



August 2019

Back To School

Pulaski Community Middle School

Dear PCMS Families,

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to welcome you to a new school year at Pulaski Community Middle School. Bridging the gap between elementary and high school for our students at PCMS is truly a great pleasure for us, because we have such outstanding kids, supportive parents, and talented, hard-working colleagues.

Our comprehensive instructional program continues to move forward in preparing our students for their future. We will focus on the following four fundamental questions of our Professional Learning Community (PLC):

- * What do we want our students to know and be able to do? (Curriculum)
- * How will we know if they know it? (Assessment)
- * What will we do if they don't get it? (Intervention)
- * How will we enrich our instruction if they do get it? (Enrichment)

Just to remind you that our registration will be part of a District-Wide Walk-in Registration and Online Registering Process. Additional information may be found on page 2 of this newsletter. On August 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., you are invited to meet our staff at our annual Open House. This is a great opportunity for students to become acclimated to their schedules and lockers, for parents to establish communication with their children's teachers, and for families to see the great technology that we are implementing in our classrooms. Students may also use this time to place their school supplies in their lockers and address any questions they may have for the upcoming school year. Please print your child's schedule in Skyward Family Access and bring it along to the Open House.

All students will start school on Tuesday, September 3th. Students should arrive to school after 7:20 a.m. Raider Time will begin at 7:30 a.m. Staff members will be visible in the hallways to help students find their classrooms. In addition, staff will help our students find the location of their school buses at the end of the day.

Throughout the year, we welcome and encourage your continued connection and participation in helping make the transition meaningful for each of our students. We look forward to working with you in successfully bridging the gap!

Working Together for Children,

Patrick Fullerton

Patrick Fullerton, Principal

Pulaski Community Middle School

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District-Wide Registration

What: District-Wide Walk-In Registration for 2019-2020 School Year, including PCMS/PHS Picture Day.

When: Wednesday, August 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Pulaski High School Gymnasium, 1040 S. St. Augustine Street, East Entrance

Student I.D. and school pictures can be taken and ordered at this time.

Online Registration: Parents and guardians may register online beginning August 1st through September 2nd at Skyward Family Access: <http://www.pulaskischools.org/parents/>.

Payment can be made online, during the district wide registration, mailed or turned in to the PCMS Main Office.

FYI: The registration process is completed online (paperless) and must be submitted before schedules can be viewed.

PCMS Open House - Welcome!

Our **Open House** will be held on **Tuesday, August 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Our Leadership Team will be out and about the building and would enjoy the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions. Please use this time to tour the building with your children, learn the locations of your children's new classrooms, meet the faculty, and drop off your student's supplies in their locker. Locker information will become available for Open House.

You will find it helpful to print your child's schedule at home before arriving at the Open House.

6th Grade iPad Distribution

PCSD District-issued iPads will be distributed to 6th Grade students during the first week of school. These iPads will travel to all classes with the students as well as home for learning to continue beyond the school day. Students are expected to have their iPads fully charged each day. An optional district insurance plan is offered for all families during the online registration process. Please complete all forms related to this optional insurance to ensure efficient distribution of iPads. Your child will be allowed to bring the iPad home once he/she has passed certain proficiencies of appropriate use.



Office Hours



Our offices are open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., during days when school is in session. Summer hours may vary. Summer Office Hours are 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Please call to see if office is open on Fridays before the school year begins, 822-6500.

Picture Day Information

Countryside Photographers will be taking school photos at the District-Wide Walk-in Registration on August 14th at Pulaski High School. Order forms will be available at the walk-in registration and at Countryside's website at <http://countrysidephoto.com/>. If you have questions, please call Countryside at (920) 833-6357.

Countryside will also be available for pictures on the second day of school, September 4, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. Students will be called down via PA by grade.

FYI: Picture retake day is on October 9, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.



Student Absences and Messages

Student Absences: To report your child's absence, please call PCMS between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. the day of the absence. If you reach a voicemail, please leave your child's name, grade level, and the reason for the absence. Also, if you know of a planned absence or late arrival, please try to let us know in advance. The attendance telephone number is **822-6501**.

