



Back To School

July 2023

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 staff members.

Our comprehensive instructional program continues to move forward in preparing our students for their future. We will continue to focus on the following 4 fundamental questions of our Professional Learning Community (PLC):

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

Just to remind you that 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 23, from 4:00 to 6:30 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 our learning environments. 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.** Schedules will be available to view in Skyward starting on August 2.

School starts for all students on Monday, August 28. Students should arrive to school after 7:20 a.m. Homeroom will begin at 7:30 a.m. Staff members will be available 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. All students that ride the bus will be dropped off and enter the building from our back parking lot. Walkers and riders should enter through the following doors: 6th grade - Door 1, 7th grade - Door 2, and 8th grade - the Pool Doors.

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! Please be aware that the information in this newsletter is subject to change.

Working Together for Children,

Patrick Fullerton

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District-Wide Registration

Online Registration begins July 24 through September 1 in Skyward Family Access: <http://www.pulaskischools.org/parents/>. If you need assistance with registration, please join us on Wednesday, August 2 at the District-Wide Walk-In Registration.

What: District-Wide Walk-In Registration for 2023-2024 school year, including PCMS/PHS Picture Day.

When: Wednesday, August 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Pulaski High School Commons, 1040 S. St. Augustine Street (East Entrance)

Student IDs and school pictures can be taken and ordered at this time. This will also be available on August 30 at PCMS.

Payment can be made online, during the district wide walk-in 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 **Wednesday, August 23, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

Our Leadership Team will be located throughout 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 at Open House. You will find it helpful to print your child's schedule at home before arriving at the Open House.

Picture Day Information

Countryside Photographers will be taking school photos at the District-Wide Walk-In Registration on August 2 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 at PCMS on, August 30, from 7:00 to 12:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. Students will be called down by grade. Picture **retake day** will take place on September 26, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Stepping Up to Middle School

Dates: Tuesday, August 8 - Thursday, August 10

Location: PCMS (Enter thru Pool Doors)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,

Cost: \$15

This week is an opportunity for *incoming 6th graders* to walk their schedules, learn their way around PCMS, practice locks, and get to know their classmates before the beginning of the school year! Experienced middle school staff will be here to help students connect with positive activities and experiences at the middle school level. We encourage all incoming 6th grade students to sign-up and attend. It is a fun way to address any concerns about transitioning to the middle school. Reminder: There is no breakfast, lunch, or transportation provided. For more information or to sign-up, please contact our PACE office at 920-639-6049 or email Mark Heck at mrheck@pulaskischools.org.

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, but typically are 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Please call ahead to see if the office is open on Fridays before the school year begins, 920-822-6500.

Back to School

Welcome to a new school year at PCMS! The first day of school is on Monday, August 28, 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 approximately mid-August in Skyward Family Access.

On August 28, students should arrive to school a little early; we suggest closer to 7:20 a.m. 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.

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:	920-822-6507
Attendance/Student Messages:	920-822-6501
Counselors:	920-822-6510 or 920-822-6513
District Office:	920-822-6000
Food Service:	920-822-6009
Health:	920-822-6521
Kitchen:	920-822-6581
Library:	920-822-6560
PCMS Fax:	920-822-6505
PCMS Main Number:	920-822-6500
PACE/Summer School:	920-822-6050
Pool:	920-822-6060
Police Liaison Officer:	920-822-6722
Principals:	920-822-6502
Student Center:	920-822-6501 or 920-822-6519
Student Schedules:	920-822-6519
Transportation:	920-822-6040 or 920-822-6041

iPad Distribution

District issued iPads will be distributed to **6th Grade** students during the first week of school in their home-room. These iPads will travel to all classes with the students. Your child will be allowed to bring the iPad home once they have passed certain proficiencies of appropriate use. An optional district insurance plan is offered for all families during online registration. Please complete all forms related to this optional insurance to ensure efficient distribution of iPads.

7th & 8th Grade: Please ensure iPads are returned to school ready for learning. Update the iOS and apps and be sure it is fully charged.

New 7th & 8th Grade Students: You can pick up a District issued iPad during the District-Wide Walk-in Registration on August 2 at Pulaski High School. Pick up is between 2-4 p.m. in the Pulaski High School Commons. The iPad will also be available on the first day of school in the PCMS Library.

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 our Registrar Secretary at (920) 822-6519.

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 **920-822-6501**.

Messages for students: The telephone number to call to leave student messages is **920-822-6501**. 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 at their lockers during lunch, recess, and between classes. Non-emergency telephone messages will be delivered by the end of the day. 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.

