



# Shamrock News

9/24/21

**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.

**Notify the Office:** Please contact the office if your child will not be attending school. If you email a teacher regarding attendance, please include LuAnn Kinsman and Janet Pung.

**Senior Capstone Bake Sale:** Seniors Maddy Meyers and Peyton Carr are doing a fundraiser bake sale this Saturday, September 25 from 9am-1pm at the Red Mill Farmers Market. They will be selling cookies, brownies, and cupcakes. All proceeds will go towards the Ionia County Animal Shelter. Please come out and support them.

**Texts messages/phone calls from Portland Public Schools:** If you receive a text message from 67587, these are from Portland Public Schools. Portland Public Schools has an automated phone system that automatically texts/calls parents to inform them of school information. You are on their text/phone blasts because St. Pat's students enrolled in shared time classes are automatically placed in their system. Please be aware that there may be occasions when you may receive a text/call when it does not affect our students and there will not be a corresponding email. If the text/call is due to inclement weather, St. Pat's is automatically closed/delayed as well. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Hodge will send a remind or an email when there is important information to forward to you when it pertains to St. Pat's.

**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 and use St. Patrick as the sponsor code. Masks must be worn when donating.

**Let's go SHAMROCKS!**

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

**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](#).

**Yearbooks:** The 2020-21 yearbooks are here. There are extra elementary, middle school and high school yearbooks available for sale if you forgot to order yours.



**Cross Country Shirts:** T-shirts and hoodies are available to order from Fabricated Customs at this [link](#). The deadline to order is 8 pm on Friday, September 24.

## St. Patrick 2021 Homecoming Court

Freshman Reps: Joel Enz and Emma Kwiecinski

Sophomore Reps: Lucas Simon and Izzy Kissane

Junior Reps: Martin White and Alivia Huhn

King Reps: Shane Cook, Derec Fedewa and Braxton Teachworth

Queen Reps: Sarah Davlin, Bella Myers and Carly Scheurer



## Calendar of Events



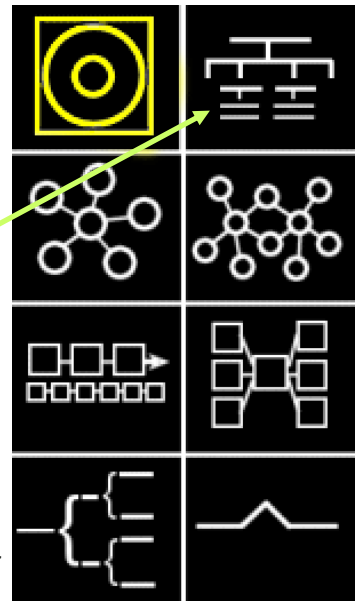
9/24 Var. Football @ Merrill 7p  
 9/25 Var. XC Don Baese Invitational @ CC-C 9a  
 JV VB @ Perry Invitational 9a  
 9/27 MS VB @ Laingsburg 5p  
 9/28 Jostens mtg. with seniors & sophomores  
 NHS Blood Drive in Parish Hall 10:30a-5p  
 9/29 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a  
 MS & Var. XC @ PW Invitational 4:30p  
 MS Football vs. Merrill @ FFF 5p  
 Fr., JV, & Var. VB vs. P-W @ SPS 5:30p

9/30 Mass for grades K-8 9:30a  
 5th grade VB @ St. Joseph (St. John's) 6p  
 10/1 Youth Ministry Retreat for Juniors & Seniors 7:30a  
 10/2 JV. VB @ Dansville Invitational 9a  
 Var. VB @ Perry Invitational 9a  
 5th gr. VB vs. St. Joseph/St. Mary @ SPS 10a  
 Var. Football @ Vestaburg 2p  
 10/3 Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6p



