



Shamrock News

9/3/20

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 be set up at another time.

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

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!

Congratulations: Congratulations to Mrs. Judy Fleischer for being selected to receive a PopIn2Win grant for back-to-school supplies from the Meemic Foundation for the Future of Education.

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

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.

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 VIR-TUS). You can do this online at <http://www.virtus.org>. Click on the "Registration" link and choose the session you want or in person at a local Parish.

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 online before you attend.

Friday, Sept. 4 & Monday, Sept. 7

No School - Labor Day Break

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@grcatholicsschools.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 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.



Calendar of Events



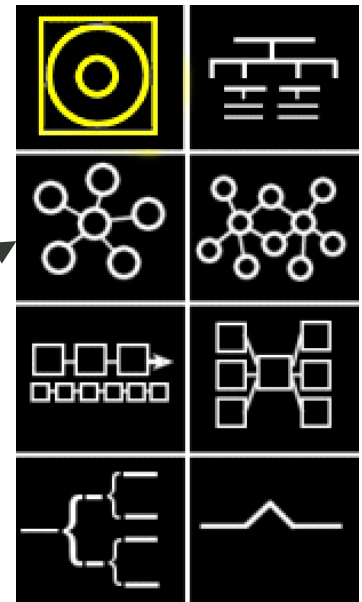
9/4-7	Labor Day break	9/10	Mass for grades 1-4, live stream grades 5-8 9:30a
9/8	Picture Day - Preschool and grades 6-8	9/12	Var. CC @ P-W Fall Classic
9/9	Picture Day - Preschool and grades K-5		JH CC @ P-W Invitational 8:30a
	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a	9/20	Protecting God's Children Session in Parish Hall 2p
	PTO Meeting 6p		



THINKING MAPS

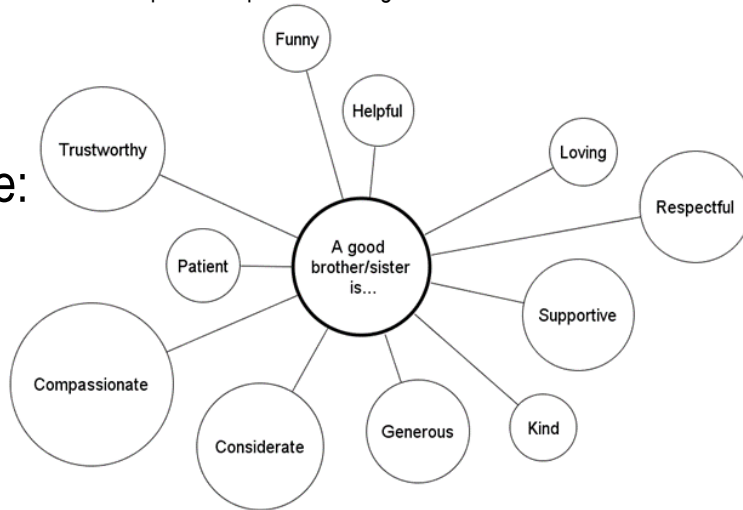
HOME & School

Bubble Map Describing



A bubble map is used for describing something using adjectives or adjective phrases. We often use this tool to help writers add description to a piece of writing.

Example:



Other ideas for **Bubble Map**:

- Describe a specific person
- Describe an animal
- Describe a character in a story

With your family, create a bubble 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**