Communication

Throughout the school year, information will be posted as it becomes available on the school website under [School News](#). You can subscribe to get email notifications when items are added to the School News. Click on the "subscribe" area near the top of the page. We also use the Skylert system to send weekly emails 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 emails, School News, or Daily Announcements throughout the school year to stay abreast of the school news.

On-Line School Store

PCMS School Apparel will be sold through an **on-line school store link**, which will be available soon! Watch for a Skylert, which will be sent out in September with all ordering details. Thank you for your support!!

District Annual Notices

The Pulaski Community School District has included the latest annual notices required by law ([click here](#)). If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at 920-822-6000.

Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

In the morning, all students that ride the bus will be dropped off and will enter the building from our back parking lot. Doors officially open at 7:20 a.m. In the afternoon, school buses will pick up students from that same location behind the school. Walkers and riders should enter & exit the following doors: 6th grade enter Door 1, 7th grade enter Door 2, and 8th grade enter Pool Doors.

Parents/guardians who pick up their students after a co-curricular event or activity should park their vehicles 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 two 3-way stops are in place in front of PCMS on 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 21; Cross-Country, Soccer & Volleyball begin practice on August 28. 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 Athletic Parent Meeting: Wednesday, August 30 at 5:00 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](#)

School Supply List

**Below is the School Supply List for the 2023-2024 school year.
Hopefully, you will have many of these school supplies available at home
from previous school years.**

6th Grade:

General Supplies:

Binders (3) OR Folders (5) OR Accordion Folder (1)
OR "Trapper Keeper" (1) (Choose the organizational system that works best for your student.)
Earbud Headphones
Erasers
Glue or Glue Sticks
Graph Paper, 1/4" Scale (50 sheets minimum)
Highlighters (green, pink, and yellow)
Markers (washable) OR Colored Pencils
Pencil Case (1+)
Pencils #2 (30+ pre-sharpened)
Pens (black or blue)
Post-it Notes
Ruler, 12" (metric/standard)
Scissors
Sharpie Markers, black (2+) (1 thin/1 regular)
2 Boxes of Kleenex for Homeroom Teacher

ELA:

3-Subject Notebook, spiral (1)

Math:

5-Subject Notebooks (1)

Science:

Composition Notebook, non-spiral, lined (1)
1 pack of AA or AAA Batteries

Social Studies:

Notebooks, spiral (2)

Specials Classes:

Art - Sketchbook for Drawing, (8.5" x 11" is recommended - 50 sheets minimum)
Band - 1" Black Binder, 5-Tab Dividers
Choir - 1" Red Binder, 5-Tab Dividers
18-Week Spanish - 1.5" Binder, 5-Tab Dividers or 5 Page Protectors
Woodshop - Safety Glasses, Tape Measure

7th Grade:

General Supplies:

Pencil Case
Earbud Headphones
Pencils #2 (pre-sharpened)
Erasers
Highlighters (2-3)
Markers (washable)
Dry Erase Markers (4 pack)
Scissors
Glue Sticks (3-4)
2 Boxes of Kleenex

ELA:

Notebook

Folder

Math:

Graph Paper, 1/4" Scale (50 sheets minimum)

Notebook

3-Ring Binder (with pockets)

Red Pen (correcting)

Science:

2 Composition Notebooks (non-spiral & lined)

1 Roll of Scotch Tape

Colored Pencils

Social Studies:

3-Subject notebook

1 Folder

Specials Classes:

Art - Sketchbook for Drawing, (8.5" x 11" is recommended - 50 sheets minimum)

Band - 1" Black Binder, 5-Tab Dividers

Choir - 1" White Binder, 5-Tab Dividers

Spanish - If not previously purchased, 1.5" Binder, 5-Tab Dividers or 5 Page Protectors

Design & Build - Safety Glasses, Tape Measure

8th Grade:

General Supplies:

Earbud Headphones
Highlighters (green, pink, and yellow)
Index Cards, 3"x 5" (50 total)
Pencil with Art Supplies (not required but helpful)
Notebooks, spiral (4)
Pencils #2 (pre-sharpened)
Pens (black or blue)
Box of Kleenex for Homeroom Teacher

Specials Classes:

Art - Sketchbook for drawing (8.5" x 11" is recommended - 50 sheets minimum)

Band - 1" Black Binder, 5-Tab Dividers

Choir - 1" Black Binder, 5-Tab Dividers

French - 1" or 1 1/2" Binder, 5-Tab Dividers

Spanish - If not previously purchased, 1.5" Binder, 5-Tab Dividers or 5 Page Protectors

Small Engines - Safety Glasses

Wood Shop - Safety Glasses, Tape Measure,
1 Box of Kleenex