



Shamrock News

9/13/19

Gym Floor Update: Everything went well with the removal of the gym floor and the grinding of the cement underneath. The floor has been prepped and ready to go with our original vendor giving us an install date of Tuesday, September 3. This vendor has not moved forward on this project as scheduled for reasons we are uncertain of. We are currently looking at other vendors to complete the floor project.

With this new information, Mr. Russman has moved forward with the continuation of volleyball practice at the venues they have been using thus far. He has also been able to reschedule the following home matches for freshman, JV and varsity volleyball at the Portland Middle School gymnasium:

- Tuesday 9/17 vs. Laingsburg @ PMS with a 6:30 Freshman start
- Tuesday 9/24 vs. P-W @ PMS with a 6:30 Freshman start

For physical education classes, Mr. Pettit has been taking students outside weather permitting. If weather is not permitting, he is able to use the gym in its current condition on a limited basis.

We are very sorry to all our school families for the inconvenience this has caused for everyone. We are working with our Plants and Grounds Committee to get this resolved as soon as possible. Updates will be provided as they become available.

Varsity Football Game on Friday, Sept. 13: The game has been cancelled due to the opponent forfeiting their football season.

Thank You:

- To seniors Anna Schasser, Judith Pohl, Ryan Lay and Seth Hoppes for helping with the Father Flohe Foundation 50 Year Reunion this past weekend.
- To Jayne Klein and Sue VanLente for taking the marketing pictures for St. Patrick School again this school year.

MAPS Testing: Fall MAPS testing is taking place over the next couple of weeks. Please make sure students eat a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep.

NHS Blood Drive: The National Honor Society is holding a blood drive on Tuesday, Sept 24. Please see an NHS member, sign up online, or walk-in on the day of the drive to donate. Every donation counts!

Friday, September 20
No Busing in the afternoon - PPS 1/2 day

Family Directory: The directory has been sent home with the oldest child of families included in the directory. Please ask them for it and keep it in a convenient spot.

Homecoming Shirts: Homecoming shirts are available to order at Fabricated Customs through the online apparel store. If you would like one for homecoming week please order by midnight on Sept. 20th. See below for the website.

Online Apparel Store: Looking for some St. Patrick apparel? Fabricated Customs in downtown Portland has setup an online store to order your spirit wear. Currently there is Football, Cross Country, Volleyball, Homecoming and St. Pat's School approved jacket apparel available. 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 <https://fabricatedcustoms.com/collections/st-patrick> to place an order.

Zeke is Returning!: Zeke and Star, his human handler, will visit the K-5 grade classrooms beginning on Sept. 17. An additional dog team will be assigned to join and visit our 6-12 students soon! Zeke is from Buddy's PALS. To learn more about the program, visit www.buddypals.com.

Thinking Maps: This week's Thinking Map that was introduced to all students is the Double Bubble.

 **PTO Homecoming Tailgate**
Saturday, October 5
 5:30 pm in the PHS parking lot • Kickoff is 7pm
 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.


Calendar of Events

9/14	JV Volleyball @ Perry Inv. 9a	9/19	Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a
9/16	7/8 Grade Volleyball @ Fulton 5p		7/8 Grade Volleyball @ Fowler 5p
9/17	Fr., JV, Var. Volleyball vs. Laingsburg @PMS 6:30p	9/20	No bussing at dismissal
9/18	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a		Var. Football @ Webberville 7p
	MS & Var. Cross Country @ Bath Jamboree 4:30p	9/21	Fr. Volleyball @ Perry Inv. 9a
	5/6 Grade Volleyball @ St. Thomas 6p		5/6 Grade Volleyball @ St. Mary Westphalia 12p

PTO Kidsfest

The PTO is looking for volunteers to help out at Kidsfest during Fall Fest on Sunday, October 13. Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FAAA92DA57-kidsfest> to sign up to work.


 Shamrock Pride



Portland, MI www.wagonwheelbowl.com 517-647-4989

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Present this coupon to your server.



