



Shamrock News

8/29/19

Welcome New Students: St. Patrick School welcomes the following new kindergarten students this school year: Benedict Austen, Henry Baltimore, Trent Bozung, Griffin Brown, Nicholas Brown, Ethan Chamberlain, Natalie Cote, Sadie Easlick, Wyatt Fox, Daniel Harraka, Kent Haskin, Alexis Juszczak, Cora Kissane, Ava Klein, Sarah Kwiecinski, Evan Lansdell, Austen Livingston, Kendell Longanbach, Gabriel McCormack, Hudson Newman, Easton O'Neill, Parker Osborne, Gracelyn Pung, Camden Russman, Jackson Sandborn, Oliver Schneider, Sawyer Simpson, Avery Smith and Charli Thelen.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications: The forms were sent home last week. It is extremely urgent that all families return this form, even if you are not applying for free and reduced lunch, as it is tied to two important funding sources for our school.

Please return forms to the office: Handbook forms are due in the school office ASAP.

High School Pictures and ID's: High school pictures and ID's were sent home with students today.

Remind for PS-8 Grade Parents: Mrs. Smith has set up a Remind for preschool - 8th grade parents to communicate important updates and information quickly. You can sign up by texting @4464h2 to the number 81010. You will then receive a welcome text from Remind. If you wish to receive Remind by email click on this link <https://www.remind.com/join/4464h2>.

Picture Days: Students in grades preschool - 8 will be photographed by LifeTouch on **Tuesday, September 3**, preschool on **Wednesday, September 4**. Picture order forms are being sent home this week and should be turned into your child's home-room teacher. Students must dress in school uniform. Picture re-take day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22.

Jean Day/School Spirit Wear: The first jean day is scheduled for Friday, September 27.

Infinite Campus: The Campus Portal and Mobile Portal app has changed. You will need to download the new mobile app.

Friday, Aug. 30 & Monday, Sept. 2

No School - Labor Day Break

Marketing Pictures: A photographer will be in the school on September 11 & 12 to take pictures that will be used on the big window signs facing Grand River, school website, Facebook and diocesan website. We ask that all students wear their best school uniforms those days. Girls who have plaid skirts or jumpers are encouraged to wear them.

2018-19 High School Yearbooks: The yearbooks are here. Last years Seniors can pick them up in the school office.

Online Apparel Store: Looking for some St. Patrick Football apparel? Fabricated Customs in downtown Portland has setup an online store to order your spirit wear. Cross Country and Volleyball apparel coming soon. The store will stay online year round and orders can be picked up at the store or be shipped directly to your home for a shipping fee. Click on this link fabricatedcustoms.com/collections/st-patrick-football-apparel.

Monday Night Community Dinners: St. Patrick Church is in charge of getting student workers for the Monday Night Community Dinner at the First Congregational Church every second Monday of the month (September - May). The students will wash dishes, serve food, help carry trays for the elderly, and clean up. The dinner is from 4-6 pm. No sign up is needed, just show up and help.

Hunter Safety Program: The Grand River Conservation Club is hosting its Fall 2019 Hunter's Safety Course. The course consists of 3 classroom sessions from 6-9 pm on September 9, 12 and 16 and a field exercise day on Saturday, Sept. 14 (time TBA). Attendance is mandatory for all days. Cost is \$10.00 and payable on the first night of class. Classes are held at the Conservation Club at 7345 Lyons Road. Registration forms are in the school office or available the first night of class. For more information contact Collin Kelly (517) 647-1819.



