



# Shamrock News

9/25/20

**Portland Public School Virtual Days:** Portland Public Schools have scheduled virtual days through January. These are listed on the school events calendar located on the bottom of the homepage of the school website and will be listed in the gray box in the newsletter for the month. There will **not** be busing on the following days: Sept. 30, Oct. 8, 9, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 2, 3, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16, and Jan. 6, 13.

**Awaiting a COVID test:** If a person in your household is awaiting a pending COVID test result, it is recommended, but not required, that other students in that family stay home until the result is received.

**Pictures from Lifetouch:** Pictures are in Friday folders and were handed out to middle school students this week. Retake day is on Tuesday, October 27.

**Virtual Parents:** Virtual assignments will post up to 48 hours of in-person classmates and are due up to 48 hours after being assigned.

**Last Day for Shorts:** The last day to wear shorts is on Friday, October 2.

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

**School Masses are now live streamed:** School Masses will be live streamed on Facebook on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am. If you do not have a Facebook account, watch for a link on Remind. We will sync virtually with Assumption in Belmont on Thursdays in October at 9 am for school Masses while Fr. Mike is on vacation.

**Roadwork to occur on streets around the school:** On Saturday, September 26, drivers are asked not to park on West, Church, Albro and Center Streets from 6 am - 3 pm.

**Piano Lessons:** James Tavadze, St. Patrick Parish full-time accompanist, is offering piano lessons to our students. He has weekends available and will open up weekdays if there is a demand for classes. Lessons will take place in the church. Please contact James at [tavadzej@msu.edu](mailto:tavadzej@msu.edu) for more information.

**Sept. 30 and Oct. 8, 9, 14, 21, 28**  
No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

**Portland Community Fund Association Coat Giveaway:** Due to COVID19, the Portland Community Fund Association will not have a coat drive and giveaway as usual. It would be very difficult to collect and distribute coats and outerwear in a safe way. If you are in need of a winter coat and outerwear, we will work with you to get one. Call Sandy Olson at 517-647-6306 or Jessica Ladisky at 517-526-1766 with the size and sex of the person or persons needing a coat. You must be signed up ahead of time to get a winter coat or outerwear. Distribution details will be given out later. The deadline to request a coat is **Saturday, October 10**. To donate gently, used coats or to buy a person a new coat call Sandy or Jessica.

Another option is to visit the Portland Community Clothes Closet located at the Portland United Methodist Church, 310 Bridge Street. Hours are Mondays 9-12 pm and Thursdays 4-6 pm.

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

**Progress Reports:** An email was sent to all parents this week to inform you that progress reports for the first quarter (students in grades 3-12) are available on Infinite Campus. In order to view your student(s) progress report, please log into the portal, select Documents, select the appropriate report, view/print.



**A few words from Mr. Art:** "It's amazing! I love it so far. Everyone's been super helpful and supportive and kids are great! I already had the "new job dream" and I didn't wake up screaming!!! I woke up happy and sure of my move."



## Calendar of Events



9/25	Football @ Vestaburg 7p	Fr., JV, Var VB @ P-W 5:30p
9/28-Oct.2	Spirit Wear (see information in newsletter)	10/1
9/28	7/8 VB vs. Bath @ SPS 5:30	Mass for grades 5-8, live stream grades K-4 9:30a
9/30	No busing	JV & Var. VB @ Potterville 5:30p
	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a	7/8 VB vs. Dansville @ SPS 5:30p
	Var. CC P-W Inv. @ Huckleberry Creek Golf Course 4:30p	10/2
	MS CC P-W Inv. @ Huckleberry Creek Golf Course 5:50p	Last day to wear shorts
		10/3
		Football vs. Hillman @ PHS 2p
		10/4
		Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p

## 2020 Spirit Week Calendar of Events

### Theme: "Board Games"

Seniors – Life  
Juniors – Candyland  
Sophomores – Monopoly  
Freshman – Clue

### Homecoming Court

King Candidates: Brice Cook, Chase Fitsimmons, and Jacobe Hayes-Dunning

Queen Candidates: Aurora Beckhold, Marlie Bengel, and Marian Pearson

Junior Representatives: Kyle Edlund and Kayla Florian

Sophomore Representatives: Seth Frawley and Emma Honsowitz

Freshmen Representatives: Riley Mosser and Addison Scheurer

Dress up days are for all students K-12.

