



Shamrock News

8/28/20

Welcome New Students: St. Patrick School welcomes the following new students: Kaleb Dziewiatkowski (7th grade), Emma Miller (3rd grade), Haley Miller (2nd grade), Kelti Dziewiatkowski (Kindergarten) and Robert Miller IV (Kindergarten).

We also welcome the following preschool students to St. Patrick: Felicity Austen, Gianna Austen, Elijah Brown, Calla Fox, Emma Garcia, Anna-Marie Harraka, Estelle Haskin, William Haskin, Anna Heckman, Eric Higbee, Jaxson James, Stetson King, Jason Kniffin, Wyatt Leik, Sylvia McCausey, Addison Mccombs, Harper Newman, Dominic O’Neill, Gwendolyn Pung, Lane Pung, Evelyn Raccuia, Jacob Sandborn, Evelyn Schafer, Finn Schoenberg, Allena Smith, Addie Thelen, Cade Thelen, Emmelyn Thelen, Fisher Thelen, Grace VanSolkema, David Vazquez, Brielle Weber, and Aiden Wieber.

MAPS Testing: Fall MAPS testing for students in grades K-8 will be taking place over the next couple of weeks. Please make sure students eat a good breakfast and get a good night’s sleep.

School Masses are now live streamed: School masses will be live streamed on Facebook on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am. If you do not have a Facebook account, watch for a link on Remind.

Emails from St. Patrick School: Emails that are sent out to our parents using Infinite Campus will have the sender 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@grcatholicschools.org.

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

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 apply-*

Friday, Sept. 4 & Monday, Sept. 7

No School - Labor Day Break

ing 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.

2019-20 High School Yearbooks: The yearbooks are here. Last year seniors can pick them up in the school office.

Thinking Maps: One of our professional developments a few years ago was on the use of Thinking Maps. Thinking Maps is a language of eight visual patterns each based on a fundamental thinking process. Each visual representation is linked to a specific thought process. By connecting dynamic visual design with a specific thought process, students create mental visual patterns for thinking based on these eight cognitive skills.

The staff will be implementing a different map each week again this year for the first eight weeks of the school year. Information will be provided in the school newsletter for the map that is implemented for that particular week of school and includes a way for your family to practice. We implemented the circle map this

GO GREEN! GO WHITE!



Calendar of Events



8/29	Var. CC @ Mich. Catholic Inv. DeWitt 8:30a
9/2	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a Var. CC @ Saranac 4p
9/3	Mass for grades 5-8, livestream grades K-4 9:30a

9/4-7	Labor Day break
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



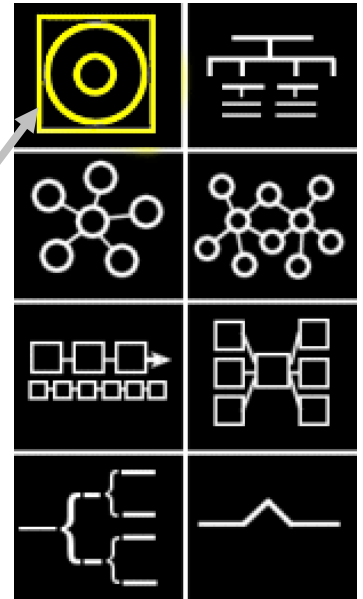
THINKING MAPS

HOME & School

Connection

Circle Map

Defining/Brainstorming



We use a circle map to record definitions and/or brainstorms. Many times, the information on a circle map is then organized in some way, but this map is used to get thinking from the brain to the paper.

Example:



Other ideas for **Circle Map**:

- Family activities
- Books we read
- Kinds of animals

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

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**