# THINKING MAPS

## HOME & School

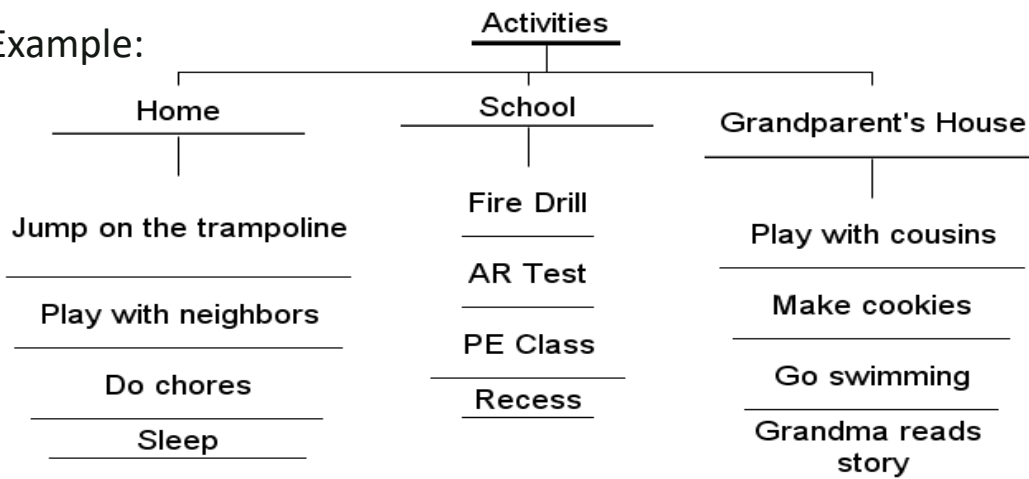


### Tree Map

### Classifying/Sorting

We use a tree map to classify or sort things and ideas into categories or groups. Often the tree map is used for main idea and details or showing examples of something within a category.

Example:



Other ideas for **Tree Map**:

- Classify animals
- Words with that begin with \_\_, \_\_, \_\_.
- Things I like/don't like

With your family, create a tree map. You may select any topic for the topic of your tree map.

## Happy Sock-tober!!

St. Patrick School will be collecting brand NEW socks of all sizes and colors from October 1 - October 29, 2021.

Place NEW socks only in the tote outside the school office. All donations will go to Homeless Angels. Warm Feet!! Warm Hearts!!!



**Trunk-or-Treat:** Portland high school will be having a trunk-or-treat.

PHS HALL-O-Ween  
Thursday, Oct. 27  
6-7:30pm



Sign up for a [time slot](#) and start your adventure by the gym entrance.

\*\*This is currently a planned event but subject to change.

### Portland Community Fund Association Coat Drive and Giveaway

Our annual coat drive will begin Friday, October 8th and run through Friday, October 15th. Adult and children's clean, useable coats will be collected along with outerwear such as hats, mittens, gloves, and boots. Snowpants are especially needed. General clothing and garage sale items are not being collected. PLEASE DO NOT donate these items.

A "Stuff the Bus" will be provided by Portland Public Schools, Ted Goodman of Goodman Dairy Farm, and Scott Teachout and Joel Vanslambrouck of G & B Pool Supplies. The bus will be the only location to drop off donations. The bus will be located at Bill's Party Store at 1153 E. Grand River in Portland.

The coat giveaway will be Saturday, October 16th from 1:00-3:00 at Knights Hall located at 890 Maynard Road. Coats and outerwear will be available to anyone needing them. We also have 70 pairs of shoes in adult sizes to give away.

A green poster for St. Pat's Homecoming Tailgate. It features a white cross with a shamrock in the center and a football. The text is in white and black. The main title is 'ST. PAT'S HOMECOMING TAILGATE' in large, bold, italicized letters. Below it, it says 'SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH' and '(immediately following the Homecoming Parade)'. The location is '6 p.m. in the PHS Parking Lot'. It lists 'PULLED PORK, HOT DOGS, CHIPS, COOKIES & WATER PROVIDED!' and 'BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN CHAIR(S)!'. The game starts at 7 P.M. There is a 'Thank you!' message in orange and white, and a note about donations to Ashton King and Chris Teachout.

**ST. PAT'S PTO INVITES YOU TO:**

# ***ST. PAT'S HOMECOMING TAILGATE***

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH**  
*(immediately following the Homecoming Parade)*

**6 p.m. in the PHS Parking Lot**

**PULLED PORK, HOT DOGS, CHIPS,  
COOKIES & WATER PROVIDED!  
BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND  
YOUR OWN CHAIR(S)!**

**GAME STARTS AT 7 P.M.**

**Thank you!**

*...to Ashton King for donating 1/2 hog & to Chris Teachout for cooking it! We appreciate your contributions to this event!*



# Portland St. Patrick Fall Festival

November 7, 2021

The 2021 [Portland St. Patrick's Fall Festival](#) will be limited to the raffle and take out dinner again this year.

