

Hello Parents and Guardians!

We are excited for you and your student athlete(s) to participate in the 2022 Portage Invitational! We recommend you visit www.portageinvite.com for additional information. We created this quicksheet for you to help with preparation.

If you have never been to the Portage Invitational, this event is VERY big and VERY busy.

We have 17 total races which start every 20-30 minutes at 8:15am. We have over 220 teams participating between the high school and middle school divisions throughout the day which totals over 6,500 runners. We anticipate 12,000+ spectators to join! It. Is. Awesome. It can also get frustrating if you are not expecting an event of this size. We have some tips:

- *Give yourself enough time to find parking AND to walk from your parking spot to the course. More parking info included below.*
- *Ask your coach where to find the team tent or have your athlete text you the location they will be at on the campus.*
- *We have food options and commemorative shirts for your athletes and for you! Pricing and sizing info is below.*
- *The awards happen about an hour or so after the corresponding race. A rough awards schedule is below.*

Food Features - all vendors accept cash or credit card.

- **Moe's BBQ**
 - The best BBQ has to offer! Ribs, brisket, pulled pork, delicious sides and more from \$3.00 (sides and soda) up to \$25.00 (full rack of ribs).
- **Taste of Freedom**
 - Delicious breakfast burritos for the morning and hamburgers, hot dogs, and fries with some sweet treats, lemonade and gatorade! Get a meal starting around \$6.00 with sweet treats closer to \$3.00!
- **Great Smoothz**
 - Healthy and flavorful smoothies for morning, afternoon, and your athletes' recovery! Pick your favorite for about \$5.
- **Big Mike's Kettle Corn**
 - Feeling like an awesome snack! Big Mike's has you covered with Fresh Popped Kettle Corn, Caramel Corn, and Flavored Corn from \$6-\$8!
- **Coffee Rescue**
 - Get your caffeine fix with warm (or cold) coffee drinks! Get a straight forward coffee or hot chocolate for about \$2.50 or make it a specialty drink at around \$5.50. Milk alternatives are available by request and for \$1 more.

Shirt Pricing & Sizing

- Commemorative 2022 Portage Invite Brooks Long Sleeve Tech Shirt \$30
 - Youth sizes are unavailable, however, the following women's/men's sizes translate into youth sizing (women's Brooks shirt is not tapered at waist line so has the same shape as men's):
 - Women's XS (Men's XXS) is Youth Medium
 - Women's Small (Men's XS) is Youth Large
 - Women's Medium (Men's Small) is Youth XL
- Commemorative 2022 Portage Invite Poly Blend Short Sleeve Shirt \$20
- Previous Years Commemorative Shirt Long Sleeve \$15
- Previous Years Commemorative Shirt Short Sleeve \$10

Parking Info

This is a very large event with crowd sizes between 12,000 and 20,000 people. **There will be traffic congestion so plan ahead to ensure your team and spectators arrive with time to spare.** Additionally, there is not enough parking on the school's campus to accommodate everyone so many people park on the street or use the paid parking options below. ***Finally, at 8:30am Moorsbridge Road will be open to northbound traffic ONLY. You will not be able to turn south onto Moorsbridge from Romence! Please map out your route in advance.***

Paid Event and Handicap Parking

Handicap Parking is available in front of Portage West Middle School with a valid Plate or Placard. Visitors can choose to park adjacent to the event at Portage West Middle School or Moorsbridge Elementary for \$10.00/vehicle. Those leaving will need to pay again to re-enter the lot. Additionally, there is paid parking at nearby churches along Romence near Oakland Drive (about .5 miles away from the school).

FREE street parking

There is an abundance of free street parking surrounding the event. Short walks of 5 to 10 minutes should be expected. The Portage Invite has shuttle golf carts that patrol the street parking to help those in need. We unfortunately do not have this as a service you can call or schedule. If you happen to see one, feel free to flag it down and request a ride.

Awards Schedule

All times are approximate. We will try our best to stay on schedule for you!

Times were determined through consideration of the need for coaches and team's to connect, cool down, and to watch their teammates run in other races.

D4 Men Varsity	10:30am
D3 Men Varsity	10:50am
D3/D4 JV Men	11:10am
D4 Women Varsity	11:25am
D3 Women Varsity	11:45am
D3/D4 JV Women	12:05pm
MS Boys Varsity	12:30pm
MS Girls Varsity	12:45pm
MS Boys JV	1:00pm
MS Girls JV	1:15pm
D2 Men Varsity	2:00pm
D1 Men Varsity	2:30pm
D2 Women Varsity	3:00pm
D1 Women Varsity	3:30pm
D1/D2 Men JV	4:30pm
D1/D2 Women JV	4:45pm