



Shamrock News

9/27/19

Shorts season: Students may wear shorts until October 4.

Get the Remind App: Don't miss out on important reminders and emergency information. For grades ps-8 text 81010 with the message @4464h2 to set up the app on your phone. For high school text 757.847.9886 with the message @793fhb. You can also receive them via email by going to remind.com. This app allows you to receive the messages in real time for emergencies and general information.

Medication: If your student takes or carries medicine to school, please make sure the proper paperwork is on file. All medical paperwork needs to be updated annually.

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

Halloween parties: Elementary Halloween parties will take place in the afternoon on Oct 31, see classroom newsletters for details.

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 snowpants. 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.

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 hope to see you there.

Online Apparel Store: Looking for some St. Patrick apparel? Click on the link at the bottom of the school website homepage to place an order.

News from the Lunch Lady:

- Please make checks payable to Portland Food Service or PFS.
- You may write one check if you are making a payment for multiple children. I only ask you to include a note so I know how to disperse the money.
- Each child has their own account. Money can be transferred from sibling to sibling if need be. I need authorization to make the transfer.
- We are still using the "Send Money to School" website. You do not have to use it to deposit money if you don't want to as they do charge you a convenience fee. But it is a valuable resource to use to monitor your child's account.
- If you have signed up you might want to check and see if your account is still active. For some reason some of the accounts have been deactivated for "inactivity." If that has happened to you all you need to do is sign up again. Let me know if you need any of the information.
- I will be sending home account balances once a month. I will also be contacting parents if their accounts fall too far into the "red."

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.



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



9/27	Var. Football vs. Vestaburg @ PHS 7p	10/3	Mass for grades K-8 9:30a
9/28	JV Volleyball @ Ionia Invitational 9a	7/8	Grade Volleyball @ Bath 5p
	Var. Cross Country @ CC-C Invitational 9a	10/4	Var. Cross Country @ Fowler Invitational 4:30p
	5/6 Grade Volleyball vs. St. Mary & St. Joseph @ PMS 10a	10/5	5/6 Grade Volleyball vs. St. Mary & IHM @ PMS 10a
	Homecoming High School Dance in Parish Hall 7:30-11p		PTO Homecoming Tailgate @ PHS 5:30
9/30-10/4	Spirit Week activities please refer to homecoming page		Homecoming Parade (grades 6-12) St. Pat's to PHS 6p
10/2	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a		Var. Football vs. Manistee Catholic Central @ PHS 7p
	MS & Var. Cross Country @ P-W Jamboree 4:30p		Bonfire after game @ FFF
	Fr., JV & Var. Volleyball @ Saranac 5:30p	10/6	Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6p
	5/6 Grade Volleyball @ Resurrection 6p		

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello parents,

I am excited to share the counseling department's new resources and information with students and parents. Please see the topics below for more information. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

School Counseling Page on our School Website

The counseling page has been updated to include information such as:

- My school counseling program vision and mission
- A brief explanation of a school counselor's role
- Counseling resources (phone numbers for professional counseling or refer your child for a counseling appointment with myself)
- A break down of important high school milestones by year
- A college application checklist
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Testing for elementary, middle school, and high school
- College athletic eligibility
- How to order transcripts

Google Classrooms for High School Students

I have created Google Classrooms for each grade in high school. Please ensure that your students are joining these classrooms for important updates or resources they can use for the year. For Seniors, these resources may include available scholarships, college application information, checklists for the year, etc. Juniors will have links to a practice ACT and SAT (optional), college/career exploration tools, graduation checks, Heartlands Career Center sign up, etc. Sophomores and Freshmen will have access to resources such as college/career exploration, four-year plans, Heartlands tour, and much more. See the codes below for your student to request access or even join yourself!

- Freshmen: [7io5cr4](#)
- Sophomores: [zuqdcA5](#)
- Juniors: [c4cc8p](#)
- Seniors: [1ahrzn](#)

College Applications

Some students are college bound while others would rather attend a trade school or work directly after high school. All choices are great options! However, those who are college bound need to start thinking about college applications. I recommend students to apply to college by Halloween. Applications after Halloween may also be accepted but there may be a decreased chance of acceptance. Apply to at least 2-3 colleges (1-2 dream colleges and 1-2 safe colleges). When acceptances start rolling in, make sure to compare prices and financial aid/scholarships offered through each school.