#### Monday, September 28, 2020:

- Student dress-up day: Comfy Day (No Jeans)

#### Tuesday, September 29, 2020:

- Student dress-up day: Dress as parents/occupations (No Jeans)

#### Wednesday, September 30, 2020:

- Grades 9-12 celebrate the Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Student dress-up day: Sunday Best (Grades 9-12) & Hawaiian vs. Hippies (Jeans are allowed) (Grades K-8)

#### Thursday, October 1, 2020:

- High school students will attempt to escape from "The Escape Room"
- Student dress-up day: Hawaiian vs. Hippies (Jeans are allowed) (Grades 9-12) & Sunday Best (Grades K-8)

#### Friday, October 2, 2020:

- Students in grades 6-12 will be treated to donuts and apple cider
- 10:00 a.m. High school boys volleyball tournament
- 11:45 a.m. High school pep assembly
- 1:00 p.m. High school powder puff football game
- Student dress-up day: Shamrock Spirit Day – Jeans/Spirit Wear

#### Saturday, October 3, 2020:

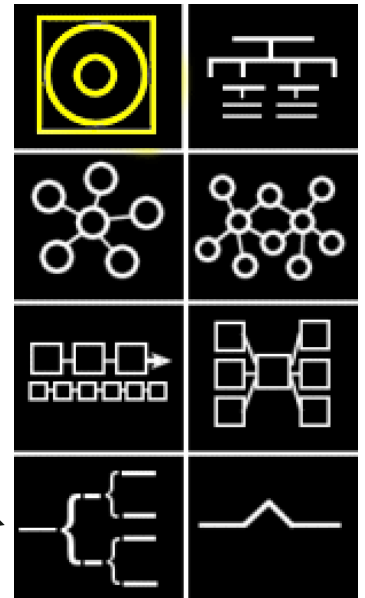
- 2:00 p.m. – Kickoff for the football game (student athletes and their two guests only)

Please note: We will not be selling spirit accessories this year. Please feel free to order your homecoming t-shirt from Fabricated Customs.



# THINKING MAPS

## HOME & School

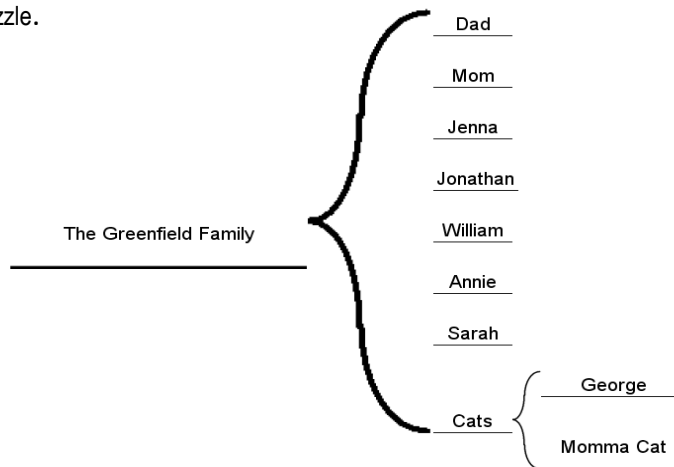


### Brace Map

### 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

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



The **Fall Festival Dinner** will take place on **Sunday, November 8, from 11:00 - 2:00**, and will be take-out only. You can [purchase your dinners online](#) and choose your own pick up time. If you need help with online [purchase](#) or would like to place your order over the phone, please call Jill Scheurer at 517-944-4725. The cost is \$10 each and your dinner will contain 2 meats, potatoes, vegetable and a dessert.



The **Fall Festival Raffle** will be held on **November 15, at 2:00 p.m.** The raffle has been totally redesigned and simplified---it is now the **Big Bucks Raffle**, and the prizes have been tripled! You can buy a ticket for \$100 with prizes of:

- First prize: \$5000 cash
- Second prize: \$1000 cash
- 3rd-6th prizes: Your choice of \$500 cash or 1/4 of beef (includes cutting and wrapping)

[Buy your ticket online](#), or from any Shamrock athlete.