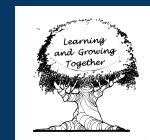


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PETOSKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

May 2024 Edition NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Dates

May 6 -10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 16 - Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00 pm

May 17 - Band Aid Concert, NCMC, 7:00pm

May 21-24 - 8th grade homerooms to Camp Daggett

May 24 - 8th grade to PHS Decision Day (10:00)

June 2 - PHS Commencement, 7:00 pm

June 3 - Sports physical clinic @ PHS 5-7:00 pm

June 6 - 8th grade Rafting

June 7 - Last Day of School, Half Day

June 7 - 8th grade Awards Ceremony, 9:00

For mental health resources and support, please visit [this site](#).

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT OUR OFFICE IS AWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION SO WE CAN EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE.

End of Year and Transition Information

Our students are continuing to work hard on state and local assessments. We are proud of the work everyone has done all year, and we are confident that hard work will pay off when comparing our scores to other schools in the state. As we begin to think about next year, I'd like to touch base on the transition process for each grade level.

8th grade to PHS

Eighth grade students have completed the 4-year plan process and have met briefly with PHS counselors to finalize their class schedules for next year. Any questions about these schedules should be directed to their high school counselor. We know this is a monumental step and we want our students to feel comfortable and confident during the transition. Freshmen Orientation takes place late in the summer. Please stay tuned for more information. [Click here](#) for an online copy of the PHS course catalog. The PHS Counseling page is also [here](#).

7th to 8th grade

Next week, our counselors will be providing scheduling information during 7th grade Social Studies classes. Students will be given a form to indicate their top choices for next year. Remember that we allow 8th grade students to choose their electives, but we want to provide parents an opportunity to be involved. Please look over your child's choices with them and know we will do our best to accommodate all the requests. You will be receiving additional information from Mrs. Kelley very soon.

6th to 7th grade

It is our goal to expose students to as many exploratory experiences as possible during their time at PMS. Therefore, we do our best to rotate students through all exploratory classes at least once over the course of their 6th and 7th grade years. For example, if a student did not have Art in 6th grade, we work hard to schedule them in that class as a 7th grader. Non-band and non-academic lab students rotate through every elective both years. Schedules will be communicated in August. Look for more detailed information in a future email soon.

Also, please note that students entering 7th grade must be up to date on immunizations before they can start school in the fall. Please [click here](#) for more information.

8th Grade End of Year Ceremony

The 8th grade Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held in the middle school auditorium on Friday, June 7 beginning at 9:00 AM. 6th and 7th grade students will receive their end-of-year awards in their homerooms at the end of the year.

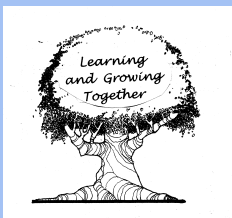


Attendance

If a student is going to be absent or tardy, a parent or guardian must call the attendance line at 348-2293 by 9:00 a.m., or the absence will be considered unexcused until we receive a phone call or note. If your child does not feel well and you are calling to excuse them from school, please include their symptoms in the voicemail so we don't have to call you back. Thank you for your help with this.

If you are excusing your child for a mid-day appointment, please call the office in the morning so we can do our best to have your child ready.

If you are excusing your child for the day and they attend classes at Petoskey High School, please inform the office to also adjust the high school attendance. Thank you!



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Officer Larry Donovan

In an effort to improve the safety and security, we are excited to announce the addition of Larry Donovan to our team at Petoskey Middle School. Thanks to the strong relationship between our district and the City of Petoskey, we now have two police officers assigned to our school buildings while school is in session. Officer Ben Carlson and Officer Donovan will both be helping at all our buildings. Officer Donovan's primary responsibility will be PMS, Sheridan, Lincoln, and Central, while Officer Carlson's primary responsibility will be PHS and Ottawa. If you see Officer Donovan, please welcome him!



Middle School Band Collage Concert

Our middle school band students did an outstanding job during their recent performance. Thank you to our students for all the hard work you have put in this year, and thank you to our parents for supporting your children. It is definitely a point of pride!

Belay is On!