## Fall Festival Dinner-Take Out Only

The Fall Festival Dinner will be on Sunday, November 7, from 10:30 - 2:00, and will be take-out only. You can purchase your dinners [online](#) and choose your own pick up time using the QR code at the bottom of the page. If you need help with your online purchase or would like to place your order over the phone, please call Jill Scheurer at 517-944-4725.

Cost is \$10 each and your dinner will include:

- 2 Meats
- Potatoes
- Vegetable
- Dessert

## Big Bucks Raffle



The Big Bucks Raffle will be held on November 7, at 2:00 p.m. You can buy a ticket for \$100 with prizes of:

- 1st prize: \$5000 cash
- 2nd prize: \$1000 cash
- 3rd-6th prizes: \$500 cash

Buy your ticket [online](#), or from any Shamrock athlete! Raffle License #R61944

## Special Offers:

**Buy 2 tickets at Regular Price (\$100), get a 3rd Ticket Free.** Good now through October 3, 2021.

### PLUS---EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:

All tickets purchased before October 3 will be put into a special drawing---to get a free ticket! Better hurry!

## Supporting the Fall Festival is Supporting our Shamrock Athletics!

The Fall Festival supports the Shamrock athletic program, which is funded entirely by the Athletic Association. The past couple of years have not been kind to the group, who saw their rainy-day fund disappear because of large unexpected expenses. Cancelled games last year, along with Covid-related restrictions further depleted the account.

Please consider buying one or more tickets for the Big Bucks Raffle, and order dinners for your family. If you would like to make a separate donation to the Athletic Association, please click on the button below.

Thank you from the Shamrock athletes, coaches, and fans.



Use the QR Code to purchase your raffle or take out dinners soon!

## Contact

Jill Scheurer, Chair (517) 944-4725

## Address

122 West Street  
Portland, MI





# Help us create the **NEXT GENERATION OF MANUFACTURERS!**

## Discover Manufacturing Week:

- Connecting manufacturers and students
- Webinars and Live Tours
- Inspire students to pursue a career in manufacturing.

Want an inside look into Discover Manufacturing Week?

Watch this video: [discover-manufacturing.com/discover-manufacturing-week](https://discover-manufacturing.com/discover-manufacturing-week)

**We are excited to offer two  
events this year!**

### **Virtual: November 1**

Interactive 30-minute webinars featuring two manufacturers, facility tours, and discussion.

### **In-Person: November 8-12**

Traditional event allows small groups of students to visit local manufacturers for on-site facility tours and discussion.

**REGISTER  
TODAY!**

Receive a **\$10 Amazon e-gift card!!**  
Available to the first 60 educators who register.

*Register now through October 15.*

## **Have questions or need more information?**

Contact your Discover Manufacturing Week champion:



**Beth Geldhof**

Phone: 616-489-2151 / Email: [bgeldhof@ioniaisd.org](mailto:bgeldhof@ioniaisd.org)



West Michigan Works! is a division of ACSET, an equal opportunity employer/program and a proud partner of the American Job Center network. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. West Michigan Works! is supported by state and federal funds; more details at [westmiworks.org/about/](https://westmiworks.org/about/).



# St. Patrick Catholic School

 **ShopWithScrip®**

## What is it?

Shop with Scrip is a program which allows you to purchase gift cards at face value, and earn a percentage back on tuition. These can be physical cards, e-cards, and reloadable cards. The percentages vary by merchant. Biannually, the rebates earned are split between the school and your tuition bill.



...and hundreds more!

## How do I get started?

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- Click on JOIN A SCRIP PROGRAM
- Our code # 7A4F6C3B186
- Create a username and password
- Enter your profile information
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More information can be found at:  
[portlandstpats.com/school/home/parents/scrip/](http://portlandstpats.com/school/home/parents/scrip/)  
[Shopwithscrip.com](http://Shopwithscrip.com)

You can also contact your Scrip coordinator: Julie Wight  
Email : [Scrip@PortlandStPats.org](mailto:Scrip@PortlandStPats.org) Phone: 517-449-6597

## 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**
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](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 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](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**