



Shamrock News

10/11/19

Gym floor update: The installation of the new gym floor started on Tuesday, October 8th. If everything runs as scheduled, the gym could be back in use as early as Monday, October 21st. No one is allowed in the gym while the installation is being completed.

Vision Screening: The Ionia County Health Department will be here on Mon., Oct. 28 to screen students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. If you have a child that you would like to be screened, please let the office know.

Hearing Screening: The Ionia County Health Department will be here on Wed., Oct. 30th to screen students in K, 2nd and 4th grades. If you have a child that you would like to be screened, please let the office know.

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 to help.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 24 from 12:30- 3:30pm and 4:30-7:30pm. Elementary and middle school students will have a scheduled conference time. Parents of high school students may walk in and meet with teachers any time during the scheduled conference times.

Wear Pink to the Football Game on Oct. 12 for Breast Cancer Awareness
Donations will be collected
Bonfire @ Fr. Flohe Field following the game until 11pm

Thursday & Friday, October 17 & 18
No Busing - Portland Public Schools not in session

Thinking Maps: This week's Thinking Map that was introduced to all students is the Multi-Flow Map.

Box Tops: We will not have label competitions this year, but please continue to send in your Box Tops and sign up for the app to scan in your receipts.

Halloween Parties: Elementary Halloween parties will take place in the afternoon on Oct 31, see classroom newsletters for details. The Halloween parade for parents is at 3:15pm. Route will be announced soon.

Halloween Costume Contest for Middle and High School Students: Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed to wear a costume on Oct. 31. Middle school students will be allowed to change into their costume after Mass. Students will receive an out of dress code slip for the most creative, the funniest and best overall costumes. All costumes must be appropriate (Grandma approved, nothing gory or anti-Catholic) and must be an actual costume (not leggings/sweatpants and a t-shirt). **NO JEANS ALLOWED.**

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.

Childcare Charges: Childcare charges were added to your Smart Tuition accounts this week and are due on your due date in November. If you have a 1 or 2 payment plan, a Smart Administrative Fee was added to your account for childcare billing.



Calendar of Events



10/12 Var. Cross Country @ Greater Lansing Invitational
Var. Volleyball @ Dansville Invitational 9a
5/6 Grade Volleyball CYAC Tournament @ PMS 10a
Var. Football vs. Onekama @ PHS 7p
Bonfire after the football game @ FFF until 11p
10/13 Fall Fest in the school
10/14 7/8 Grade Volleyball @ Saranac 5p
10/15 PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch
7/8 Grade Volleyball @ Fulton 5p
JV & Var. Volleyball vs Dansville @ PMS 6:30p
10/16 Liturgy of the Hours for grades 9-12 9:30a

MS & Var. Cross Country @ Saranac Jamboree 4p
10/17 No busing - PPS not in session
College Fair @ Belding High School 8:10a
Rosary/Scripture Service for grades 1-8 9:30a
10/18 No busing - PPS not in session
Jean and spirit wear day
Open Campus Lunch for Seniors
10/19 Fr. Volleyball @ Dansville Invitational 9a
JV Volleyball @ Perry Invitational 9a
Var. Cross Country @ Class D State Meet 9a
Var. Football @ Bellaire 6p

Coat Drive: The Portland Community Fund Association will be having a coat drive from Oct. 1-18. Adult and children's clean, useable coats will be collected along with hats, mittens, gloves, boots and outerwear. We especially need children's snow pants. A donation container is located in the hallway outside the school office. Distribution will take place on Sat., Oct. 19 from 10am-1pm at St. Andrew Lutheran Church on Kent Street for anyone needing winter apparel.

Applications for the Portland Community Fund Association's Christmas Giving Program are available in the school office, Portland City Hall, churches, library, and Tom's Pharmacy. Any family residing in the Portland School District that may need assistance or anyone who knows of someone who could use the extra assistance should fill out an application. For more information call Lisa Balderson 517-930-1651 or Sandy Klein 517-526-0529.

PFCU School Branch Program: We are excited that PFCU is once again running the School Branch Program at St. Patrick Elementary! Students in 2nd-5th grade that have an account with PFCU can bring their money to school to save. There will be contests and prizes all year! The branch will be opening on October 15 in the music room during lunch and running every Tuesday. We are in need of 1-2 parent volunteers to help with the student branch during elementary lunch from 11:35am-12:35pm. Please contact Janet Pung in the school office if you are able to help.