Recently, several of our new staff members went to Camp Daggett and were trained to belay on the high ropes courses. This is a big part of our school, so we are happy to keep the tradition going! Eighth grade students will be going to Camp Daggett during the week of May 20.



Teacher Appreciation Week

The week of May 6 is Teacher Appreciation Week across our nation. We are fortunate to have such a professional and caring staff at Petoskey Middle School. Teaching is an awesome profession, and yet, as many of you know, it can sometimes be challenging. A simple thank you goes a long way to help rejuvenate teachers, especially during the spring. If you have a moment, please consider reaching out with a simple thank you email to your child's teacher. Our staff does not take this responsibility lightly!



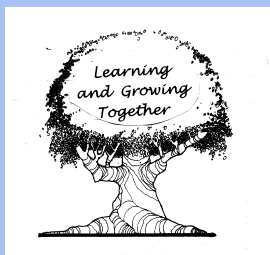


After School Study Lab

Study Lab is held from 3:15 to 4:15 pm, Monday thru Thursday in the Media Center. Students attending should come prepared with their books, homework, and a pencil. Our own academic aides supervise this study lab and are ready and willing to help!

Medications

If your student has prescription or non-prescription medicine that they take during the school day, a medication form must be completed for each medication and the medicine dropped off by an adult to the school office. A new form must be filled out each school year.



NEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION


INFORMATION FOR INCOMING 6TH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

[This flier](#) of important dates was sent home to all parents of 5th grade students. While I realize that this may not pertain to many of our current parents, please feel free to pass on the information to anyone you may think needs it. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2031 to Petoskey Middle School!

Summer Academic Learning Camp

We have our summer school program, or Academic Learning Camp, schedule for August 12-22. Our staff will be identifying students to invite soon, and we will fill our roster based on students' needs. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Pinney at pinney.dg.t@northmen.org.

Book Drive



Girl Scout Troop 8686

BOOK DRIVE

Who: Petoskey Middle School students and community members

Why: To stock a Little Free Library for Petoskey Middle School!

What: Gently-used and new books (middle-grade books preferred but all are accepted)

Where: Homeroom classes

When: Monday, May 20th - Friday, May 24th

WIN DONUTS!!

- Middle grade books earn 2 point
- All other books earn 1 point
- One homeroom per grade level with the most points wins!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

6TH GRADE PARENTS - IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR 7TH GRADE

State law requires that ALL students entering 7th grade be up-to-date on their immunizations in order to attend school. If you wish to obtain a waiver, you must get one through the Health Department. Students who are not up-to-date on their immunizations or do not have a waiver will not be allowed to attend school and will be sent home on the first day of the 2024-25 school year. If you have any questions, call the Health Department at 347-6014.

Kindergarten Registration Information - Please share!

The Public Schools of Petoskey is preparing to welcome the Northmen classes of 2037 and 2038!

Little Northmen Preschool is currently accepting [applications](#) for children turning 4 by September 1st.



OK2SAY

We want to remind students and parents of the OK2SAY program. If you or your child feel unsafe or are worried about the safety of someone else, please speak up by contacting OK2SAY. You can report suspicious or harmful activity anonymously by sending a text to 652729, calling 8-555-OK2SAY, or sending an email to OK2SAY@mi.gov. Tips are then shared with the appropriate agencies, who respond to keep everyone safe!

[Kindergarten registration](#) is open for the 2024/25 school year to children turning 5 by September 1st.

PETOSKEY NORTHMEN VS SAULT BLUE DEVILS

BAAGADOWEWIN HALFTIME

MAY 3RD, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
NORTHMEN STADIUM

EXPLANATION OF BAAGADOWEWIN (WOODLAND LACROSSE)

NO ENTRY FEE FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITY
MUST REGISTER WITH LTBB SPRING STAFF NEAR GATE

BAAGADOWEWIN FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL GAME
ALL PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS WELCOMED
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

For more information contact:
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ATHLETIC INFORMATION

***All athletic programs require a current physical prior to participation.**
For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [middle school athletics website](#). Please watch the student announcements for sign-up information for the upcoming seasons. We encourage students to try new activities during middle school!

