



# Shamrock News

10/21/21

**Substitute Teachers Needed:** St. Patrick School is in need of substitute teachers for all grade levels. To become a sub, you need to have at least 60 college credits and sign up with [WillSub](#). Effective November 1, substitute teacher pay rate at St. Pat's will increase to \$130 a day. Please help spread the word.

**Congratulations:**

- To Natalee Teachworth for being an Ionia County Career Center Student of the Month for October.
- To the 5-8th grade girls volleyball teams on great seasons.
- To the MS football team on an awesome season.

**PTO Uniform Sale:** There will be an uniform sale during Parent/Teacher conferences on Thurs., Oct. 28 from 4-8pm and Fri., Oct. 29 from 12-4pm in room 208. Everything is \$1.

**Last day for shorts:** The last day that students can wear shorts to school is Friday, October 29th.

**Portland Community Fund:** Christmas Giving Program Applications are available in the school office. The form is due on Tuesday, November 16th at City Hall. This is available to residents within the Portland School District.

**The St. Patrick School Marketing Committee is Growing!**

If you are willing to share your time and talents to give back to the SPS community, we are looking for new committee members. If you have an interest in marketing, public relations, photography, graphic design, videography, social media, or a general interest in sharing St. Patrick School experiences with others, you can help. Committee members meet five (5) times per year, minimal time commitment is required. If interested, contact Ashley\_Kliewer@yahoo.com or call 517-526-1818 for more information.

**Veterans Day:** St. Pat's will have a ceremony to honor local Veterans on Nov. 11 at 10 am. Students may wear a red, white, and blue shirt with dress code bottoms.

**Friday, October 22**

No School - Professional Development Day for staff

**Friday, October 29**

1/2 day - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Grades 6-12 dismiss 11:25a/Grades K-5 dismiss 11:40a  
No Preschool  
No busing all day - PPS not in session

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

**Elementary Halloween Party Details:**

- Friday, October 29.
- Morning party - 1/2 day of school, see classroom newsletter for specific times and details.
- Wear costumes to school OR independently put costumes on over clothes.\*\*
- No blood, gore, weapons, etc.
- No Parade of Costumes.
- Only parents assisting with the party can attend the party. No younger siblings.



**Middle School Halloween Costumes:** Middle school students may wear costumes to school on Fri., Oct. 29. No blood, gore, or weapons, etc. allowed.\*\*

**High School Halloween Costume Contest:** High school students may wear costumes to school on Fri., Oct. 29. There will be prizes for the best costume and other categories. No blood, gore, or weapons, etc. allowed.\*\*

\*\*Fri., Oct. 29th is also a jean and spirit wear day for those not wearing a costume.

**St. Pat's Winter Pre-order:** Fabricated Customs is having a [pre-order](#) on shamrock pride shirts, beanies, baseball caps, pullovers, and hoodies. *Great time for Christmas shopping!* The pre-order will close on **Friday, October 29th at 8pm.**



## Calendar of Events



10/22	No School - Staff PD		
10/23	Var. VB CMAC Tournament @ Laingsburg 9a Var. XC @ Shepherd Class D State Championship 9a MS XC Regional @ CC-C 10:30a Var. Football vs. Burr Oak @ PHS 2p	10/29	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30p 1/2 Day of School - No Preschool No Busing - PPS not in session End of First Quarter Last day for shorts Elementary Halloween Parties Jean and spirit wear day or Halloween costumes Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30p PTO Uniform Sale Room 208 12-4p Var. XC Regionals @ Webberville 4p
10/26	Fr., JV & Var. VB @ Lansing Christian 5:30p		
10/27	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a Quiz Bowl @ P-W 4:30p		
10/28	College Fair for Juniors/Seniors in Parish Hall 9a Mass for grades K-8 9:30a Senior Open Campus Lunch PTO Uniform Sale Room 208 4-8p	10/30	Var. Football Regionals TBD

# 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!!!



**Bus Changes:** Portland Public Schools reduced bus routes schedule beginning Monday, October 18th:

Day	No Transportation			
Monday	Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)	
Tuesday	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)	
Wednesday	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)	
Thursday	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)	
Friday	Rotation			
Friday Rotation	Oct 22	No School for St. Pat's		
	Oct 29	1/2 Day for St. Pat's - No Busing		
	Nov 5	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Nov 12	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Nov 19	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)

**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.

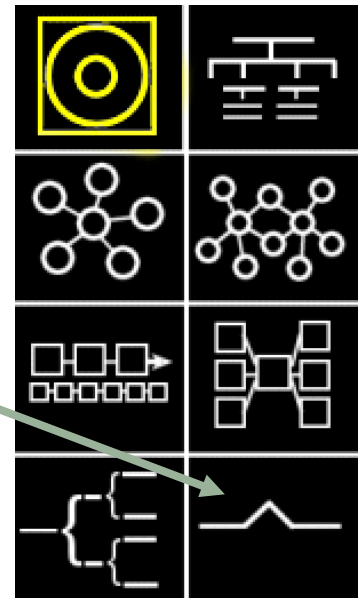


## THINKING MAPS HOME & School

### Bridge Map Seeing Relationships/Analogies

The bridge map is used to help students see analogies. There is always a relating factor identified fits both sides of the analogy.

