



Shamrock News

9/11/20

A huge thank you to our parents and teachers for being so understanding and helpful during this uncertain time.

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. Virtual students will test at another time.

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

Bus riders: Beginning on September 9, students who ride the bus home for grades 6-12 are dismissed at 2:10pm. Bus riders for grades K-5 are dismissed at 3:30pm. This allows time for the buses to be cleaned between routes.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony: We have set a makeup date for our induction ceremony.

NHS Induction
September 22nd @ 6:30 pm
The Red Mill Pavilion

Bring your own lawn chairs to sit as a family group. This event is limited to NHS members and their parents. If a parent is unable to attend, another guest may attend in their place. Facemasks and 6 foot distancing from others outside your household will be required. The ceremony will last about 30 minutes. We will have a reception afterward to celebrate your accomplishments!

Free hot lunch: We are currently able to offer ALL STUDENTS FREE LUNCH!!! This program is being funded through the federal government. It is set to run through December 31. It may be discontinued earlier if the funding runs out. If that happens we will let you know as soon as we receive the information. If your student has money on their account it will still be there when we return to charging for lunch. If you have a high school or middle school student and they buy the a la carte items, those will still have to be paid for. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at: audrapline@portlandstpats.org.

Counseling office request: Please use this link to complete a [family survey](#) from Mrs. Garcia. The purpose of this survey is to check-in with families, give them the opportunity to address any concerns they may have for their students, and allow families to give input on counseling instruction that will be provided this year. Your participation is appreciated!

Dress for the weather: Remember to send your students to school with jackets, umbrellas, raincoats, and rainboots when the weather deems it necessary.

Volunteers/Chaperones: In order for anyone to work with the students as a volunteer or chaperone, diocesan guidelines state that a mandatory criminal background check be done every five years. Also, anyone working with students must take a Protecting God's Children Awareness Session (also known as VIRTUS). You can take a session on-line at <http://www.virtus.org> or in person at a local parish. To register on-line, click on the "Registration" link and choose the session you want.

St. Patrick Parish will be hosting an in-person session of Protecting God's Children on Sunday, September 20 at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. You must register on-line before you attend.

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.

Parent/Student handbooks: Handbooks were emailed to parents. The signed forms were 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 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.

AQ live-streamed concert: This Friday, September 11, at 7:30pm, Aquinas College will be presenting the AQ Music Department's first live-streamed concert of the fall. It features three talented singer/songwriters sharing their unique styles of writing and performing, and combining forces for a performance of "One Voice". While all three are alumni of Aquinas College, two of these amazing singer/songwriters are alumni of St. Patrick School in Portland! Rin Tarsy Jandernoa (Catherine Jandernoa '08) and Liz Owen (Elizabeth Christian '06). For more information about these three singers visit: <https://www.facebook.com/AQArtandMusicCenter>



Calendar of Events

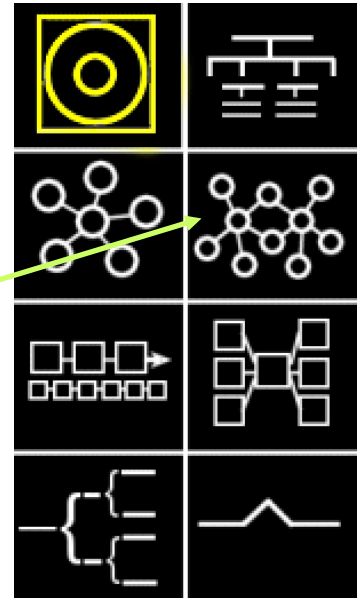


9/11	Fr., JV, Var VB @ Fulton 5p	9/16	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a
9/12	Var. CC @ P-W Fall Classic	9/17	Mass for grades 5-8, live stream grades K-4 9:30a
	JH CC @ P-W Invitational 8:30a	9/18	Jean and spirit wear day
9/15	Var. CC @ Eaton Rapids Inv. 4:45p	9/20	Protecting God's Children Session in Parish Hall 2p