Messages for students: The telephone number to call to leave student messages is **822-6501**. Any emergency telephone messages will be delivered immediately to the students. For non-emergency messages, please feel free to text your child. Students will be allowed to check messages during lunch, recess, and between classes. Non-emergency telephone messages will be delivered during team studies. Due to staffing responsibilities and limitations, we cannot guarantee that student messages received after 2:00 p.m. will be delivered.

Daily Announcements



The announcements are read to students each day as well as posted on our scrolling overhead hallway monitors throughout the school. Daily announcements include events for the day, all school announcements, grade level updates, student recognition, menu items, sports updates, cancellations, and more. The announcements are posted on our website at <http://www.pulaskischools.org/middle/pcmsannouncements/blog>. You can subscribe to have e-mail notifications of the daily announcements by clicking on the "subscribe" area near the top of the page.

Back to School

Welcome to a new school year at PCMS! The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 3, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 2:55 p.m. The school doors open for student entry approximately 7:20 a.m.

You may find it helpful to print your child’s class schedule and bring it along to Open House.

Bus information will be available beginning August 14th in Skyward Family Access.

On September 3rd, students should arrive to school a little early; we suggest closer to 7:20 a.m. Parents who plan to drop off and pick up their children should use the “U” shaped driveway. Once students arrive at school on the first day, they should go directly to their homerooms. If they need help finding their homeroom, all of our faculty members will be visible in the hallways to greet and assist students. At this time, students are welcomed to place their school supplies in their lockers. If they still need their locker combination, homeroom teachers will be able to provide that information.

Please take some time to look over the Student/Parent Handbook found on our webpage under Parent Resources and then Forms and Documents: [Parent-Student Handbook](#). You should review it with your children.

On the first day of school, students will have an orientation to go over our school expectations. In addition, students will go through an abbreviated schedule to become acclimated with their new schedules and their classroom locations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us:

- ☰ **Activities/Athletics:** 822-6507
- ☰ **Attendance/Student Messages:** 822-6501
- ☰ **Counselors:** 822-6510/822-6513
- ☰ **District Office:** 822-6000
- ☰ **PCMS Fax:** 822-6505
- ☰ **Food Service:** 822-6009
- ☰ **Health:** 822-6521
- ☰ **Kitchen:** 822-6581
- ☰ **Library:** 822-6560
- ☰ **PCMS Main Number:** 822-6500
- ☰ **PACE/Summer School:** 822-6050
- ☰ **Pool:** 822-6060
- ☰ **Police Liaison Officer:** 822-6722
- ☰ **Principals:** 822-6502
- ☰ **Scheduling:** 822-6519
- ☰ **Student Center:** 822-6501/822-6519
- ☰ **Transportation:** 822-6040/822-6041

If you have any questions regarding your child’s schedule or enrollment, please feel free to contact Mrs. Dawn VanSchyndel, Secretary/Scheduler, at 822-6519 or via email at dmvanschyndel@pulaskischools.org.

Again, we would like to welcome you to our PCMS family! We are here to serve you, so please feel free to contact us with any questions.



Students New to Our District

We are thrilled to have you in our District, and we would like to help make this a smooth transition. To start the new enrollment process, please visit our district website (<http://www.pulaskischools.org/>) and you will find new student enrollment when you click on "Online Enrollment & Registration." Questions may be directed to Mrs. Dawn Van Schyndel at 822-6519. Mrs. Van Schyndel will also be available during walk-in registration on August 14th.



Communication

Throughout the school year, information will be posted as it becomes available on the school blog ([School News](#)). You can subscribe to get e-mail notifications when items are added to the blog. Click on the "subscribe" area near the top of the page. We also use the Skylert system to send weekly e-mails of "next week's events" on Fridays and e-mails/text messages when important information needs to be communicated. You can choose how to receive these Skylert notifications and how much information you would like by setting it up in Skyward Family Access. Please note this will be the only newsletter format communication for the year. Please read the weekly Skylert e-mails, blog, or daily announcements throughout the school year to stay abreast of the school news.

Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

In the morning, school buses drop students off in the large parking lot area by door two. Students are asked to remain up on the sidewalk behind the white line until the school doors open for safety reasons. In the afternoon, school buses pick up students behind the school.