Screenagers The Next Chapter: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience

There is a premiere screening at Celebration Cinema North in Grand Rapids: [Screenagers The Next Chapter: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience](#) coming up soon! This movie provides solutions for mental health issues such as stress, anxiety, and depression for educators and parents. Please keep in mind that this movie is intended for adults and youth age 10 and up. It will take place Monday, October 21 at 7 p.m. You can buy tickets in advance at bit.ly/DOGRMovie. Mr. Hodge has two free tickets for high school and Mrs. Smith has two tickets for elementary/middle school that will be given to the first families to contact them.

UPCOMING

See below for upcoming topics to be discussed with students:

- Senior/Junior meetings: I will be meeting with all seniors and juniors to discuss critical topics for their last two years of high school.
- Juniors/Sophomores: Students will be given an overview of Heartlands and the opportunity to sign up early.
- Classroom Guidance Lessons (PS-12) - Topics will vary.
- ACT dates: Our current juniors will be taking the ACT on February 25th, 2020.
- PreACT: Freshmen and Sophomores will be taking the PreACT this year. Dates will be announced later in the year.
- Group counseling sessions (permission slips will be sent home).
- College representatives will be available during lunch time at various times of the year.

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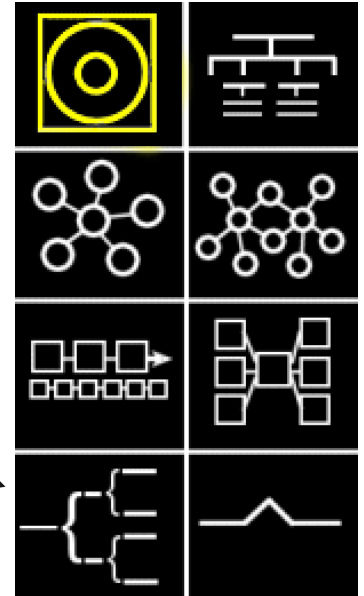
THINKING MAPS

HOME & School

Connection

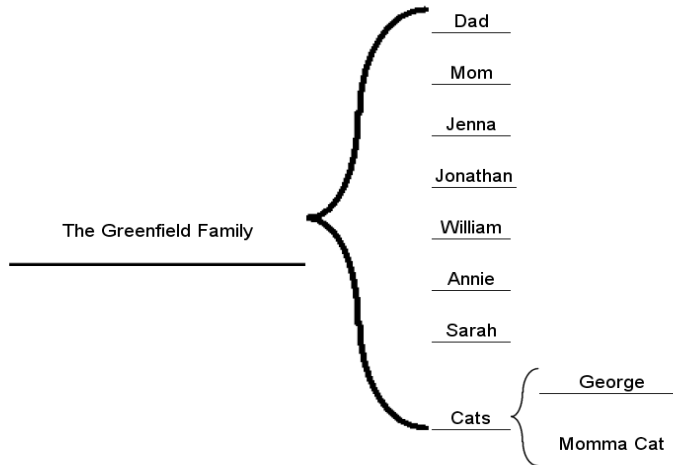
Brace Map

Parts of a Whole



A brace map is used to identify all the individual parts that make up a whole thing. Think of it like a jigsaw puzzle. All the pieces make one picture and with any missing piece, you do not have a "whole" or completed puzzle.

Example:



Other ideas for **Brace Map**

- Parts of a plant
- Parts of a region/country
- Parts of a machine
- Parts of a number
- Any other thing that can be broken into parts

With your family, create a brace map. You may select anything to break into all its parts.



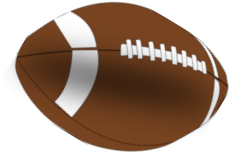
Please come and join us for the 2019 Fall Festival on Sunday, October 14 at the school. Buffet Style dinner includes roast beef and ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, salad, homemade breads and desserts.....and much more!

