



Shamrock News

10/13/17

Announcements:

Drama and Chess Clubs Coming Soon: Both the Drama Club for students in grades 3 – 12 and Chess Club for students in grades 3 – 5 will begin the week of November 6. Please be on the lookout for more information and registration sheets which will be coming home soon.

Smart Aid Scholarships: Information has been emailed this week for those who would like to apply for tuition scholarships through the Diocese of Grand Rapids and through St. Patrick Parish for the 2018-19 school year. Please make sure this information is filled out and submitted by December 1. Hard copies can be sent home if you contact the school office.

Christmas Giving Program: Applications for the Portland Community Fund Association's Christmas Giving program are available in the school office. Any family residing in the Portland Public School District that need's assistance or anyone who knows of someone who could use extra assistance should fill out an application. Applications must be turned into City Hall or sent my mail by Monday, November 13.

Jean Days:

Friday, October 20 – This jean day will go to Mr. Lloyd Thurlby. Lloyd is a former St. Patrick School bowling coach. Lloyd was diagnosed with Gallbladder Cancer. He would appreciate as many prayers as possible.

Friday, October 27 – No School

Congratulations:

- To the Class of 2021 for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening.
- To the St. Patrick Quizbowl team for winning their first round of Quizbusters that will air on PBS on December 2. They have advanced to the second round and will compete later in the fall.

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

Picture Retakes: Picture retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24. If you were absent on picture day or you were not satisfied with how your pictures turned out, plan to get your picture taken. Please return your picture packet to the photographer if this is a retake.

Yard Signs: The yard signs have been delivered and we are now filling pre-orders. If you ordered a yard sign, by submitting the request form to the school office last month, you may pick up your order any time during normal office hours. Please note: Students are not allowed to bring the sign and stake home on the school bus. An adult representative for your order may pick up the yard sign and stake from the school office.

If you did not previously submit an order form, you may stop in the school office to receive one (1) complimentary sign per school family. Additional signs, and signs for families that do not currently have a student enrolled at the school may be purchased for a \$5.00 offering per sign.

PFCU Shamrock Student-Run Savings Program News

WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS! Tuesday, October 17th is our first day. Members of PFCU (faculty and students) can now use the school branch in the music room over the lunch periods.

Middle and High school- every time you use the branch, enter for a chance to WIN a gift card to Subway! Plus, every 3rd time you use the school branch, you receive a candy bar! Limited withdrawals, deposits, or cash your check- we make it easy and convenient for you to do your banking at school. Please support your school branch this year!

Elementary- make a deposit to your savings account and enter for a chance to win a water bottle filled with candy! Plus you are automatically entered for a chance to win PFCU's Monthly Youth Promotion. This month is a \$100 gift card to Uncle John's Cider Mill! Let's make saving a habit!

Thank you,
Maddy Shellberg, Community Outreach and Education Specialist



Calendar of Events



10/14 5/6 Grade VB Tournament @ St. Thomas
Var. VB @ Perry Invitational 9a
Cross Country @ Greater Lansing Invitational 10a
Var. Football vs. Marion @ PHS 7p

10/16 Aquinas College Visit 1:30p
7/8 Grade VB @ Saranac 5:30p
Sanchin Ryu in Room 209 6p

10/17 Kindergarten Field Trip to Klackle Orchard 9a
PFCU Student Branch during lunches

10/18 Class ring order day 8a
Cross Country @ St. Patrick Jamboree @ PCC 4p

10/18 Fr., JV & Var. VB @ Bath 5:30p
PTO Meeting Room 115 6p

10/19 Mass led by 8th grade 9:30a
7/8 Grade VB vs. Fulton @ SPS 5:30p
Var. Football vs. Flint School for the Deaf @ PHS 7p

10/20 Senior Open Campus Lunch

10/21 5/6 Grade VB Tournament @ St. Thomas
Cross Country @ Class D State Meet
JV VB @ Morrice Invitational 9a
Var. VB @ Burton Bendle HS Invitational 9a

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents!

Hopefully you have started to complete the FAFSA form for your senior student. Please make sure that this is completed soon. Some of the money given/granted is on a first come first serve basis. Senior meetings start this week. I am looking forward to meeting with each individual student and helping them as they take the next steps in the journey towards adulthood! You are welcome to attend the meeting with your student. Please let me know if you would like to and we will work it into the schedule. Each senior should be retuning the College and Career Toolkit folder that we started to work on last year. When they bring it in for their meeting they are placed in a drawing for gift certificates.

Ms. Bass has been busy working with the elementary students. She was able to host the first FRIENDSHIP LUNCH BUNCH with some of the third grade girls last week. She also presented the lesson BE A PAL in second grade; the lesson taught ways to pray, play, assist, ask nicely, love and learn. The kids were excited to learn together and Ms. Bass enjoyed the opportunity to work with the elementary students!

Junior meetings are completed! Whew, that was really a lot of time, but it was great to meet with your students and help them begin the planning process towards "adulting" and the exciting journey of life God has in store for them. Make sure to look over the TOOL KIT they brought home with your junior. Please use this folder as a family to store college information, career information and resumes.

Val met with the sixth and seventh grade Life Skills classes last Friday. We discussed cyber safety and cyber bullying. I was so pleased with the thoughtful and insightful questions and conversations the students shared. Please ask your child to go over the worksheets we covered together in class. There are some cyber resources available for parents in the packet.

