



Shamrock News

10/9/20

Bullying and cyberbullying know no boundaries. Anyone can be bullied as easily as another. We can **STOMP Out Bullying™** by being tolerant, kind and respectful and **STAND UP** for each other. We all dance to a different drummer – Today, Friday, we wear **BLUE** to **STOMP Out Bullying**. Throughout the month of October and beyond we will continue to learn more about ways we can make a difference.

Parent/Teacher Conference Information: Conferences will take place on October 22 & 23. **We ask that NO STUDENTS COME TO CONFERENCES WITH THEIR PARENTS.** High school will have in-person conferences on 10/22 from 4:30-7:15pm and 10/23 from 12:00-2:45pm. Virtual appointments may be scheduled by the parent or teacher on 10/23 from 8:00-11:00am. **Middle school** conferences will be student-led at home. Portfolios will be sent home with students on 10/19. Parents will sign a form for their student to return to their teacher indicating that the conference was completed. Teachers will contact parents to set up virtual meetings for those who need more discussion. Parents may contact teachers to set up a meeting if they have concerns. **Elementary** school will have in-person conferences by appointment 4:30-7:15 pm on Thursday and 8:30 am - 2:45 pm on Friday. Virtual meetings will be scheduled for those parents who are uncomfortable attending an in-person meeting. Mr. Pettit (PE) (Friday only) and Mr. Art (Art) will be available during conferences.

Calendar Change: Please note that for the safety of our students, we will not have in-person classes on **Friday, October 23**, as scheduled, but will instead have a remote learning day. Students and parents are expected to login to Canvas on this day to obtain and complete assignments. This will prepare everyone for using Canvas in the event of another mandated school shutdown. Please make sure that you are set up in Canvas.

School Masses are now live streamed: Grades K-8 will sync virtually with Assumption in Belmont on Thursdays in October at 9 am for school Masses and the high school will hold Liturgy of the Word services while Fr. Mike is on vacation.

Oct. 15 and 16

No School - Professional Development

Oct. 14, 21 and 28

No Buses - PPS virtual instruction days

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

Virtual College Fair: This year, the Ionia/Montcalm College Fair will be held virtually on October 22nd from 9am-2pm. Juniors and Seniors will be able to leave class to sign in to these virtual presentations. Certain colleges will be held at different times. A schedule and sign-up sheet will be sent out as soon as the schedule is finalized. Colleges that are listed as of now are: Montcalm Community College, Central Michigan University, Baker College, Cornerstone University, Grace Christian University, Lawrence Technological University, Lansing Community College, Albion College, Alma College, Ferris State University, Michigan State University, Oakland University, Hope College, Kendall College of Arts and Design of FSU, Grand Rapids Community College, Lake Superior State University, University of Michigan – Flint, Eastern Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, Olivet College, Michigan Technological University, Douglas J Aveda Institute, Davenport University, Albion College, Siena Heights University, Western Michigan University, College for Creative Studies, Rochester University, University of Detroit Mercy, Northwood University, University of Tampa, & North Central Michigan College. If you have any questions about this event, contact Jenny Garcia at jennygarcia@portlandstpats.org.



Calendar of Events



10/10 Var. CC Greater Lansing Championship @ Ledge Meadows 9a
Var. VB Quad @ Dansville 12p
Football @ Manistee Catholic Central 2p
10/12 JV & Var. VB vs. Bath @ SPS 5:30p
10/13 JH & Var. CC @ Saranac Color Run 4p
School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p
10/14 No busing
Liturgy of the Word service for grades 9-12 9:30a
5/6 VB @ St. Mary Westphalia 5p

Fr., JV, Var VB vs. Fowler @ SPS 5:30p
PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p
10/15 No School - Professional Development
Var. CC @ Saranac Jamboree 4p
7/8 VB @ Fulton 5p
10/16 No School - Professional Development
10/17 Fr. VB @ Dansville Invitational 9a
Football vs. Merrill @ PHS 1p

Message from your PTO Executive Committee:

Dear Parents,

The PTO listserv has been updated to include all parents listed in the current St. Patrick School Family Directory. Using this updated listserv, an email was sent out Wednesday, October 7th with a reminder for the upcoming PTO meeting being held next Wednesday, October 14th from 6-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you did not receive this email, please contact us at PTO@PORTLANDSTPATS.ORG to be added to the listserv and receive the latest PTO email.

Thank you for your involvement & support!

Jenny Lafferty, Julie Wight, Jennifer Brown & Melanie Schneider

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE

Over the summer we ran a very successful series of Facebook posts that highlighted our school families' experiences. We want to continue that series, to spread the good news about our school---and we need your help!

Tell us why you chose St. Patrick School for your children. It doesn't need to be long---anywhere from one or two sentences up to a couple of paragraphs. The most important thing is that it comes from the heart. If your student would like to send their own testimonial---great!

Email your testimony to stpatrickshamrocks@gmail.com, and be sure to send a photo, too. It can be a family photo or anything that reflects upon your testimonial....a child receiving a sacrament, first day of school, etc.

If you would like to see what our first round of families shared, go to <https://portlandstpats.com/school/home/prospective-families/testimonials/>

Thanks so much!