THINKING MAPS

HOME & School

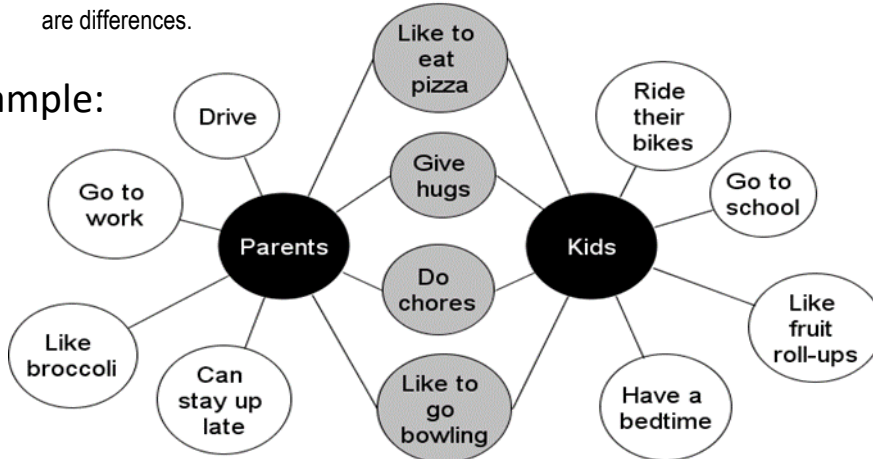


Double Bubble

Compare and Contrast

A double bubble is used for comparing and contrasting. Bubbles in the middle that touch both things being compared are similarities, bubbles outside that connect to one circle or the other are differences.

Example:



- Other ideas for **Double Bubble Map**
- Two people/story characters
 - Two animals
 - Two stories
 - Two cities
 - Two other things

With your family, create a double bubble map. You may select any topic for the center of your bubble map. Remember: You may only use ADJECTIVES or ADJECTIVE PHRASES in your bubbles.

"ONE VOICE"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
7:30 P.M.

Live Streamed via Music Department Facebook
@aqmusicdept

FEATURING AQ MUSIC ALUMNI:
Catherine Jandernoa, '13, Liz Owen, '11
and Olivia Vargas, '18

AQUINAS COLLEGE



ST. PAT'S MASKS



Need additional masks? Show your school spirit and support St. Pat's PTO! The PTO has partnered with Fabricated Customs to offer an over-the-ear mask (black with white logo). **Please visit their website now through September 20th, 2020 to place your order.** Proceeds from the purchase of this black mask with the white SPS logo will benefit the PTO! If you have any questions, please contact the PTO at pto@portlandstpats.org. Thank you in advance for your support!

ORDER ONLINE NOW!

<https://fabricatedcustoms.com/collections/st-patrick/products/st-pats-ptoface-mask>

Mask Options - \$6 each:
(One Size Fits Most)*

Youth: 5" W x 3" L

Adult S/M: 5 3/4" W x 5 1/8" L

Adult M/L: 6 1/2" W x 6 1/8" L

*It is recommended that you measure the current masks you own and compare with the size chart above to determine the size(s) you should order.
All face mask sales are final and non-refundable.

ONLINE ORDERS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 20TH

Questions?

Contact the PTO at pto@portlandstpats.org

*Masks from Fabricated Customs.
Proceeds benefit St. Pat's PTO.*

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD

Diocese of Grand Rapids Discernment Group Meetings

"COME FOLLOW ME"



High school through college age men that may be discerning the priesthood are invited to join Fr. Stephen Durkee, Director of Priestly Vocations, for fellowship and prayer at the time and dates below.

Meetings will be held
from 12:00-1:00 PM

At

St. Pius X Parish
In The Sarto Center
3937 Wilson Avenue SW
Grandville 49418

2020

Sept. 20

Oct. 18

Nov. 15

2021

Jan. 17

Feb. 21

Mar. 21

Apr. 18

May 16

Office of Priestly Vocations

For more information email Fr. Stephen Durkee at sdurkee@grdiocese.org
or call Pattie Reynolds at 616-288-0910

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**