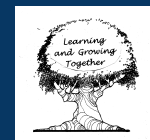


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PETOSKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Upcoming Dates

May 10 - Middle School
Band Collage Concert at
PHS, 7:00

May 18 - Board of
Education meeting, 7:00

May 19 - Spring Dance,
3:30 - 5:00 pm

May 19 - Banaid Concert
@ NCMC, 6:30

May 23-26 - 8th grade to
Camp Daggett

May 30 - 5th to 6th Grade
Parent Orientation, 6:00

May 30-June 2 - 8th grade
Band Chicago Trip

June 4 - PHS
Commencement, 7:00

June 9 - Last Day of
School, ½ Day, 8th grade
Ceremony at 9:00 am



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 then receive a sign up sheet for elective classes for next year. Remember that we allow 8th grade students to choose their electives, so we want to provide you that opportunity. Please look over your child's choices with them. 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, they will have 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.

8th Grade End of Year Ceremony

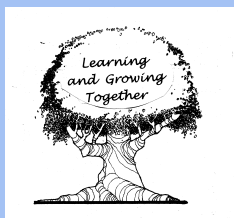
6th and 7th grade students will receive their end-of-year awards in their homerooms at the end of the year. The 8th grade Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held in the middle school auditorium on Friday, June 9 beginning at 9:00 AM.

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

NORTHMEN DRIVE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the latest round of Northmen DRIVE award winners! We appreciate our students for showing the DRIVE characteristics that make Petoskey Middle School a great school!



NEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MITES - MICHIGAN INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION SOCIETY

Next Friday, May 5th, at our High School gym, there is something neat going on that you should consider checking out. MITES is an organization centered around Industrial Technology education for grades 6-12. PHS is hosting the Regional exhibit and competition for this year. Some of our PMS students will also be participating. There will be a wide variety of student projects on display, including woodworking, metalworking, drafting, architectural models, and graphic design. The event will be open to students and community for viewing from 1-5 pm, so consider stopping by with your family to check it out.

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING 6TH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

[This flyer](#) 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 2030 to Petoskey Middle School!

SPRING DANCE

On Friday, May 19, we will host our last school dance of the year. This dance will go from 3:30 to 5:00, and concessions will be available. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact the PMS office at 231-348-2150.

After School Study Lab

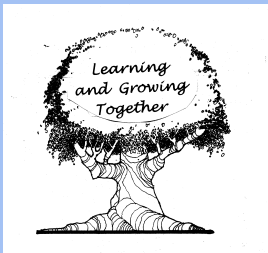
Study Lab is held from 3:15 to 4:15 pm, Monday thru Thursday in the Media Center. Students attending should come prepared with their books, homework, and a pencil. Our own academic aides supervise this study lab and are ready and willing to help!

Immunizations

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. If you have any questions, call the Health Department at 347-6014.

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.



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 2023-24 school year. If you have any questions, call the Health Department at 347-6014.

8TH GRADE STUDENTS - TESTING OUT INFORMATION

If you are interested in testing out of a high school class or taking an online class, please be sure to complete the appropriate [PHS Scheduling Form](#) by May 12, 2023. These forms must be completed with your @northmen.org email address.

LITTLE NORTHMEN AND KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

The Public Schools of Petoskey is preparing to welcome the Northmen classes of 2036 and 2037!

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

Kindergarten [registration](#) is now open for the 2023/24 school year to children turning 5 by September 1st.



ORDER A YEARBOOK!

If you'd like to order a yearbook, please go to the Petoskey Middle School webpage and click on "Order a Yearbook". Next, enter our school code "40229". You can also reach the website directly by clicking on the link below. Thank you for supporting this student driven publication! <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/jobsearch/displayHome/?clearSession>

COMING SOON

END OF YEAR TRIPS

The Spring is full of trips and other fun events for our students at Petoskey Middle School. Please watch for emails and permission slips from your child's homeroom teacher. The best way to stay up-to-date with all of this is to look at our student announcements, which are posted on [our website](#) every day.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

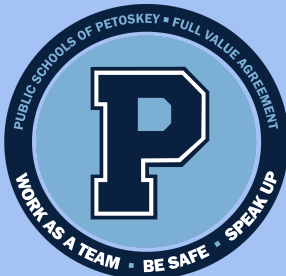
***All athletic programs require a current physical prior to participation.**

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!



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!



TRACK

The track season is up and running. If you have questions about 7th and 8th grade track, please contact Mrs. Lewis (lewis.lr.t@northmen.org) or Mrs. Erickson (erickson.rl.t@northmen.org) if you have any questions.

For questions about 6th grade track, please contact Ms. Tompkins (tompkins.mr.t@northmen.org) or Ms. Bell (bell.rj.t@northmen.org) We can always use volunteers!

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!

