



Shamrock News

8/21/20

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: Kyle Edlund (11th grade), Billy Brown (3rd grade), Roman Keusch (1st grade).

Welcome to our new kindergarten students: Peyton Campbell, Harper Caszatt, Isabella Cross, West Dixon, Elias Garcia, Gabriel Gunderman, Elwood Hager, Elias Harraka, Ruby King, Cora Klein, Marie Krabill, Grayson Lenneman, Kensington Longanbach, Spencer McCausey, Alden Schneider, Cian Schneider, Ada Schrauben, Graham Stephenson, Hadley Smith, Reid Thelen, Anne White, Micah Wieber, Cecilia Wight, and Mark Woodman.

Welcome to our new staff member:

- Mrs. Jean Hengesbach - afternoon Childcare

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 using a new learning management system. You received a few emails to help you set up a parent account. If you need to reset your child's email password, please call the office. If you followed the step-by-step directions that were last emailed out and it is not working for you, please contact the diocese at canvas@grcatholicsschools.org.

Parent/Student Handbooks: Handbooks were emailed to parents this week. The signed forms are due in the school office by Friday, August 28. Please contact the office if you need a hard-copy of the handbook or the last page, which needs to be signed.

Busing - There will be busing for St. Patrick students in the morning only on August 25-27 and no busing on August 28. We use the Portland Public School buses. When they are not in session, parents have to provide transportation for their children. If Portland Public Schools do not return to normal school days on August 31, busing will not be available.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications: Every year we ask our parents to submit these forms. ***It is extremely urgent that all families complete this form, even if you are not applying for free/reduced lunch, as it is tied to two important funding sources.*** We receive discounts for our school and library as well as Title I and IIA funding. Please see the attached form on how to fill out the application online.

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 @793fhh. 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 and 6 - 8 will be photographed by LifeTouch on **Tuesday, September 8**, and preschool - 5 on **Wednesday, September 9**. Picture order forms will be emailed home after school starts. Students must dress in school uniform. Picture re-take day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27.

Elementary and Middle School Yearbooks: The yearbooks are here. They were handed out to students on Friday. We have a few extra middle school books that can be purchased for \$12.



Calendar of Events



8/24-25 First day of Preschool

8/26 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a

8/27 Mass for grades 1-4, livestream grades K, 5-8 9:30a

8/28 Jean and spirit wear day

9/2 Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a

9/3 Mass for grades 5-8, livestream grades K-4 9:30a

9/8 Picture Day - Preschool and grades 6-8

9/9 Picture Day - Preschool and grades K-5

9/20 Protecting God's Children Session in Parish Hall 2p

Elementary Student Drop Off:

Starting Monday, August 31st, please follow these new drop-off procedures:

The route shall be such that vehicles come in from the north and drop-off students curbside on Church St. The line should be the same as pick-up by staging on West St. to Center St. and turning right on to Church St. Overflow should continue to utilize West St. near Alton Park.

In an effort to make for a continuous flow, vehicles should pull up to pre-designated spots marked with a cone (front of vehicle lines up with the cone) and have your student exit curbside, if possible.

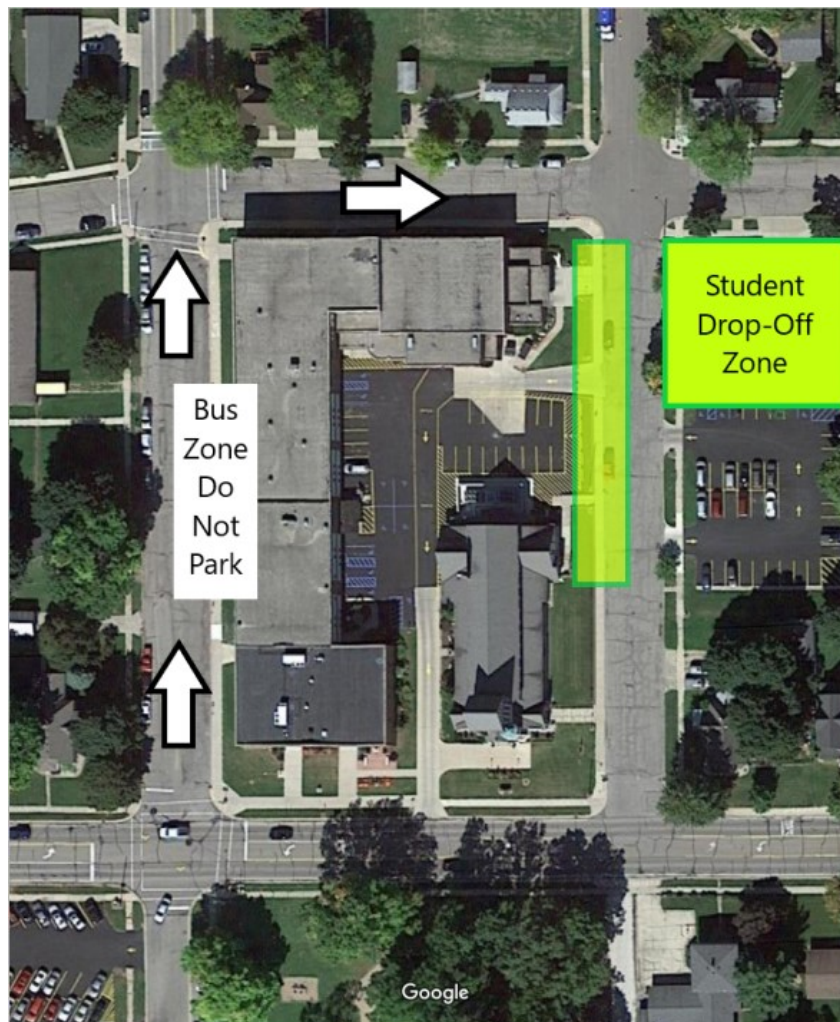
We ask that the drivers stay in the vehicle so that the line can move continuously. Anyone wishing to exit their vehicle to assist their student(s) should utilize the parking lot next to the parish office and walk their student across the street and only cross to the steps just behind church. Be extremely mindful of the drivers pulling out and new vehicles pulling in.

Students, once exited, will be directed to walk up the ramp to the main office doors.

*We will not be using the ramp into the parking lot, even on inclement weather days. This is being done for student safety and also because of the reduced window of time for drop-off related to the current COVID procedures.

Anyone needing handicap access to the church or school will be allowed into the upper parking lot and flagged in to safely do so.

Please encourage everyone to be respectful of these new procedures, and share this information with fellow parishioners so we do not have bottlenecks with people parking on Church St. during these drop-off and pick-up times. We understand people would like to park close to church for morning Mass (Fridays, special days) however, this accommodation for the school drop-off & pick-up will ensure everyone gets to where they need to be on time.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Please fill out Free and Reduced application at: www.lunchapp.com

St. Patrick's Parent or Guardians please select Portland Public Schools and the buildings appropriate for grade levels, our system will correct this.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Portland Public Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.35 Elem; \$1.60 HS/MS**; lunch costs **\$2.60 Elem; \$2.85 HS/MS**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced-price is **\$.30** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch.

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 2020-2021

Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	23,606	1,968	454
2	31,894	2,658	614
3	40,182	3,349	773
4	48,470	4,040	933
5	56,758	4,730	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	1,570
Each additional person:	8,288	691	160

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 **Oakwood Elementary 517-647-2991, Simone Margraf homeless liaison at smargraf@portlandk12.org**.

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? **No.**

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, 1100 Ionia Rd. Portland MI 48875, 517-647-2984**