



Shamrock News

8/27/21

Announcements:

Welcome Back! We are very excited to welcome our students back to St. Patrick School. We also welcome any new students and their families to our St. Patrick School family. We are off to a great start and are looking forward to a great school year.

Welcome New Students: St. Patrick School welcomes the following new students this school year: Peyton Carr (12th grade), Joel Enz (9th grade), Hudson King (8th grade), Abryanah Lambert (8th grade), Aislynn King (6th grade), Kinsley King (4th grade), Lawson Graszler (3rd grade), Isaac Pung (2nd grade), Tucker King (1st Grade), Silas Nichols (1st Grade) and Raelynn Phillips (1st Grade).

Welcome to our new kindergarten students: Felicity Austen, Swayzee Bonter, Elijah Brinks, Theodore Caszatt, Wyatt Dixon, Emma Garcia, Atlas Graszler, Lennon Graszler, William Haskin, Eric Higbee, Elaina Holt, Eva King, Stetson King, Jason Kniffin, Cora Kreiner, Wyatt Leik, Averie Livingston, William Martin, Sylvia McCausey, Michaela McCormack, Harper Newman, Dominic O'Neill, Lane Pung, Allena Smith, Emmelyn Thelen, Grace VanSolkema, and David Vazquez.

Welcome to our new staff members:

- Mrs. Karen Scheurer - 3rd Grade Teacher
- Mrs. Christine Rockey - High school English/Yearbook/Library
- Mrs. Margaret Besson - K-8 Academic Support Teacher
- Mr. Robert White - Physical Education Teacher
- Miss Brandy Holt - Coordinator of Youth & Campus Ministry

Emails from St. Patrick School: Emails that are sent out to our parents using Infinite Campus will have the sendee as MAILER. Please read these emails. If you are not receiving emails, check your spam or junk box.

Canvas: This year we are again using this learning management system. If you are new to St. Pat's, there are step-by-step directions on the home page of our website. Parents can see assignments that are posted by the teachers.

Parent/Student Handbooks: Handbooks were emailed to parents this week. The signed forms are due in the school office by Thursday, September 2. Please contact the office if you need a hardcopy of the handbook or the last page, which needs to be signed.

Friday, Sept. 3 & Monday, Sept. 6

No School - Labor Day Break

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications: The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students can receive a healthy lunch at NO CHARGE each day this school year. We will still need your household to **fill out and sign the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application** as soon as possible. This information is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like the library, Title I, and IIA funding. Every year we ask our parents to submit these forms. Please see the attached form on any questions you may have. All information on the submitted application is confidential. Here is the link for the [application](#).

Text or Email Reminds for Parents: Don't miss out on important reminders and emergency information. For grades PS-8 text 81010 with the message @4464h2. 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. The school website and Facebook are also great sources for information.

Picture Days: Students in grades preschool - will be photographed on **Wednesday, September 8**, and preschool and 6-8 on **Thursday, September 9**. Picture order forms were sent home this week. Students must dress in school uniform. Picture re-take day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19.

Elementary, Middle, and High School Yearbooks: The 2020-21 yearbooks are here. They were handed out to students this week.

Scholastic Book Club/Fair: We will no longer be using Scholastic Book Club or the Scholastic Book Fair. We will announce exciting new ways to participate in our new school book fair this fall!



Calendar of Events



8/27 Var. FB vs. Battle Creek St. Philip @ PHS 7p
 8/28 Var. XC @ Michigan Catholic Inv. 9a
 8/30 First day of preschool/daycare
 JV & Var. VB @ Morrice 5:30p
 9/1 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
 Var. XC @ Saranac 4:30p

JV & Var. VB vs. Potterville @ SPS 5:30p
 9/2 Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a
 9/3 Var. Football vs. Tekonsha @ PHS 7p
 9/3 - 9/6 **NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day Break
 9/8 Picture Day - Preschool -5
 9/9 Picture Day - Preschool and grades 6-8

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Portland Public Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$.00**; lunch **costs \$.00**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced-price is **\$.00** for breakfast and **\$.00** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the **Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)** are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school’s Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household’s income is within the limits of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY CHART for School Year 2021-2022

Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	23,828	1,986	459
2	32,227	2,686	620
3	40,626	3,386	782
4	49,025	4,086	943
5	57,424	4,786	1,105
6	65,823	5,486	1,266
7	74,222	6,186	1,428
8	82,621	6,886	1,589
Each additional person:	8,399	700	162

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven’t been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Simone Margraf at smargraf@portlandk12.org**
3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Portland Public Schools**
4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Steve Pell 517-647-2984 or spell@portlandk12.org** immediately.
5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit **www.lunchapp.com** to begin or to learn more

about the online application process. Contact **Steve Pell 517-647-2984** or spell@portlandk12.org **immediately**. if you have any questions about the online application.

6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through **Oct 7, 2021** You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application.
8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **[hearing official name, address, phone number, e-mail]**.
11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOULD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime occasionally. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY, DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Contact **[name, address, phone number, e-mail]** to receive a second application.
16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **Food Assistance Program (FAP)** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-partnershiplanding?language=en_US.

If you have other questions or need help, call 517-647-2984

Sincerely, **Steve Pell Director of Dining Services**

GET READY FOR



ST. PAT'S TAILGATE

THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH

(before the first home football game)

6 p.m. in the PHS Parking Lot

**HOT DOGS, WATER & GOODIES PROVIDED! BRING A
POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN CHAIR(S)!
GAME STARTS AT 7 P.M.**

MORE PTO UPCOMING EVENTS **SAVE THE DATE!**

9/19/21 - Color Fun Run

1:00 p.m. (Red Mill Pavilion)

10/9/21 - Homecoming Tailgate

Time & Location TBA

2021/22 PTO Meetings

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)

- 9/8/21
- 10/13/21
- 11/10/21
- 1/12/22
- 2/9/22
- 3/9/22
- 4/13/22

**MORE DETAILS
COMING
SOON**

2ND ANNUAL COLOR RUN

SEPT 19 2021

REGISTRATION
12:00 P.M.
RUN START
1:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
RED MILL PAVILION
450 N. Water St. Portland

JOIN US!

YOU'RE INVITED!
ALL AGES,
RUNNERS AND
WALKERS!

Join us for our 2nd annual Color Fun Run!
This family friendly community event will
be a colorful memory for all!



Only 1.8 miles!

REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION
FORM AND FEE
DUE BY
SEPTEMBER 2ND:
\$20 PER PERSON
OR
\$80 FAMILY MAX

RUN DAY
REGISTRATION: \$25
(SHIRT NOT GUARANTEED)

CHILDREN 5 & UNDER: Free*
**no shirt provided*

(Babies/Toddlers in strollers or
wagons are welcome! Please
protect your personal items with
plastic/towels/etc.)



Submit form and fee to St.
Pat's School Office. Forms
received after 9/2 are not
guaranteed a t-shirt.



PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
St. Patrick School PTO

pto@portlandstpats.org



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL PTO

2nd ANNUAL COLOR FUN RUN

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Run Day Registration: 12:00 p.m. / Run Start: 1:00 p.m.

FAMILY LAST NAME _____

PARTICIPANTS:

Circle One:

NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____ SHIRT SIZE _____ YOUTH / ADULT

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

ENTRY FEE: *Please make checks payable to St. Patrick School*

REGISTRATION PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 3rd: \$20 per person

RUN DAY REGISTRATION: \$25 per person (shirt and color packet not guaranteed)

FAMILY REGISTRATION (PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 3rd ONLY): \$80 MAXIMUM PER FAMILY *(Immediate/Household Only)*

RELEASE AND WAIVER - PLEASE READ AND SIGN:

Running is a potentially dangerous activity. I should not enter the walk/run unless I am medically able. I assume any risks associated with participating in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather and conditions of the road/trail. I understand I am solely responsible for my own safety during the event and traveling to and from the event. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of my entry, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release St. Patrick School, the Township of Portland, the City of Portland, and all of their liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. The undersigned further grants full permission to use any photographs, videos, recordings of the event for any purpose. (Minors need parent signature)

X _____ DATE _____

Submit completed form and registration fee to St. Pat's School Office