



# Shamrock News

9/14/18

**Calendar Change:** Please note that the St. Patrick School calendar has been changed in order to have a more effective staff professional development at the Diocese of Grand Rapids in March.

St. Patrick School will be in session on March 8. **St. Patrick School WILL NOT BE IN SESSION on Monday, March 11.** The revised calendar can be found on the school website.

**Thinking Maps:** This week's Thinking Map is the Tree Classifying/Sorting Map.

**Free and Reduced Meal Applications:** It is extremely urgent that all families return this form, even if you are not applying for free and reduced lunch, as it is tied to two important funding sources for our school.



St. Patrick School National Honor Society members are hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 10:30 am to 4:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life. To schedule an appointment to donate, please see a NHS member or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) today!

**Hunter's Safety Course:** The Grand River Conservation Club is hosting its fall 2018 Hunter's Safety Course. Classes begin on Monday, September 17. There are three classroom sessions from 6-9 pm on September 17, 19, and 24. The field exercise day is on Sunday, September 23. Attendance on all days is mandatory! Cost is \$7.00 and payable on the first night of class. Registration forms are in the school office. The Conservation Club is located at 7345 Lyons Road, Portland.

Shamrock  
Pride



**Friday, September 21, 2018**

No Afternoon Busing - PPS 1/2 day

## PTO Tailgate

Before the Homecoming Game

Friday, September 14

6 p.m. in the PHS parking lot

Bring a potluck dish



Enjoy hotdogs, pop/water and goodies!

Game starts at 7 p.m.

## Label Contest

Turn in your labels to your teacher by:

**Friday, September 21st**

The class (grades DK-5 & 6-12)

with the most labels turned in

per student will win:

**Out of Dress Code Day & Donuts**



## Calendar of Events



9/14	Cross Country @ Spartan Invitational 3:30p Football vs. Webberville @ PHS 7p	9/19	Fr., JV, & Var. VB @ Laingsburg 5:30p 5/6 Grade VB (green) @ St. Thomas 6p PTO Meeting in Room 115 6p
9/15	5/6 Grade VB (white) vs. St. Paul & St. Mary @ SPS 10a 5/6 Grade VB (green) vs. IHM & St. Joseph @ SPS 12:30p High School Homecoming Dance in Parish Hall 7:30-10:30p	9/20	Mass for grades 1-8 9:30a 7/8 Grade VB @ Fowler 5p 5/6 Grade VB (white) @ St. Joe 6p
9/17	7/8 Grade VB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5:30p	9/21	No afternoon busing Football @ Bellevue 7p
9/19	Mass for grades 9-12 9:30a 7/8 Grade Cross Country @ Bath 4:30p Cross Country @ Bath Jamboree 4:30p	9/22	Fr. VB @ Perry Invitational 9a

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hi Parents,

Individual junior meetings are off and running. I have had some questions like, "What exactly do you go over in the meetings?" Good Question! We start with an interest inventory. Students answer questions about interests, goals, dreams and plans. We look through the MICHIGAN HOT 50 careers guide provided by the Michigan Bureau of Labor, search hourly wages, education/training and check out the projected annual job openings. We start the college/education planning worksheet and check out numerous informational bulletins on everything from college planning mistakes to college/career essay writing. There is also a college magazine in the toolkit! All the resources above are in the COLLEGE/CAREER TOOL KIT (hardcopy) and are available for your family to use over the next two years. Be sure to keep this TOOL KIT in a special spot in your home. . . It's a great tool to help you organize the mountains of paperwork that your student will receive from colleges.

ACT TEST bulletins have been provided for us this year by ACT. We will be having the ACT test at our school on **February 20, 2019**. I am sending a free ACT PREPARING FOR THE ACT TEST bulletin home with the juniors in their College/Career Tool Kit. Please be sure to encourage your child to use this valuable practice resource. If your sophomore or senior would like a copy I have a limited number of extras.

If your child is interested in Heartland's classes for next year, please have them stop by and choose classes ASAP. Classes are given on a first come first served basis, with next year's seniors getting top priority.

## SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

It's time to start considering college applications. Be sure to encourage your senior to apply to numerous colleges. It helps to compare the financial bottom line of various colleges. It is good to see who will be the most generous in scholarships and financial programs. Last year some of our kids ended up changing their minds on college placement because of financial help from a second (or third!) choice college. It's worth the time and effort.

## VOCATIONAL CAREERS

Did you know that a lineman at an electric company can easily make six figures after a few years?

Did you know that an undersea welder makes close to \$300,000 per year?

Did you know that a licensed electrician makes over \$40 per hour?

Did you know that a student who attends a Heartland's Occupational Class can earn a Certified Nursing Assistant credential and work at a nursing home?

