



# Shamrock News

9/10/21

**MAPS Testing:** Fall MAPS testing for students in grades K-8 will be taking place from Sept. 7 - Oct. 1. Please make sure students eat a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep.

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

**Mind Over Matter Committee:** The Mind Over Matter Committee will be meeting Tuesday, September 14th in the Parish Hall from 10:45 to 11:30. Any students 6th-12th grade who are interested in joining are welcome! Extra permission slips will be available for those who need one.

**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](#).

**Talk Like a Pirate Day:** Sunday, September 19 is National Talk Like a Pirate Day. This summer teachers at SPS joined together and read a book called *Teach Like a Pirate*. It was a very motivating book, encouraging us to try new things, be engaging, brave and have fun! To celebrate we are dressing like a pirate and will do pirate activities next Friday, September 17 to help instill these ideas/values in our students. Here are some FREE ideas to help your child dress like a pirate: roll up their jeans, wear red, white & black, wear a bandana on their head, or wear an eye patch. No weapons or face paint please! Be creative, try to use what you have at home. All students K-12 can participate.

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!

**Marketing Photos:** Photographers will be at school on Sept. 15 & 16 to take marketing photos for the 2021-2022 school year. These pictures will be used in the front windows of the school, on the school website, etc. Students should wear their nicest dress code clothes on those two days. Girls who have jumpers and skirts are encouraged to wear them. Be sure to have your handbook form turned in, that has the media release portion filled out.

**High School Yearbooks:** The 2020-21 yearbooks are here. There are extra yearbooks available for sale if you forgot to order yours. Please see Mrs. Rockey.

**NHS Blood Drive:** The next blood drive will take place on Tuesday, September 28 from 10:30 am-4:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Sign up online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use St. Patrick as the sponsor code. Masks must be worn when donating.

Mr. Peace is a national youth motivational speaker/hip-hop artist & spoken word poet who travels the country spreading a message of peace, love, kindness and understanding. Our students were able to hear him speak last Thursday.



Hi Brandy,  
It was an honor to share my heart with St. Patrick Catholic School! As promised, here are several follow-up items to pass along to your community. Thanks & God Bless!

Peace In,  
Kevin (Mr. Peace)



## Calendar of Events



9/11 Var. VB @ Mason Invitational 9a  
MS & HS XC @ Bath Invitational 9a  
Var. Football vs. Fulton @ PHS 7p

9/13 MS VB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5:30p

9/14 Mind Over Matter Meeting in Parish Hall 10:45a

Var. XC @ Eaton Rapids Invitational 4:30p

9/15 NO MASS for grades 9-12

JV & Var. VB vs. Webberville @ SPS 5:30p

MS Football @ Fulton 6p

9/16 Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a

MS Volleyball @ Fulton 5p

Var. VB @ Ashley 5:30p

9/17 Var. XC @ Spartan Invitational 12:50p

9/18 JV VB @ Webberville Invitational 9a

Var. Football @ Onkama 2p

9/19 PTO Color Run @ Red Mill Pavilion 1p

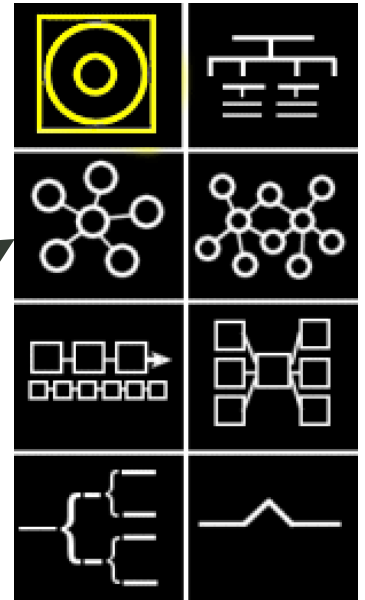
Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p



# THINKING MAPS

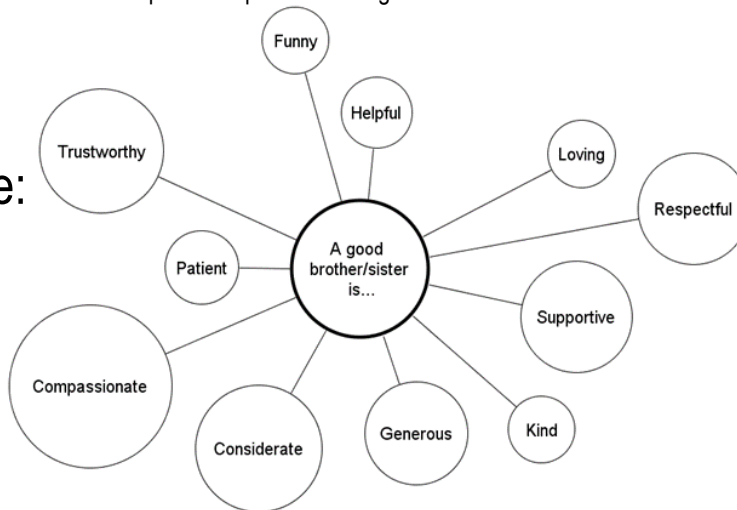
## **HOME** & School

### **Bubble Map** **Describing**



A bubble map is used for describing something using adjectives or adjective phrases. We often use this tool to help writers add description to a piece of writing.

Example:



Other ideas for **Bubble Map**:

- Describe a specific person
- Describe an animal
- Describe a character in a story

With your family, create a bubble map on a separate piece of paper. You may select any topic for the center of your circle map.



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# 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](mailto: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**



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.lunchapp.com)** to begin or to learn more

about the online application process. Contact **Steve Pell 517-647-2984** or [spell@portlandk12.org](mailto: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 HOUSEHOLD 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](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**