFA provides a Christmas dinner and gifts for all minor children that reside within the Portland School District. Any family that may need assistance or anyone who knows of someone who could use extra assistance at Christmas should fill out an application. Applications must be returned by Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Applications are available in the school office, City Hall, Tom's, Library, food bank and online at www.portlandcommunityfund.org.



GO GREEN! GO WHITE!



Calendar of Events



11/14 Football Regional Final vs. Colon @ PHS 2p
 11/16 7/8 grade Boys BB vs. Bath @ SPS 5:30p
 11/18 No Busing
 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
 Quiz Bowl Virtual Meet 4p
 11/19 Mass for grades 1-4, livestreamed 5-8 9:30a
 7/8 grade Boys BB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5:30p

11/20 Jean and Spirit Wear Day
 Senior Open Campus Lunch
 11/23 7/8 grade Boys BB @ Potterville 5p
 11/24 Day of Giving
 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30-5p
 7/8 grade Boys BB @ Saranac 5p
 11/25-27 Thanksgiving Break

Day of Giving

This year for one of the Day of Giving projects three seniors, Marian Pearson, Avery Zimmerman, and Lindsey Hodge will be organizing it for their Capstone Project. We will be making fleece tie blankets for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Sparrow Hospital.

Any monetary donations to help offset the cost of materials would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for donations of any suitcases or backpacks that are in good or like-new condition. We appreciate any form of donation.

Please send money in an envelope marked 'Day of Giving' and suitcases and backpacks to the office.

Please send in donations by **Friday, November 20th.**

Thank you for all of your support.



Thank you from the St. Patrick Athletic Association and Fall Fest Committee! We sold 510 meals this past Sunday for our take out dinner. We cannot thank you enough for your patience and grace as we navigated this new method! In a normal year (haha what's that?), we sell 150-200 meals for take-out so preparing and serving this many for "take out only" was an accomplishment in itself. Many volunteers stepped up to help prepare, cook, and serve a delicious meal and we thank you as well!

Our Big Bucks raffle ticket drawing is this Sunday, November 15! Anyone who purchased their tickets before Oct. 1st went into a special drawing for an extra ticket...our winner is Connie Vallier! Congratulations Connie! We will post our winners this Sunday...good luck to those of you that have purchased raffle tickets and thank you again for your support of St. Patrick Athletics.

Each student-athlete family that sold four Big Bucks raffle tickets will receive an out of dress code slip. Those students/families that sold the most will have a chance to win gift cards. Please submit this [form](#) if you haven't done so already to get your out of dress code slips and a chance to win a gift card.

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

November 12th - 30th



As you may know, St. Pat's PTO typically hosts a book fair every fall and spring. This fall's book fair was cancelled due to Covid-19, so we have teamed up with Follett Book eFairs to hold a VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR instead! 100% of the earnings will be used to purchase books for St. Pat's classrooms!

ORDER ONLINE:

<https://efairs.follettbookfairs.com>
St. Pat's eFair code: WR976

**Submit Orders Online By:
November 30th, 2020**

QUESTIONS?

Contact St. Pat's PTO
pto@portlandstpats.org



Teacher Wish List: If you would like to purchase books to donate to a classroom, please check the book fair website to see if your child's teacher has created a wish list!

Student Wish List: Students have the opportunity to create their own personal wish lists for family members and loved ones who are looking for gift ideas! Please use this option on the book fair website if interested.

Follett will ship your books to the school after our eFair is complete. Orders will be sent home with students. Other delivery options can be discussed.