



September Close Out

Dear Potomac Middle School Families,



As September comes to a close we are excited to reflect on a successful start to the school year. Students are engaged and extra curricular activities are up and running. We appreciate your attendance at our Back to School Night and hope to see you at future family engagement nights. Our students are currently approaching the halfway mark for quarter 1. Please take time to review student grades and communicate with your child's teacher regarding ways to support and improve their learning.

-Ms. Preston

Navigating Middle School

Middle School is a unique and wonderful time in a student's life. Many students experience the highs and lows of creating and maintaining friendships and some students make poor decisions that may result in violations of the code of behavior. Our admin team and Counseling Department are here to support them through their middle school years. Please reach out and schedule an appointment if your child is in need of support. Our Counseling Department will be sharing information regarding student support groups in the coming weeks as well.

Bus Behavior

Potomac Middle School works in partnership with Transportation to identify and address any bus misconduct. We are dedicated to addressing student behavior to ensure a safe ride to and from school. We appreciate your support in speaking to your child regarding appropriate behavior on the bus.

Completion of Back To School Packet

Our completion rate for the online Back to School Packet is currently at 48%. Please visit the PWCS webpage by clicking [HERE](#) for more information on how to update your child's information. We MUST have up to date emergency contacts and documents to ensure a smooth school year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EARLY DISMISSAL

ALL early dismissal requests must be completed by 2:30 pm each day. While we understand the need to pick up students or change transportation plans, in order to effectively communicate and ensure students get the necessary message, we must do so prior to the arrival of busses and the start of afternoon announcements. We thank you for your cooperation.

FUNDRAISER UPDATES

We have raised over 50% of our goal and there is still time left for students to earn amazing prizes and access to the party of the year! These funds will solely benefit our students this year! *We are so grateful for the amazing support and participation we have seen with our Fall fundraiser!*

If you have not had a chance to participate, it is not too late! Registering at www.SchoolFund.com is super easy and you can share the fundraiser directly with your supporters through your child's dashboard!

Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

TRENDS TO BE AWARE OF!

One Chip Challenge- Students are purchasing the ghost pepper chip and becoming extremely ill after consuming it. Please do not allow your child to purchase or bring this chip to school.

Social Media Gossip Pages- Students are posting anonymous rumors and gossip on Instagram which impact student relationships at school. Please continue to monitor your child's social media accounts to ensure they are not engaging in cyber bullying or inappropriate posts.



After School Activities

We love having our students attend and support their peers playing sports after school! Please be reminded that students are expected to continue to follow the Code of Behavior (COB) when on property after hours. We expect all guests at games to represent our school with pride.

Please see the following requirements to attend our games:

1. Students must continue to adhere to the Code of Behavior and Dress Code.
2. No one may use foul language
3. No one may engage in verbal or physical altercations.
4. Students may have their privileges to attend games revoked due to poor conduct in & out of school
5. Guests may be asked to leave if behavior is inappropriate for our school environment.

Clubs and Organizations

The following clubs and activities have begun or will begin soon:

- **SCA**- Elections will take place on October 14th. See Ms. Correa for info correaax@pwcs.edu
- **Omega U**- See Mr. Coleman for info colematd@pwcs.edu
- **Robotics**- See Mrs. Correa for info correaax@pwcs.edu
- **Art Club**- See Ms. Navarro for info navarrf@pwcs.edu
- **NJHS**- More details coming soon see Mr. Coleman for info colematd@pwcs.edu

Paper Tutoring Service

All PWCS students now have access to free online tutoring 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Through our partnership with Paper, every student has unlimited access to trained tutors to ask questions, work through problems, get feedback on their writing, and grow their confidence.

Students access Paper by logging in to Clever. To log in to Clever, students use their PWCS email address and password. Once you're logged in to Clever you can find the link for Paper in the PWCS Resources section.

Temporary Teachers and TPOTA's

As PWCS shared at the beginning of the year, many of our classrooms across the division are being supported by Temporary Teachers or TPOTA's. At Potomac Middle School we have currently staffed 7 temporary teachers or TPOTA's. This information was shared via email and will be updated as staff changes or long time hires are made. Our team of teachers are engaged in professional development and collaborative learning teams to best support your child.

PARENT INFO CORNER

Appointments are Key!

Our goal is to address all parent concerns in a timely manner. While we understand the need to Walk-In and address issues, making an appointment allows us to dedicate our time and attention to your concern and gather the necessary information for a productive conversation. Please reach out to schedule an appointment if you would like to meet with an administrators.



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Ms. Preston- Principal & 8th grade
Ms. Johnson-Assistant Principal 6th
Mrs. Haskins-Assistant Principal 7th
Mr. Benton- School Security Officer
Mrs. .Dobson- Director of Counseling
Mr. Cordero- Athletic Director
Mrs. Randall-Nurse
Mrs. Ortega-Principal's Secretary
Ms. Carrillo-Main Office Secretary
Mrs. Blackshear, School Registrar
Ms. Porter, School Social Worker
Ms. Hughes, School Psychologist