



Shamrock News

10/8/21

Notify the Office: It is the parent responsibility to contact the office if your child will not be attending school. Absences should be reported to the office by 7:30 am for grades 6-12 and 8:45 am for grades PS-5. If you email a teacher regarding attendance, please include LuAnn Kinsman and Janet Pung. Please be aware that the .com emails are no longer forwarded to St. Pat's staff.

Picture Retake Day: Picture retake day is on Tuesday, October 19. If a student was not here on picture day, they will be photographed on this day. Please bring your picture package to the photographer if a student will have a retake.

Congratulations: Congratulations to high school science teacher Jordan Smith who was awarded a grant from The National Society of High School Scholars for the "My Virtual Learning Success Story Award 2021." Mr. Smith is using his grant money to upgrade his classroom.

Menu Update: Last minute menu changes are occurring frequently and are out of our control due to the nationwide food supply chain issues. We will try to notify you in advance when there is a change in the menu. Our kitchen staff does everything they can to make sure that all students receive a lunch that they like everyday.

Progress Reports: Progress reports for the first quarter (students in grades 3-12) are available on the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal. In order to view your student(s) progress report, please log into the portal, select the appropriate student, select Documents, select the appropriate report, view/print.

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

Knights of Columbus Rummage Sale: The fall sale will take place on October 21 & 22 at Knights Hall.

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



St. Patrick Jacket Orders: Fabricated Customs is taking pre-orders on their website for jackets from Thursday, October 7 - Thursday, October 21. Here is the [link](#) to the pre-order.

Volleyball T-Shirts and Hoodies: Fabricated Customs has a volleyball shirt pre-order going on now until October 22nd @ 8 PM. This [link](#) will take you to the website to place an order.



Bus Changes: Portland Public Schools will reduce three bus routes daily starting on Monday, October 18th. Parents will need to find transportation for their child one day per week, Monday through Thursday. They are also reducing routes on Fridays and that will be done as a rotation.

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)



Calendar of Events



10/8 HS Homecoming Dance in Parish Hall 7-10:30p
10/9 Homecoming Parade 5:45p
Homecoming PTO Tailgate 6p
Var. Football vs. Webberville @ PHS 7p
Homecoming Bonfire @ FFF following game - 11p
10/11 MS VB vs. Pottersville @ SPS 5:30p
10/12 MS & Var. XC @ Saranac Color Run 4p
School Board Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p
10/13 No Mass today
PSAT for Sophomores 7:30a
Fr., JV, & Var. VB @ Fowler 5:30p

MS Football @ Webberville 6p
PTO Meeting in Parish Hall 6p
10/14 No Mass today
MS VB @ Saranac 5p
10/15 Youth Ministry Retreat for grades 9 & 10 7:30-2:30
Senior Open Campus Lunch
Var. Football @ Farwell 7p
10/16 Fr. VB @ Perry Invitational 9a
Var. VB @ Dansville Invitational 9a
Var. XC @ Greater Lansing Invitational 9a
10/17 Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p

St. Patrick School 122 West Street Portland, MI 48875

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The yearly St. Patrick School Calendar is [here](#).

2021 Homecoming Events



Homecoming Court

King Candidates: Shane Cook, Derec Fedewa, and Braxton Teachworth

Queen Candidates: Sarah Davlin, Bella Myers, and Carly Scheurer

Junior Representatives: Martin White and Alivia Huhn

Sophomore Representatives: Lucas Simon and Izzy Kissane

Freshman Representatives: Joel Enz and Emma Kwiecinski

Prince and Princess: Wyatt Dixon and Ruby King



Saturday, October 9, 2021:

- 5:45 p.m. Parade from St. Patrick School to the football stadium (begin lining up at 5:30 p.m.)
- 6:00 p.m. PTO tailgate outside of the football stadium
- 7:00 p.m. – Kickoff for the football game
- 9:30 – 11:00 p.m. Bonfire



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!

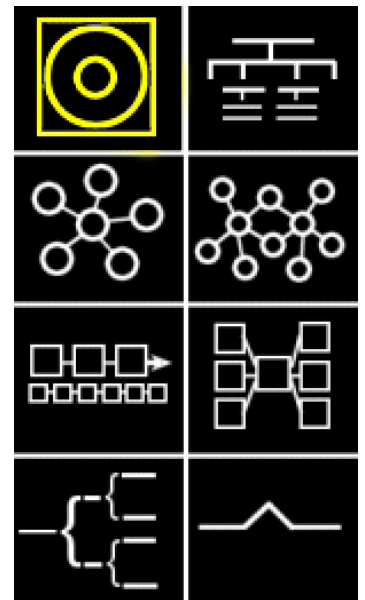
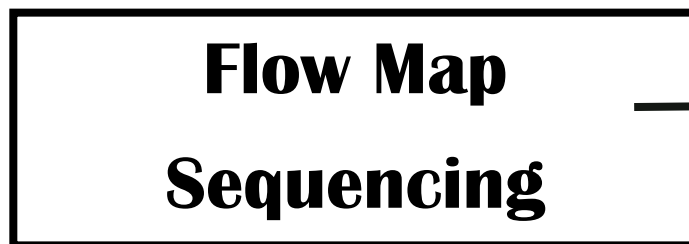
Happy Sock-tober!!

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!!!