Congratulations to David Kreiner and Amelia Schrauben who were chosen STUDENT OF THE MONTH at Heartland's Institute of Technology in Ionia. Well done!

We have had some excellent questions from parents about handling student trauma from the wake of the Las Vegas tragedy. While it is very stressful for all ages, elementary (DK-5) students may need additional help processing the tragedy. Here are some tips to help you navigate difficult tragedies. . .

Provide comfort and personal safety at home. This allows their fragile endocrine systems (which are triggered from scary events) to stabilize. Reassure them that they are safe at home and that there are many procedures at school to keep them safe. Let them know that it is an adult job to be concerned and to protect them. Keep routines as normal as possible. Limit access to news and media. If they have questions it is fine to talk about them! Be sure to provide short answers, and if you don't know how to respond just say something like, "Hmmm, I don't know, maybe we can figure it out together!" Family prayer time goes a long way to calm children.

October 26 is the Ionia County College and Career Fair. We will be sending students to this event. We will not be hosting our College Parent Night this year, but it will return next year. . . Stay tuned!

That is the latest from the counseling office. Have a great week and hug your child today!
Mrs. Hynes and Ms. Bass



Wreath Sale



Yes, it is that time of year again! Students in the German and Spanish Clubs are selling wreaths to help fund their overseas travel. The wreaths are all handmade from Fraser Fir at a tree farm near Greenville. These beautiful wreaths will look fantastic hanging on your door, business, or barn! The wreaths range in size from 10" (18"-20" outer diameter), to a whopping 48" (60"-62" outer diameter). We also sell roping -- a 50' coil of Fraser Fir roping is selling for \$45! If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Holman or Miss Dorsky at school.

Prices:	10" -- \$18	20" -- \$36
	12" -- \$22	24" -- \$48
	14" -- \$25	36" -- \$65
	16" -- \$30	48" -- \$75

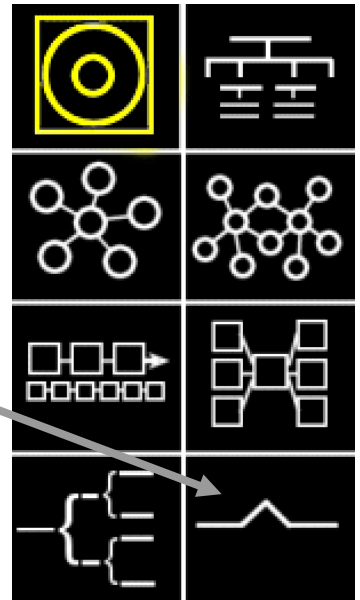
50' Roping -- \$45

Please make checks payable to St. Patrick School. All wreath orders are due by November 9th. Pick-up / delivery will be Monday, November 27th (the Monday after Thanksgiving). Have a Merry Christmas and order your wreath today!



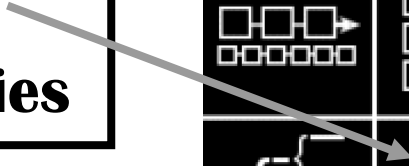
THINKING MAPS

HOME & School



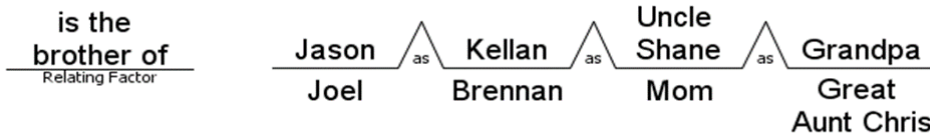
Bridge Map

Seeing Relationships/Analogies



The bridge map is used to help students see analogies. There is always a relating factor identified fits both sides of the analogy.

Example:



Ideas for relating factors on a **Bridge Map**

- ___ is the color of ___
- ___ is the main character in ___
- ___ is famous for ___
- ___ is the leader of ___

With your family, create a bridge map on a separate piece of paper. You may select any relating factor. Read your bridge map to see if it makes sense, substituting the relating factor in for each line on the map.

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Dear St. Patrick Parents:

We are working on the different phases of information gathering for the Safe Routes to School Grant that the City of Portland is seeking to pursue funding that will hopefully lead to the City being awarded a grant for local infrastructure improvements for items such as improving crosswalks and sidewalks amongst other enhancement opportunities.

If you haven't already completed the SRTS parent survey, please turn it in during conferences or alternatively online no later than 7:00 p.m. on Friday October 13th using the following link that is pre-filled out for St. Patrick School. <http://www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=391787>

The second phase which included student surveys (online) was conducted this week during Computers. Teachers will be conducting a quick survey during class time for student drop-off and pick-up routines this week and next. No personal identifying information is gathered during the surveys, other than age/grade so the data has age ranges.

We are asking for **VOLUNTEERS** to final out the last phase which is to conduct "walking audits" next week **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th right after dismissal time**. Students and parents are encouraged to help with this part by simply walking pre-selected routes from the SRTS Coordinator and documenting what they encounter (broken sidewalks, visibility issues, etc.). We anticipate this will take up to an hour to an hour and a half. Please, if you are available that day, contact Cortney Smith at 517-526-1825 or cortneysmith@portlandspats.com to get more details.

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