Parents/guardians who drop off and pick up students before and after school are reminded to use the horseshoe driveway, both in the morning and in the afternoon. Please park to the right so cars can move through in the left lane. Parents/guardians who pick up their students after a co-curricular event or activity should park their vehicles in a parking slot in the main parking lot. Do not block the drive-through area by the Pool Doors. In addition to parking in the lot portion only, the horseshoe driveway may also be used to pick up students after co-curricular events. Walkers crossing South St. Augustine Street should cross with a Village Crossing Guard.

Prior to the start of school and at the end of the school day, motorists are reminded that a 3-way stop has been added at the end of the Middle School pool entrance and South St. Augustine Street. The Village Police Department will be monitoring this area.



Fall Sports Update



Please be aware that students must have all on-line athletic forms completed as well as a physical form signed by a doctor in the office before the first day of practice. A physical exam is good for all three years of Middle School athletics. Athletes are charged an annual \$20 athletic participation fee that covers all sports throughout the school year. Football practice begins August 19th; Cross-Country practice begins August 26th; Soccer and Volleyball practices begin September 3rd. Be sure to visit the [athletics section](#) on the PCMS website for practice and game schedules as well as other information regarding the athletic program. All forms other than the physical form (which requires a signature by a physician) will be completed on-line and you will find them in Skyward Family Access under Forms. You also need to enroll your child in the sport(s) under Arena Scheduling in Skyward Family Access. ([Online Athletic Registration Instructions](#))



Fall Sports Parent Meeting: Wednesday, September 4th, 5:15 p.m.,
PCMS Auditorium.



Athletic Passes

Athletic passes can be purchased to gain entry to conference high school sporting events. This can be done at the time of on-line registration. Please note this is for high school events only. There is no admission fee for PCMS athletic events. [PHS Athletic Pass Information](#)

On-Line School Store

School apparel will be sold through an on-line school store. It will be open from August 27 through September 10. Orders will be delivered to the school the week of September 24th. Sample sizes will be available in the Student Center during Open House.
<https://www.pulaskischools.org/middle/school-store>

District Annual Notices

The Pulaski Community School District has included the annual notices required by law for 2016 ([click here](#)). If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at 822-6000.

School Supply List

Below is the school supply list for the 2019-2020 school year. Hopefully, you will have many of the school supplies available at home from previous school year.

6th Grade Students:

Binder, zipper 8 ½ " x 11"	Marker, Sharpie black fine point
Binder 1.5" with 5 divider tabs or 5 page protectors – 6 th Grade Spanish 18-week session only	Markers (washable)
Composition Notebook, non-spiral, lined (2)	Notebooks, Spiral (4)
Earbud Headphones	Notebook, 5-Subject Notebook for Math (1)
Erasers	Paper, Looseleaf (1 pckg)
Facial Tissue (2)	Pencil Cases, Zippered (2)
Folders, Pocket (6)	Pencils #2 (24)
Glue or Glue Sticks	Pencils (colored, box of 24)
Graph Paper, 1/4" Scale (100 sheets minimum)	Pens (black or blue ink only)
Highlighters (green, pink, and yellow)	Post-it Notes
Index Cards, 3"x 5" (100 total)	Ruler, 12" (metric/standard)
Marker, Sharpie black ultra fine point	Scissors
	Sketchbook for Drawing, 8.5" x 11" (50 sheets minimum)
	Choir: Two PLAIN RED 2-Pocket Folders



7th Grade Students:

Binders (3) OR Folders (5) OR Accordion folder (1) - (choose the organizational system that works best for your student)	Markers, Sharpie black ultra fine-tip
Binder 1.5" with 5 divider tabs or 5 page protectors – Only students with a Spanish elective, if not previously purchased	Markers (washable)
Earbud Headphones	Notebooks, spiral (5)
Erasers	Paper, Looseleaf (1 pckg)
Facial Tissue (2 boxes)	Pencil Cases, Zippered (2)
Glue or Glue Sticks	Pencils #2 (24)
Graph Paper, 1/4" Scale (100 sheets minimum)	Pencils (colored, box of 24)
Highlighters (green, pink, and yellow)	Pencils/Pens, Red (4)
Index Cards, 3"x 5" (100 Total)	Pens (black or blue ink only)
	Ruler, 12" (metric/standard)
	Scissors
	Sketchbook for Drawing, 8.5" x 11" (50 sheets minimum) - Only Students with an Art elective
	Choir: 2 PLAIN WHITE 2-Pocket Folders

School Supply List (continued)

Below is the school supply list for the 2019-2020 school year. Hopefully, you will have many of the school supplies available at home from previous school year.