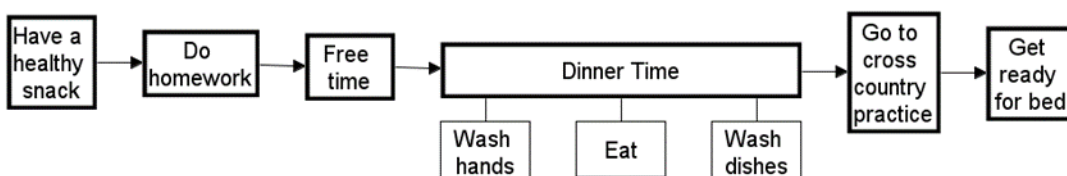
THINKING MAPS HOME & School



A flow map is used for sequencing. Often this map is used to show time, but it can also be used to show intensity (greatest to least / favorite to least favorite)

Example:

After School Routine



Other ideas for **Flow Map**

- Daily Routine
- Steps for completing a task
- Order people by age
- Prioritize Christmas

With your family, create a flow map on a separate piece of paper. You may select anything to break into all its parts.

Senior Capstone Project:

Hello!

Our names are Tessa Lawson and Carly Zimmerman. We are seniors at St. Patrick High School where we have spent the last 13 years learning about the theological virtue of Hope. As Catholics, we learn to have hope when times get tough. Because of this, we want to be able to give back to those who need more hope in their lives.

Around Christmas time, St. Pat's, in conjunction with the Portland Community Fund and Portland High School, put together shoe boxes for children in Portland who are less fortunate. In the boxes, we put necessities, but we also add special gifts to surprise the kids and give them the hope for a better tomorrow. We want to collect returnables and any monetary donations to help cover the expenses of putting the boxes together. We are hoping to raise at least \$500 by October 20th. Any extra proceeds will go to Positive Solutions Informed Choices in Ionia, Michigan. If you would like to donate cans or money you can contact us through email at tlawson1@spsshamrocks.org and czimmerman@spsshamrocks.org.

Thank you!

Tessa Lawson and Carly Zimmerman

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. Snow pants 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.

Another option to get a coat is to visit the Portland Community Clothes Closet located at the Portland United Methodist Church, 310 Bridge Street. The coats and clothing are available free of charge. The hours are Monday from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Christmas applications will be available in October. Any family residing in the Portland School District that may need assistance or knows of someone in need should fill out an application.

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 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 or call our office at (517) 647-4161.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Elementary Counseling Lessons

- ♦ K: Meet the Counselor & Friendship
- ♦ 1: Superhero Friendship
- ♦ 2: Friendship—Cast a Wider Net
- ♦ 3: Sportsmanship
- ♦ 4: Cooperation—Flight Crew & Peer Relationships
- ♦ 5: Teamwork—Building Space Ships

Middle School Counseling Lessons

- ♦ 6: Bullying Prevention
- ♦ 7: Drama
- ♦ 8: Healthy Relationships

High School Counseling Lessons

- ♦ 9: Xello Career Exploration
- ♦ 10: Healthy Relationships
- ♦ 11: Xello Career Exploration
- ♦ 12: College Applications & FAFSA

Quick ways to **CALM** down! Sea Life Sensory Solutions.



Puffer Fish Puff

Puff your cheeks like a puffer fish!

Fill your cheeks with air and hold for 5 seconds.



Clam Cuddle

Cuddle yourself like a clam.

Place your hands on the opposite shoulders and squeeze.



Turtle Tongue

Poke your tongue out like a turtle pokes out its neck.

Stick your tongue out and quickly hide it again.



Starfish Stretch

Stretch out like a starfish.

Place your arms up over your head and stretch out wide. Stretch your legs out wide too.

IMPORTANT TEST DATES

PSAT (10th Grade): October 13, 2021

ASVAB (10th Grade): November 2, 2021

SAT (11th Grade): March 23, 2022



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



From the Scrip Department:

Thank you to everyone who completed the Scrip Evaluation Survey. I am happy to report that we collected 168 responses with some extremely helpful feedback, which will assist us in better tailoring this program to the needs of our parish and school. Here is what we are working on and future updates to expect:

1. The program will transition to two new program coordinators. Once this transition is complete, an announcement and introduction will be made.
2. I am reaching out to those who requested assistance with their accounts.
3. Specific questions asked through the survey are being addressed and responded to.
4. Program changes are being made to fit the needs of St. Patrick parishioners and school families.

Thank you again for your commitment to the Shop with Scrip program here at St. Patrick Parish.

Sincerely,
Julie Wight, Scrip Coordinator
scrip@portlandstpats.org

A promotional poster for ShopWithScrip's Bonus Fest. The background is a light beige color decorated with several autumn-themed illustrations: red, orange, and yellow maple leaves, and brown acorns. At the top left is the ShopWithScrip logo, which consists of a blue shopping bag icon with a white dot and the text "ShopWithScrip®" in blue. In the center, a red rectangular banner contains the words "BONUS FEST" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, with a small yellow leaf icon between the words. Below this banner, the text "NEW 3-DAY BONUSES" is written in large, bold, orange-red 3D-style capital letters. Underneath that, "EVERY FRIDAY – SUNDAY" is written in blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters, followed by "Oct 8 – 31" in a smaller blue font. At the bottom center is the RaiseRight logo, which features a stylized heart shape made of two interlocking loops in blue and pink, followed by the word "RaiseRight™" in blue. At the bottom left, the text "Questions? Email: Scrip@PortlandStPats.org" is written in a dark grey font. At the bottom right, the text "by ShopWithScrip" is written in a dark grey font.