St. Patrick School

Marketing Committee

Portland Community Fund Association Coat Giveaway: Due to COVID19, the Portland Community Fund Association will not have a coat drive and giveaway as usual. 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. 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.

October 5, 2020

Dear St. Patrick families,

I am happy to join the St. Patrick Elementary School family. As a Reading Specialist, my teaching experience has spanned nearly 30 years. I bring experience teaching for public schools from the elementary level, to middle school, as well as the community college level. My most rewarding teaching has been as a private reading tutor through Turning Pages, The Grand Rapids Reading Institute.

My husband, Greg, and I raised our three children (daughter and two sons) in Jenison, Michigan. Just over two years ago, we moved to Portland to be closer to our son and daughter-in-law, yet allow Greg to commute to work in Grand Rapids. We truly appreciate Portland's family-based values.

I am looking forward to getting to know the St. Patrick School families. I have gained wonderful friends and acquaintances within the St. Patrick community. I truly appreciate the opportunity to be part of the elementary staff.

Carla Barber

Happy Sock-tober!

St. Patrick School will be collecting brand new socks of all sizes and colors from
Thursday, October 1st -- Friday, October 30th.

Place only new socks in the tote outside the school office to donate to the Homeless Angels!!!



Warm Feet! Warm Hearts!



St. Patrick Catholic School

PREPRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year, we wanted to create a student-led group for 6th through 12th grade for any student who would like to gather and plan certain events and activities for the year. These events and activities will help promote a positive school culture and help students maintain good mental health. Our school counselor, Mrs. Garcia, will oversee the planning of Mental Health Awareness Week and other positive cultural awareness events.

This group will meet weekly at lunch on Mondays starting October 12th. We will encourage students who have signed up to attend most, if not all, meetings as they will be serving as a leader and advocate for their grade level. Social distancing and masks will be used in a larger meeting space for these meetings. In our first meeting, we will be discussing a name for this student group and build a master list of ideas we hope to cover this year.

If your student would like to join, please complete the information below and return to Mrs. Garcia by **Friday, October 9th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jenny Garcia at jennygarcia@portlandstpats.org

Name of student

Parent Name Printed

Parent Signature

Date

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jenny Garcia
School Counselor

Mr. Randy Hodge
High School Principal

Mrs. Cortney Smith
PS – 8 Grade Principal



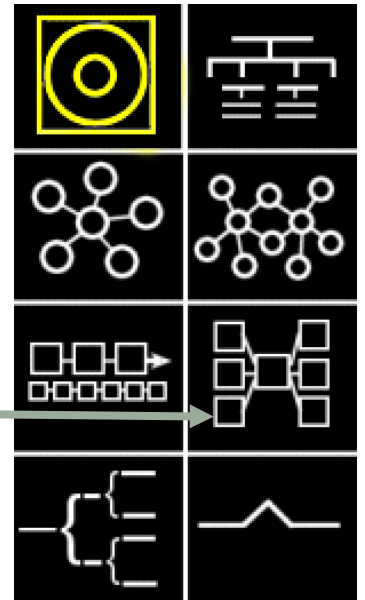
THINKING MAPS

HOME & School

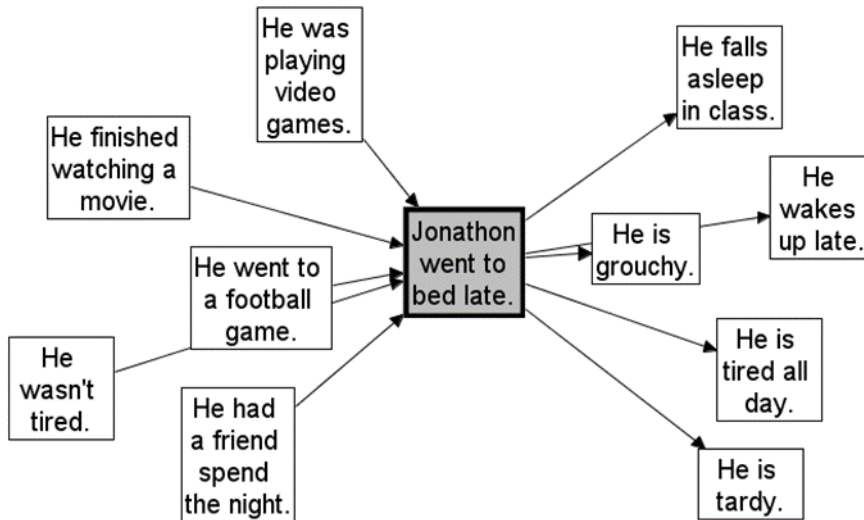
Multi-Flow Map

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

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



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.



**BEGINNING OCTOBER 5, GRAND VALLEY STATE
UNIVERSITY K-12 CONNECT PRESENTS:**

FREE VIRTUAL TUTORING AND COLLEGE PREP MENTORING

Any subject, any K-12 student, any time.

**SIGN UP FOR INDIVIDUAL OR RECURRING
APPOINTMENTS AT
WWW.GVSU.EDU/K12CONNECT**

Connect with GVSU faculty, students, alumni and retirees to support K-12 students during remote learning experiences. Come prepared with questions and homework for a free, one-hour tutoring session. College preparation mentoring sessions are also available for 11th and 12th grade students.