8th Grade Students:

Binders (3) OR Folders (5) OR Accordion folder (1) - (choose the organizational system that works best for your student)
Binder 1" or 1 ½" with 5 divider tabs – Eighth Grade French Students Only
Binder 1.5" with 5 divider tabs or 5 page protectors - 8th Grade Spanish if not previously purchased
Earbud Headphones
Erasers
Facial Tissue (2)
Highlighters (green, pink, and yellow)
Index Cards, 3"x 5" (100 Total)

Markers, Sharpie black fine-point (2)
Markers (washable) OR colored pencils
Notebooks, Spiral (6) or Looseleaf
Pencil Cases
Pencils #2 (24)
Pens (red)
Pens (black or blue ink only)
Ruler, 12" (metric/standard)
Scissors
Sketchbook for Drawing, 8.5" x 11" (50 sheets minimum) – Art students only

Choir: Two PLAIN BLACK 2-Pocket Folders

All PCMS Students:

Gym Clothes: T-shirt, Shorts, Gym Shoes, Socks, and Non-Aerosol Deodorant (PCMS does not require a gym uniform.)

Tech Ed Classes: Safety Glasses Required, 6 Foot Tape Measure

Additional Items: Additional items may be requested by individual departments/houses.

***** Locks are provided for physical education lockers. There will be a \$10.00 charge for lost locks. School issued locks are required so there is no reason for students to purchase locks. Locks that are not school issued locks, will be cut off.**



Meningitis Information

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As school nurse at Pulaski Community Middle School, I am writing to inform you about the dangers of meningococcal disease, commonly known as bacterial meningitis, a rare but potentially fatal infection that can occur among teenagers and college students. While meningococcal disease is rare and difficult to contract, it is very serious. Now, there is a vaccine that may help to prevent this infection.

Meningococcal bacteria can potentially be transmitted through close contact with an infected person through direct contact with respiratory and/or oral secretions from an infected person (for example, through sharing drinking containers or kissing). Teenagers and college students are at increased risk for meningococcal disease compared to the general population, accounting for nearly 30 percent of all U.S. cases every year. Meningococcal disease can be misdiagnosed as something less serious, because early symptoms like high fever, severe headache, nausea, vomiting and stiff neck, are similar to those of common viral illnesses. The disease can progress rapidly and can cause death or permanent disability within 48 hours of initial symptoms.

Up to 83 percent of all cases among teens and college students may potentially be prevented through immunization, the most effective way to prevent this disease. A meningococcal vaccine is available that protects against four out of five strains of bacterium that cause meningococcal disease in the U.S.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical organizations recommends that all 11-12 years olds should be vaccinated with meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4). A booster shot is recommended for teens at age 16 to continue providing protection when their risk for meningococcal disease is highest. Teens who received MCV4 for the first time at age 13 through 15 years will need a one-time booster dose at 16 through 18 years of age. If a teenager missed getting the vaccine altogether, they should ask the doctor about getting it now, especially if they are about to move into a college dorm or military barracks.

For more information about meningococcal disease and immunization, please feel free to contact me directly at 920-822-6153 or visit the following websites to learn more about meningococcal disease, vaccine information, and public health resources:

- CDC Information on meningococcal disease: <http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/index.html>
- National Association of School Nurse, *Voices of Meningitis*: <http://www.voicesofmeningitis.org/>
- A list of local [Wisconsin public health departments and contact information](#)

Other organizations meningococcal meningitis information is available:

- American Academy of Family Physicians, <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/health-of-the-public/20100722stopmeningitis.html>
- American Academy of Pediatrics, <http://www.aap.org>
- Meningitis Foundation of America, <http://www.musa.org/>
- National Meningitis Association, <http://www.nmaus.org/>