20% of all sales will be given to St. Pat's PTO

Franciscan Life Process Center Lowell Campus 11650 Downes St. NE Lowell MI 49331

Attention High Schoolers! SOMETHING TO SAY "YES" TO

Theology of the Body (TOB), is an awesome way for all of us to understand God's plan for the living of our Sexuality. These three sequenced retreats include unique, fun experiences that are grounded in solid Catholic teaching and take place on the Franciscan Sisters' farm in Lowell. Students in grades 10 - 12 are invited to join us Nov. 15-16, Jan. 24-25, Feb. 28-29. Cost: \$125. Please go to TOB4teens.eventbrite.com for more information.

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Fifth Annual Franciscan Rhythms Trail Run & Walk!

October 5th 2019

9 am – 2pm

This fundraising event replenishes the Center's Music Therapy Scholarship fund. FLPC provides music therapy to many in West Michigan. Many of our clients receive a variety of therapies. Families often need help to pay for the services offered by the Center, and Music Therapy is rarely covered by medical insurance. The Center provides over \$5,500 per month in scholarship assistance. From September 14 through the day of the race, the fee is 5K \$35 and 10 K \$40 Go to trail-run2019.eventbrite.com to register.

2019 Homecoming Court

Prince & Princess: Parker Osborne & Sadie Easlick

Freshman Representatives: Payton Russman & Samantha Smith

Sophomore Representatives: Derec Fedewa & Carly Scheurer

Junior Representatives: Tristin Huhn & Avery Zimmerman

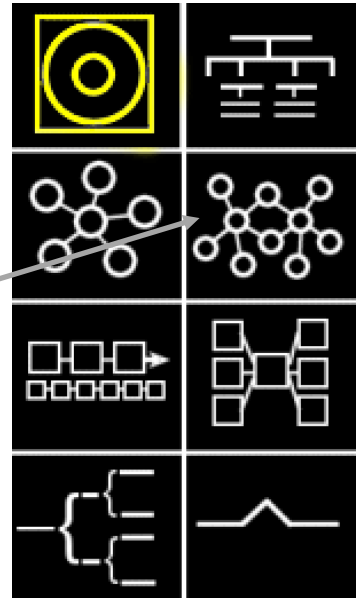
King Representatives: Jeff Davlin, Riley Kissane & Bret Weller

Queen Representatives: Ally Florian, Leah Kissane & Samantha Teachworth



THINKING MAPS

HOME & School

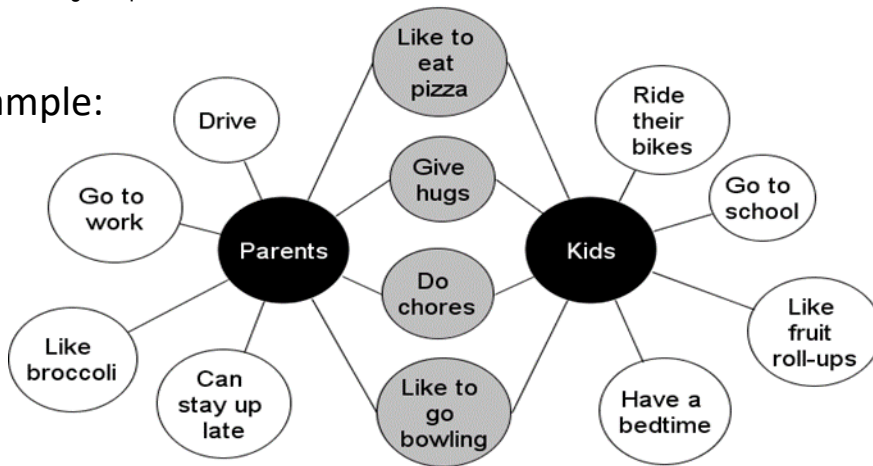


Double Bubble

Compare and Contrast

A double bubble is used for comparing and contrasting. Bubbles in the middle that touch both things being compared are similarities, bubbles outside that connect to one circle or the other are differences.