Calendar of Events



8/30 Football vs. Battle Creek St. Phillip @ PHS 7p
8/30-9/2 No School - Labor Day Break
9/3 First Day of T/TH Preschool
School Pictures PS-8th grade
9/4 First Day of M/W/F Preschool
School Pictures PS
Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
Fr., JV, & Var. Volleyball @ Fulton 4:30p

9/5 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
9/7 MS & Var. Cross Country @ Bath Inv. 8:30a
JV Volleyball @ Lakewood Inv. 9a
Var. Volleyball @ Mason Inv. 9a
St. Patrick School - 50th Reunion Reception 2:30p
Football vs. Tekonsha @ PHS 7p
9/8 Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6p

Thinking Maps: One of our professional developments a few years ago was on the use of Thinking Maps. Thinking Maps is a language of eight visual patterns each based on a fundamental thinking process. Each visual representation is linked to a specific thought process. By connecting dynamic visual design with a specific thought process, students create mental visual patterns for thinking based on these eight cognitive skills.

The staff will be implementing a different map each week again this year for the first eight weeks of the school year. Information will be provided in the school newsletter for the map that is implemented for that particular week of school and includes a way for your family to practice. We implemented the circle map this week.

PTO Homecoming Tailgate

Saturday, October 5 before the football game

6 pm in the PHS parking lot

Bring a potluck dish to pass

- PTO will provide hot dogs, buns, water, etc.
- Advancement & Development Committee will host a pork roast.

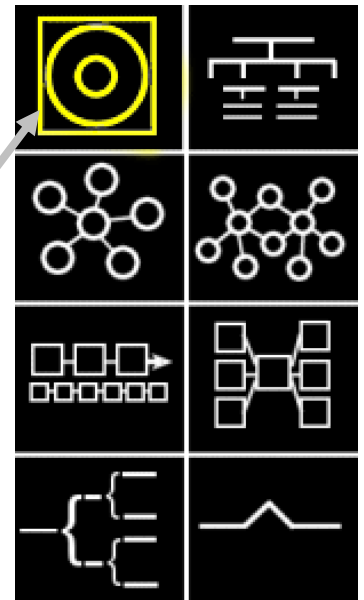
All are welcome to attend.



THINKING MAPS HOME & School

Connection

Circle Map Defining/Brainstorming



We use a circle map to record definitions and/or brainstorms. Many times, the information on a circle map is then organized in some way, but this map is used to get thinking from the brain to the paper.

Example:



Other ideas for **Circle Map**:

- Family activities
- Books we read
- Kinds of animals
- Types of sports
- Any other brainstorming topic

With your family, create a circle map on a separate piece of paper. You may select any topic for the center of your circle map.



FALL FESTIVAL COMING SOON!

Remember to mark your calendars for the 59th Annual Fall Festival, which will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

RAFFLE TICKETS: All raffle ticket packets will be in the back of church next week. Be sure to pick your packet up and try, try, try to sell them all! The raffle is the biggest money-maker at the festival! Here are a few facts about the raffle:

- The Fall Festival Raffle normally generates about \$18-\$20,000.
- If everyone picked up their tickets and sold the entire pack, it would generate \$112,000!
- Every pack sold **MAKES A DIFFERENCE** in the Shamrock sports budget!
- Even if you are busy on October 13, you can still help by selling your tickets.

ARTS AND CRAFTS: The Arts and Crafts show has always been a great way to celebrate the season as well as get a jump start on Christmas shopping. It has been a tradition for many of our crafters to be here and the event keeps drawing new crafters to the area. Interested in reserving a booth? There is an online application or you may print the application and send it to Darlene Miller. Be sure to also check Facebook for details and updates at [Portland St. Pat's Fall Fest Craft Show](#).

RACE: Our half marathon and 5k race are being held again this year and seems to keep growing! With our beautiful river trails, it has grown to be a very popular race. Check out the Fall Fest website to print your registration or use the online registration.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We're already beginning to schedule workers for the festival. **All athletes and all parents of athletes (Grades 5-12) are expected to work a shift.** Call Mary Cook (517-927-1580) if you'd like first dibs on a time slot. If you have questions, call Jill Scheurer (517-944-4725). For complete information about the 2019 Fall Festival, including online sign up, please visit our website: Go to portlandstpats.com and click on Fall Festival.