



Shamrock News

8/28/15

Welcome Back! We are very excited to welcome our students back to St. Patrick School. The first week of school has been very busy but also filled with excitement.

Welcome New Students: St. Patrick School welcomes the following new students this school year: William Kwiecinski (grade 11), Kaitlyn Kwiecinski (grade 9), Olivia Fogarty, Zoey Miller, McKenna Pixley, and Veronica White (grade 8), Sophia White and Brian Kwiecinski (grade 7), Analise Krawczuk (grade 6), Claire Kwiecinski and Martin White (grade 5), Emma Kwiecinski and Simon White (grade 3), Logan Krieger (grade 2), and Benjamin White (grade 1).

Welcome Kindergarten Students: We would like to welcome all our kindergarten students (some were in preschool or DK last year while others are new to our building all together): Shelby Anthony, Maria Austen, Charlie Bozung, Theodore Brown, Reese Chamberlain, Gavin Darling, Joanna Dugan, Kennedy Drake, Emmet Fandel, Charlotte Frazee, Darren Hengesbach, Ethan Huffer, Levi Knoop, Morgan Krieger, Lily Kwiecinski, Olivia Martin, Alice Newman, Eloise Nichols, Natalie Pung, Peyton Schafer, Shane Smith, and Julia White.

Welcome DK Students: St. Patrick School welcomes the following DK students to St. Patrick School: Amelia, Jordyn, and Olivia Lansdell, Adelle Martin, Meryem Tekinel, Reed Boyd, Michael Cross, James Feldpausch, Macie Leonard, Liam Mosser, Ethan Nickols, Tanner Owen, Isadora Robydek, Nolan Schafer, Benjamin Smith, and Trevor Tichvon.

Welcome Preschool Students and Families: We welcome all of our preschool families. We will have the three and four year old preschool students in next week's newsletter.

Announcements:

Music Teacher: Unfortunately, our music teacher ended up not accepting the position so we are starting the school year without a music teacher. The position is being reposted. If you know anyone interested in teaching music one or possibly two days a week, please have them send a letter of application and resume to Mr. Kevin Robydek at Portland Middle School.

Congratulations: Congratulations to our Spanish teacher Mrs. Martha VanHaren on the birth of her baby girl, Elenore Joy. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz.

After School Pick Up: If you pick up your elementary student after school from the Parish Hall, please make sure you hold your number up to the windshield so it is clearly visible to staff. Also, you do not need to get out of your vehicle, have the students jump in and buckle themselves in. This will help make our pick up system as efficient as possible.

Rockbots/Lego League: A good number of students in grades K – 3 and grades 4 – 8 signed up to participate in the Lego League. For many years, we had a strong Lego League team called Rockbots. We would love to bring these teams back to SPS, there is a lot of student interest, now we are hoping and praying we will have some parents come forward to serve as advisors. Some of the former advisors are willing to share some of their past experiences and expertise with you if you are willing to step up as an advisor. Please prayerfully consider to serve as an advisor. In the past there were usually three or four parents working together to lead this program.

Cold Coffee: Mr. Hodge would like to apologize to anyone who may have received a cold cup of coffee on the first day of school. Unbeknownst to Mr. Hodge, the coffee machine was not working and needs to be fixed.

Handbooks: Due to a few last minute adjustments to the student handbook, it will be sent home next week for all students grades DK – 12.

Thank you: Thank you to Janet Hyland for providing the after school pick up numbers for this school year. Thank you to Hayley Fleischer for dye cutting, laminating, and cutting out all the green shamrocks that were placed on student backpacks with their after school pickup number on it.



Thinking Maps: One of our professional developments this fall 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 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. This week we will introduce the Circle Map.



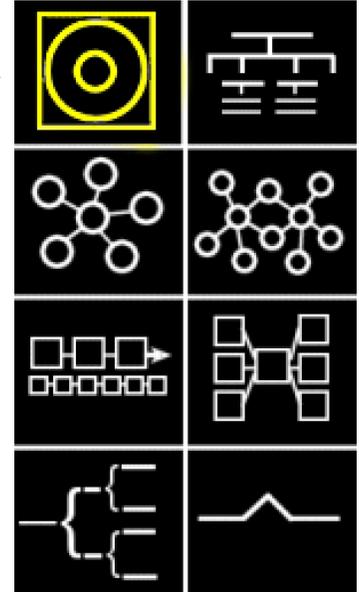
THINKING MAPS

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
- Types of sports
- Any other brainstorming topic

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.



Calendar of Events



(Please note: NO BUSING UNTIL 9/8)

8/28 Var. Football @ Covert 7p
 8/29 Cross Country @ Lansing Catholic 8:30a
 JV VB @ Lakewood Inv 9a
 8/30 AA Mtg. in Parish Hall 6:30p
 9/2 Cross Country @ Saranac INV 4:30p

JV & Var. VB vs. Bath @ SPS 5:30p
 9/3 Var. Football vs. Michigan Lutheran @PHS 7p
 PTO Tailgate Party
 9/4-7 Labor Day Break - No School
 9/8 School Resumes
 JV & Var. VB @ Central Montcalm 5:30p