- Dinner will be served from 11:00 until 2:00 pm, and take-out meals will be available in the Parish Hall during those same hours.
- Raffle tickets can be turned in at the Raffle Booth in the lobby outside the school office on Sunday from 10 until 2:45 p.m.. The raffle will be held in the Parish Hall at 3:00 p.m.
- The Arts and Crafts Show will run from 9:00 to 3:00 pm in the first floor halls and classrooms as well as the gym.
- There's a Euchre Tournament in the Parish Hall at 12:30.
- Kidfest activities will take place in the second floor hallways from 10-2.
- 5K/Half Marathon on the River Trail.
- For complete information visit the website: www.portlandstpats.com---click on Fall Festival. See you there!

Homecoming 2019 News!!!!

Childhood Cartoons

Seniors – Sponge Bob
 Juniors - Dora
 Sophomores – Scooby Doo
 Freshmen – Phineas and Ferb
 Jr. High – Mickey Mouse Club



Homecoming Court

King Candidates: Jeff Davlin, Riley Kissane and Breton Weller
 Queen Candidates: Ally Florian, Leah Kissane and Samantha Teachworth
 Juniors: Tristin Huhn and Avery Zimmerman
 Sophomores: Derec Fedewa and Carly Scheurer
 Freshmen: Payton Russman and Samantha Smith
 Prince and Princess: Parker Osborne and Sadie Easlick

Dress Up Days:

Monday- Comfy Day (Grades 6-12) Dress up in comfy clothes. (NO JEANS!!)

Tuesday- Jersey Day (Grades 6-12) Dress in your favorite Jersey, jeans allowed.

Wednesday- *Sunday Best (Grades 9-12) Dress in your Sunday best. Guys in ties and girls in appropriate clothing (skirts should meet length requirement (no more than one inch above the knee), no bare shoulders and shoes should have straps on the back). Great Grandma approved!!! (No flip flops!)

*Cartoon Day (Grades 6-8) Dress as your favorite cartoon character. (No flip flops or JEANS!)

Thursday- *Cartoon Day (Grades 9-12) Dress as your favorite cartoon character. (No flip flops or JEANS!)

*Sunday Best (Grades K-8) Dress in your Sunday best. Guys in ties and girls in appropriate clothing (skirts should meet length requirement (no more than one inch above the knee), no bare shoulders and shoes should have straps on the back). Great Grandma approved!!! (No flip flops!)

Friday- Spirit Days (Grades K-12) Dress up in St. Pat's SUPER spirit wear and let your spirit rock! (No flip flops!)

*****Elementary and Jr. High are flip flopping Wednesday and Thursday. Sunday best day is on their Mass day.*****

Activities and Events:

Saturday, September 28, 2019

- High School Dance in the Parish Hall from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Students from other schools MUST have a dance permission slip.
- Cost is \$5 per person

Friday, October 4, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. – Donuts for High School and Junior High
- Volleyball Tournament (to be announced)
- Jr. and High School Pep Assembly (to be announced)
- 1:00 p.m. – High School Powder Puff.

Saturday, October 5, 2019

- 5:30 p.m. - PTO Tailgate Party at the Portland High School Parking Lot
- 6:00 p.m. – Parade from St. Patrick to Portland High School *****This is for Jr. High and High School Students only.*****
- 7:00 p.m. – Football Game
- Bonfire after the football game at Fr. Flohe Field until 11:00 p.m.

During Spirit Week (Monday, September 30th – Thursday, October 3rd) Student Council will be selling Spirit Wear during lunch. The students will be able to wear the tattoos on Friday of Homecoming week.

- 1 string of green and 1 string of white beads ----- 25¢
- 1 string of small shamrock necklace ----- 25¢
- 1 green of big shamrock necklace ----- 50¢
- 1 green glow pompon ----- \$3.00
- 1 green & white pompon ----- \$1.00
- 1 tattoos ----- 25¢
- 1 green frisbee----- \$1.00