

Hello Parents and Guardians!

We are excited for you and your student athlete(s) to participate in the 2023 Portage Invitational! We recommend you visit www.portageinvite.com for race and awards schedules and 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 225 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.***

Food Features - *all vendors accept cash or credit card; all full meal vendors will have sizeable menus and a value meal option for under \$10; snack or drink vendors have options ranging from \$2 and up.*

- **On the Roll**
 - Delicious pasta(s) served on a garlic roll! Perfect for replenishing those carbs after a hard race!
- **Airborne Burrito**
 - A meal all wrapped up to make it easy for you to walk around and watch your favorite runners. Burritos that will satisfy your hunger!
- **Curry in a Hurry**
 - Warm and tasty curries served on rice and much more that'll have your tastebuds wanting more!
- **The Donut Cart**
 - Just like the name suggests, come here to get some freshly made donut holes! They come in plain or cinnamon sugar!
- **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!
- **Coffee Rescue**
 - Get your caffeine fix with warm (or cold) coffee drinks! Get a straight forward coffee or hot chocolate for about or make it a specialty drink!
- **General Concessions**
 - Looking for quick grab and go options? We've got candy, water, Gatorade and more to satisfy your snack needs quickly and affordably.

Shirt Pricing

- Commemorative 2023 Portage Invite Long Sleeve Tech Shirt \$25
- Commemorative 2023 Portage Invite Poly Blend Short Sleeve Shirt \$15
- Previous Years Shirts will be available and price as marked day-of

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. We unfortunately do not have shuttles as a service this year.