Example:



- Other ideas for **Double Bubble Map**
- Two people/story characters
 - Two animals
 - Two stories
 - Two cities
 - Two other things

With your family, create a double bubble map. You may select any topic for the center of your bubble map. Remember: You may only use ADJECTIVES or ADJECTIVE PHRASES in your bubbles.



Fall Festival 2019 is almost here—it will be held on October 13, 2019!

BREAD & DESSERTS NEEDED We'll need enough breads and desserts to feed 1000 people, so it's important that everyone helps out in this area. Please drop them off at the cafeteria on Saturday, Oct. 12 between 8 am and 5:30 pm. (Please note that there will be a table at the top of the steps, in the entrance near the church, where you can leave your baked goods.)

HOMEMADE COOKIES The ever-popular Cookie Booth will be held in the office hallway. All Shamrock Athletes in grades 5-12 are expected to donate homemade cookies. Grandparents and others can also bring cookies for this booth. Cookies can be dropped off at the gym or the cafeteria early on Saturday between 8:00 am and 5:30 pm. Cookies can also be left on the table at the top of the stairs.

DINNER TICKETS Available at the door – no advance tickets will be sold.

RAFFLE TICKETS Raffle tickets can be dropped in the collection basket for the next few weekends. On the day of the Fall Festival, Oct. 13, they can be turned in at the raffle booth, located inside the main entrance of the school. Remember---The Shamrock athletic budget depends on the success of this raffle.

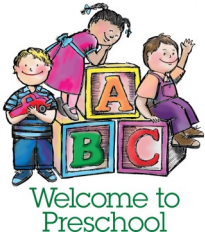
- The Fall Festival Raffle normally generates about \$18,000-\$20,000
- If everyone picked up their tickets and sold the entire pack, it would generate \$112,000!
- Every pack sold **MAKES A DIFFERENCE** in the Shamrock sports budget!
- Even if you are busy on October 13, you can still help by selling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



All Are Welcome at St. Patrick Preschool

By: Aaron Thelen, Preschool Director

All are welcome to attend St. Patrick Preschool! Please contact the office for a tour or to visit us in session! Students three years of age and fully potty trained can enroll at any time throughout the year. We offer two, three, four and five half day programs for both three and four year olds!



We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve! That's our mission statement and it's representative of the philosophy used at all levels of St. Patrick School. Not the least of them, the preschool program. At St. Patrick Preschool we center our days around Christ and his teachings. We pray every morning, before meals and at the end of the day. We dedicate an entire month to the rosary. We send cards of prayer if someone in our community becomes ill. Prayer is central to everything we do at St. Patrick Preschool.

We learn through play. The great Fred Rogers once said, "Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning. They have to play with what they know to be true, in order to find out more, and then they can use what they learn in new forms of play". We believe that children learn best through interaction with their peers and teachers in a play-based curriculum that focuses on social emotional development, as well as basic academic skills needed to continue their educational journey. We will provide an unmatched educational foundation that will set the children in our classroom up for a career of educational and emotional success. One of the best interactions that we get to witness at St. Patrick is when siblings and cousins stop each other in the hallway for a hug or a high-five.

We achieve with readiness for the next level of school. By the end of the year, our students show the skills, both academically and emotionally, for the next chapter of their academic careers. They will be equipped with the proper knowledge of basic academic principles, and the social skills to help them thrive at the next level. Preschool should be an inviting, loving and colorful place for our little ones to learn and develop. There are many theories on how to provide a good foundation for preschool aged children and they all have great qualities about them. This year, we decided to offer more options in our morning session to allow for flexibility for our parent's schedules, as well as create an opportunity for the older children in those classes to set an example for their younger peers.

We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve! With Christ at the center of all we do at St. Patrick, we are able to uphold and thrive with this mission statement, even with our littlest Shamrocks. At St. Patrick Preschool, we offer an opportunity for children to grow in their faith and their social skills. With this, comes an advantage academically that follows our students throughout their lives. We hope that you will consider our wonderful program when the time comes to send your little ones to preschool!

Call St. Patrick School to register or set up a tour:

(517) 647-7551

