



Shamrock News

10/18/19

Gym floor update: The gym floor installation has been moving along at a good pace. The installation of the gym floor was completed on Tuesday. Line painting started on Wednesday. Once the lines are painted, it will need to set for 72 hours. Once the floor is dry, the next step will be for the bleachers to be reinstalled. We are hoping this will begin as early as next week. We are hoping and praying the gym will be back to full usage by Monday, October 28. No one is allowed in the gym while the installation is being completed.

Heartland Student of the Month: Devon FoxElster was chosen as Heartlands Institute of Technology Student of the Month.

Picture Retake Day: Picture retake day is on Tuesday, October 22 from 9:00 - 10:30 am. Please return your picture packet to the photographer. Order forms are available in the office.

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.

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

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

Thursday, October 24

1/2 Day of School - Parent/Teacher Conferences (MS & HS dismiss at 11:25; Elem dismiss at 11:40)
No busing at dismissal; No afterschool childcare

Friday, October 25

No School - Staff Professional Development Day

On-line Spirit Wear Store: Hoodies and polo shirts are now available online through Fabricated Customs. Visit this [link](#) to see what is available and/or place an order.

Lost and Found: There are several items in lost and found, please take the time while you are here for conferences to look for items that your child(ren) may have lost. A table will be set up in the elementary hallway.

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.**

Childcare Charges: Childcare charges were added to your Smart Tuition accounts last 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



10/19	Fr. Volleyball @ Dansville Invitational 9a JV Volleyball @ Perry Invitational 9a Var. Volleyball @ New Lothrop Invitational 9a Var. Cross Country @ Class D State Meet 9a Var. Football @ Bellaire 6p	QuizBowl @ Bath 4:30p Fr, JV & Var. Volleyball @ Bath 5:30p	
10/21	7/8 Grade Volleyball @ Fowler 5p	10/24	1/2 Day of School (6-12 = 7:30-11:25; K-5 = 8:40-11:40) No Busing at dismissal; No afterschool childcare PTO Book Fair 9a - 4p Living Rosary at Fr. Flohe Field for grades K-12 9:30a
10/22	School Picture Retake Day 9a Fire Prevention Magician Performance 10a PFCU Student Branch during elementary lunch School Board Meeting in Room 115 6:30p	10/25	No School - Staff Professional Development Day End of 1st Quarter Var. Cross Country Regionals @ DeWitt Var. Football vs. Burr Oak @ PHS 7p
10/23	PTO Book Fair 9a - 4p Liturgy of the Hours for grades 9-12 9:30a	10/26	Var. Volleyball CMAC @ Potterville

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.



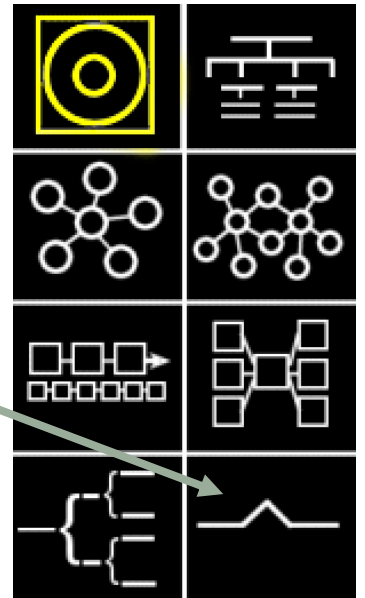
Join us on Tuesday, October 29th for a concert featuring MJM7. MJM7 is a Catholic family band comprised of Michael James Mette and 4 of his daughters: Gabriella (15), Trinity (14), Charity (12), and Cecilia (10) who join him on stage. The Mette's gifts of music, joy, & family life offer the boldness and innocence of youth with the wisdom and depth of lived experiences. The events fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing, and an invitation to prayer. The music is uplifting without being preachy, creating an environment that is engaging without being confrontational. The concert empowers all ages to pray more fully and worship more freely. Bring a friend! You won't want to miss this unique event. The concert is free, donations are accepted.

10:00 am with high school students
 12:00 pm with middle school students
 6:00 pm for the Parish
In the Parish Hall



THINKING MAPS

HOME & School

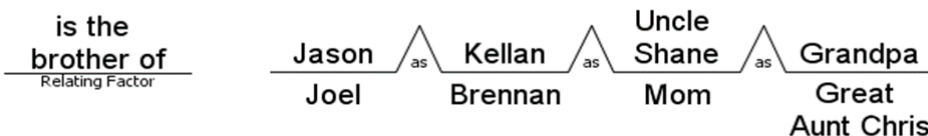


Bridge Map

Seeing Relationships/Analogies

The bridge map is used to help students see analogies. There is always a relating factor identified fits both sides of the analogy.

Example:



- Ideas for relating factors on a **Bridge Map**
- ___ is the color of ___
 - ___ is the main character in ___
 - ___ is famous for ___
 - ___ is the leader of ___

With your family, create a bridge map on a separate piece of paper. You may select any relating factor. Read your bridge map to see if it makes sense, substituting the relating factor in for each line on the map.