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

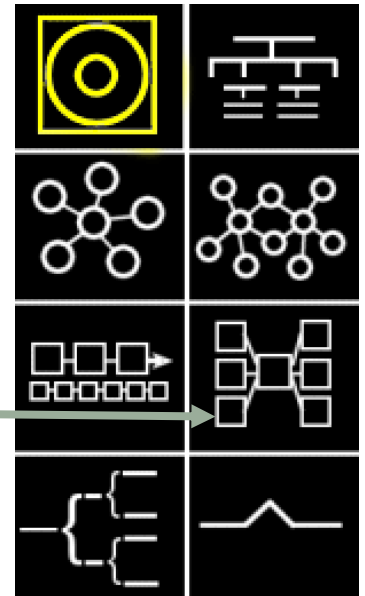


THINKING MAPS

HOME & School

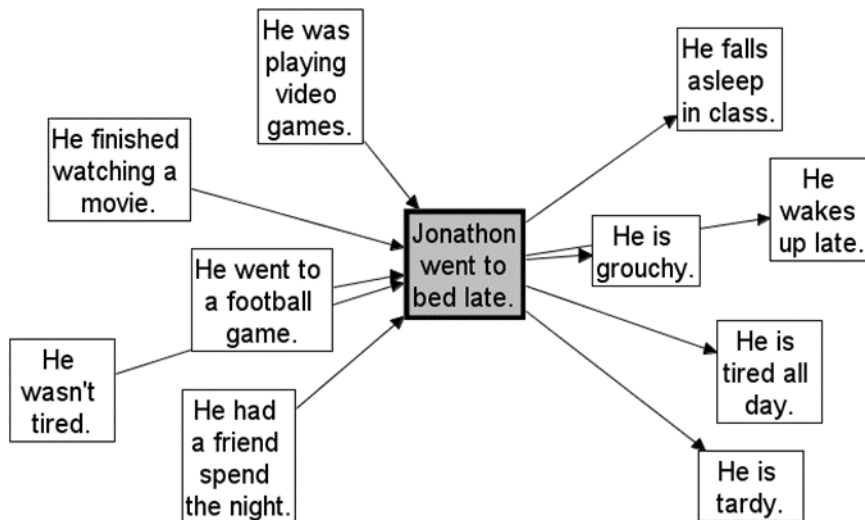
Multi-Flow Map

Cause and Effect



The multi-flow map is used to identify causes and effects of an event. Sometimes only half of the map is used to only focus on causes or look more closely at effects of something.

Example:



Other ideas for Multi-Flow Map

- Causes for someone to laugh
- Effects of not doing homework
- Cause/Effect eating healthy
- Causes for increased prices
- Effects of making a poor/good decision

With your family, create a multi-flow map. You may identify causes and/or effects of any event.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

FAFSA

Seniors should now be applying to FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid). I highly recommend they do this as soon as possible! Both parents and students will need their own login and pin for access. However, the application will only be submitted through the student account. Both parent and student income from 2017 as well as any parent and student savings/assets need to be claimed on this application.

College Application Month

If your student is college-bound, now is the time to apply! I recommend that students have 2-3 colleges to apply to. Strive to apply by October 31st! Some applications are completed directly through the college and some use the Common App.

Mental Health Survey

This past week and this upcoming week, I have been giving mental health surveys to all middle and high school students. The results from these surveys will be used to gauge counselor curriculum in the classroom this year. The same survey will be given again at the end of the year to gauge progress in these areas.

Ionia County College Fair

All juniors and seniors will be attending the College Fair in Belding on October 17th from 9:00-11:00. We will be taking a bus as a group and will be back just before lunch. Heartlands students have extra directions for this day to help the trip run smoothly and ensure they can arrive to their afternoon class and back home as normal. There is also an LCC College Night event taking place that same night if you are interested in talking to college representatives with your student. See the following page for more information.

UPCOMING

- Classroom Guidance Lessons for PS-12
- Senior/Junior Conferences with the Counselor
- Minute Meetings with the Counselor: PS-10
- Individual Counseling Sessions as needed
- Group Counseling (in progress and as needed)

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am happy to help!

~Mrs. Garcia

“Do something today that your future self will thank you for.” -Sean Patrick Flanery

DISCOVER PROGRAMS & TRANSFER
OPPORTUNITIES TO MATCH
YOUR GOALS

COLLEGE NIGHT 2019

SPEAK WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM
50+ COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

FREE TO ATTEND & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THURSDAY, OCT. 17 | 6 -7:30 P.M.

REGISTER TO ATTEND & LEARN MORE AT

LCC.EDU/COLLEGENIGHT



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FINANCIAL AID STATION + QUESTIONS? CALL 517-483-1999 + DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

*** Portland St. Patrick**

Fall Festival

Buffet Style Roast Beef Dinner

Huge Arts & Crafts Show

Kidfest Activities for the Kids

Euchre Tournament

Half Marathon/5K Race

Raffle

October 13, 2019

Always the 2nd Sunday in October!
www.stpatsfallfestival.webs.com