A Physical Clinic will take place on Monday, June 3 from 5-7 pm in the Petoskey High School Main Gym. Cost is \$10. Please note that an adult must accompany all Middle School aged students.

YOUTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMP INFORMATION

***Girls Basketball**

June 10th - 13th
Grades 3-8
9:00-11:00
\$50

Contact Brooke Carlson at carlson.bm.t@northmen.org with questions. Flyers are available in the school office.





***Volleyball**

June 10th - 13th

Grades 3-8

12:00-2:00

\$50

Contact Megan Tompkins at tompkins.mr.t@northmen.org with questions. Flyers are available in the school office.

***Boys Basketball**

August 5th - 8th

Grades 3-5, 8:30-10:00

Grades 6-8, 10:30-12:30

\$75 before August 2nd; \$85 at the door

Contact Matt Tamm at mtamm60@gmail.com with questions. Flyers are available in the school office.

***Huffman Basketball Camp**

July 11th - 12th

Grades 3-6 boys and girls, 10:15-11:45

Grades 7-12 boys and girls, 12:15-2:15

\$75

Register online at www.hbelitetraining.com/camps

Fall sports information will be available in the June newsletter, as well as on our website. Feel free to call with any questions!

Sports Physicals

Only MHSAA sports physical forms will be accepted at middle/high school athletic departments. Forms are available on the MHSAA website, and our offices have cardstock forms available. The submitted form must be the original form with the doctor's signature. You can obtain these cards in your middle/high school office. Remember, sports physical for the 2023-24 school year must be completed no earlier than April 15, 2023.

If you have a well child visit scheduled after April 15, make sure to take a sports physical form with you and ask to have a sports physical completed.

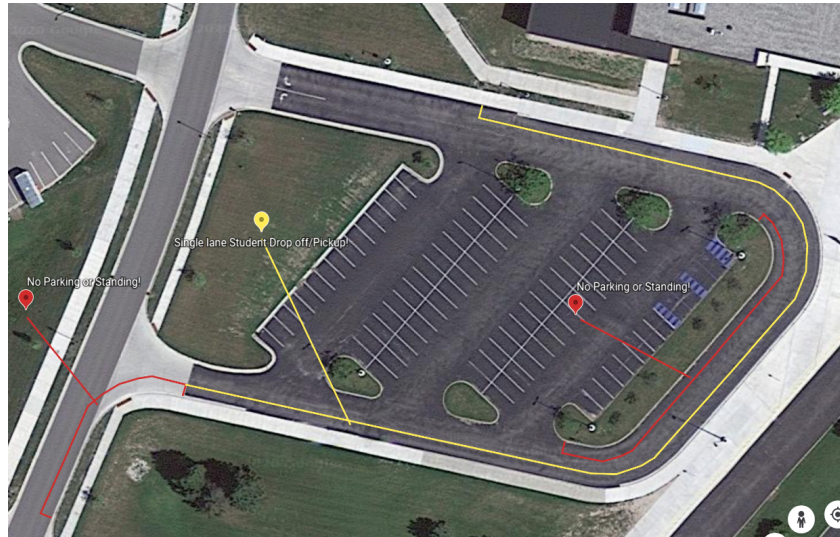
DROP OFF / PICK UP PROCEDURES

The parent drop off and pick up procedure is an extremely important process that everyone must abide by. There has been an article in this newsletter for the past several months explaining the procedure, but it is important to review for the safety of all of our children. Parents should drop off and pick up students on the right side of the loop. The left side should be used for moving forward and is a no parking area. If you need to park for an extended time, please use the parking lot. It is also important to not obstruct Northmen Drive. Please see the picture below. The school parking lot is usually extremely busy and congested before and after school, and it will likely be an even greater challenge this year. To help maintain safety and traffic flow, we ask that you use the parent loop and parking lot accordingly. Also, remember that there is an alternate drop off location on the PHS side of Northmen Drive. Students dropped off there can walk to the Middle School through the tunnel.



No vehicles other than school buses are allowed in the bus loop. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

Also, please do not block Handicap parking spaces!



The District will not discriminate against any person based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), height, weight, marital status, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, military service, or any other legally protected class. The Board reaffirms its long-standing policy of compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination.

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