Example:



Ideas for relating factors on a **Bridge Map**

- \_\_\_ is the color of \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ is the main character in \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ is famous for \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ is the leader of \_\_\_

With your family, create a bridge map on a separate piece of paper. You may select any relating factor. Read your bridge map to see if it makes sense, substituting the relating factor in for each line on the map.

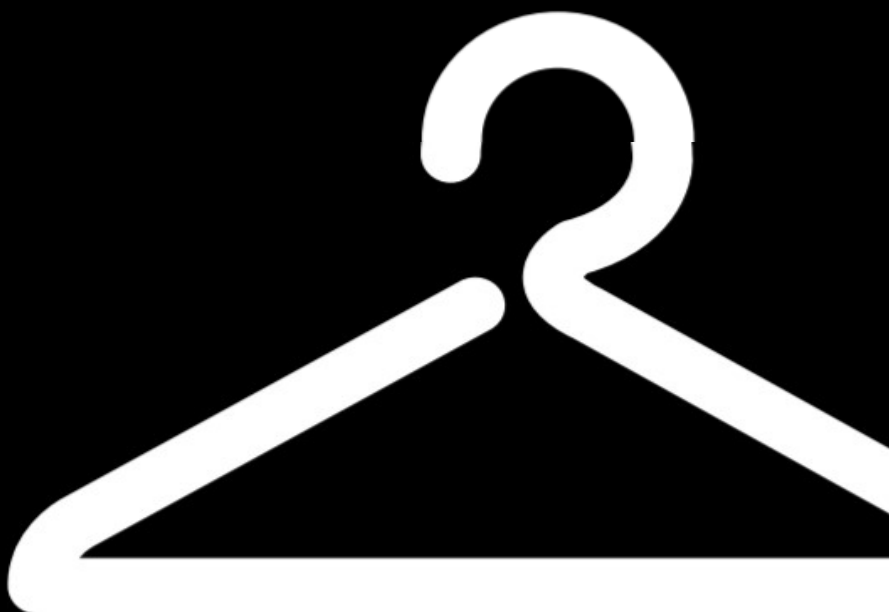
# ST. PAT'S PTO UNIFORM ROOM SALES

ROOM 208



**OCTOBER 28**  
4:00 - 8:00 P.M.

**OCTOBER 29**  
12:00 - 4:00 P.M.



Shop with us in the Uniform Room on the 2nd floor (Room 208) of St. Pat's School! You'll find clothes all of sizes, including a large variety of spirit wear! All items are in great used condition, and you may even find brand new items with tags!

**\$1**  
**PER ITEM!**

Questions? Contact St. Pat's PTO  
[pto@portlandstpats.org](mailto:pto@portlandstpats.org)



# 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



SUPPORT ST. PAT'S PTO

# FALL FUNDRAISER

October 15-31, 2021

With the holidays fast approaching, we have teamed up with 3 local businesses to offer a one-stop shopping experience!

*Candles & Wax Melts*  
FROM THE PORT

*Card Sets*  
FROM USBORNE BOOKS & MORE

*Coffee*  
FROM COURAGEOUS COFFEE

**Order Online through 10/31/21:**

<https://bit.ly/SPSfallfund>





**BONUS FEST**

**NEW 3-DAY BONUSES**

**EVERY FRIDAY – SUNDAY**

Oct 8 – 31



**RaiseRight**

Questions? Email: [Scrip@PortlandStPats.org](mailto:Scrip@PortlandStPats.org)

by ShopWithScrip



Portland Public Schools is announcing the following Transportation Incentive Program to begin on October 11, 2021. School bus and van driver employment opportunities are available with both Portland Public Schools and METS.

**Wages**

Transportation salaries will be increased by \$1.50/hr making our base run rate \$20/hr for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

**Signing Bonus**

The following signing bonus will be provided to all newly hired drivers:

- \$3,000 for a fully certified bus driver that begins employment before January 1, 2022
- \$2,000 for a fully certified bus driver that begins employment after January 1, 2022
- \$1,000 for any uncertified bus or van driver

**Miscellaneous**

The District will pay for all necessary bus driver training courses. Individuals will receive \$250 for taking and completing the training courses. All driver related costs (fingerprint, CDL, etc.) will be reimbursed. Drivers will be offered PTO and Holiday Pay.

**Retention Bonus**

All drivers will receive a retention incentive of \$1,000 for their continued employment into the 2022-2023 school year.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in driving part time or full time please have them contact our HR Specialist Diana Graef at [dgraef@portlandk12.org](mailto:dgraef@portlandk12.org) or call our office at (517) 647-4161.