College is not the only path to consider when contemplating the future God has in store for your child. There are so many neat options available, and many without the debt of a four-year institution. I pray for guidance for you, and your student, as they make important decisions about their future. I am here to help. Please contact me with any questions.

## TUTORING

Rise and Shine Tutoring Service contacted me last week. The owner, Lori Schaibly, offers paid tutoring services and is expanding into this area. Her phone number is 517.490.5618. You can reach her via email at [info@riseandshinetutoring.com](mailto:info@riseandshinetutoring.com). That is the latest from the counseling office.

MSU smART ART CLASSES begin soon! Students age 7-18 are invited to attend Fall 2018 smART classes. This series of 5 Saturday work sessions cost \$65 and will be held on campus. Students gain experience with ceramics, drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. You can register your student at [www.art.msu.edu/community/smart/](http://www.art.msu.edu/community/smart/). For questions call 517.355-7610.

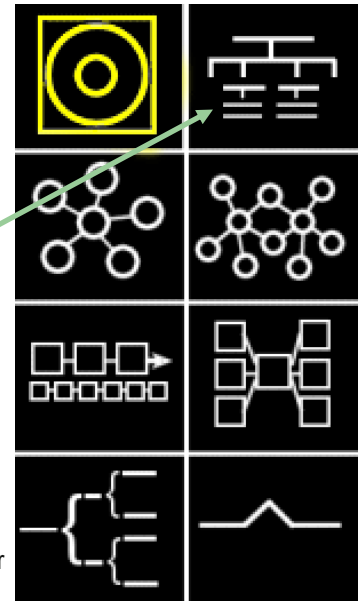
Have a great weekend and hug your child TODAY!!

~Mrs. Hynes



# THINKING MAPS

## HOME & School



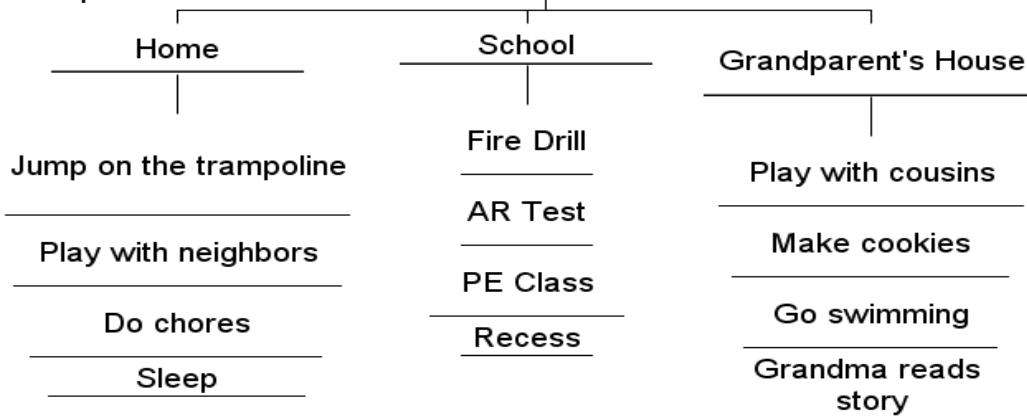
### Tree Map

### Classifying/Sorting

We use a tree map to classify or sort things and ideas into categories or groups. Often the tree map is used for main idea and details or showing examples of something within a category.

Example:

#### Activities



Other ideas for **Tree Map**:

- Classify animals
- Words with that begin with \_\_, \_\_, \_\_.
- Things I like/don't like

With your family, create a tree map. You may select any topic for the topic of your tree map.



Fall Festival 2018 is almost here—it will be held on October 14, 2018!

**BREAD & DESSERTS NEEDED** We'll need enough breads and desserts to feed 1000 people, so it's important that everyone help out in this area. Please drop them off at the cafeteria on Saturday between 8 am and 5:30 pm. (Please note that there will be a table at the top of the steps, in the entrance near the church, where you can leave your baked goods.)

**HOMEMADE COOKIES** The ever-popular Cookie Booth will be held in the office hallway. All Shamrock Athletes in grades 5-12 are expected to donate homemade cookies. Grandparents and others can also bring cookies for this booth.

Cookies can be dropped off at the gym or the cafeteria early on Saturday between 8:00 am and 5:30 pm. Cookies can also be left on the table at the top of the stairs.

**DINNER TICKETS** Available at the door – no advance tickets will be sold.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** Raffle tickets can be dropped in the collection basket this week and next. On the day of the Fall Festival they can be turned in at the raffle booth, located inside the main entrance of the school. Remember---The Shamrock athletic budget depends on the success of this raffle.

- The Fall Festival Raffle normally generates about \$18,000
- If everyone picked up their tickets and sold the entire pack, it would generate \$91,000!
- Every pack that is sold **MAKES A DIFFERENCE** in the Shamrock sports budget!
- Even if you are busy on October 14, you can still help by selling your tickets.