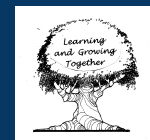


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# PETOSKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

## November 2022 Edition NEWSLETTER



### Upcoming Dates

November 1 - No School for students, PD for Staff

November 4 - End of 1st Quarter

November 10, 11, 12 - PMS Fall Show, "Seussical, Jr." See flyer for more information

November 11 - Veterans Day Breakfast (7:30-8:00)

November 14-18 - PMS Book Fair in Media Center

November 15, 17 - Parent Teacher Conferences (5-7:00 on the 15th, 6-8:00 on the 17th)

November 16 - Hot Topics: ADHD (7-8:30) Flyer coming

November 23-25 - No School, Thanksgiving Break

November 30 - 7th-12th Band Holiday Concert

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.**

### Parent Teacher Conferences

For Parent Teacher Conferences this fall, we will again be utilizing an online registration program for parents to sign up to meet with their child's teacher. The conferences will be held on November 15 (5:00 - 7:00 pm) and November 17 (6:00 - 8:00 pm).

This fall parents have the option to either meet with their child's teacher(s) in person here at the middle school or virtually via Zoom. **Whether you plan to meet in person or virtually, you will need to register online to reserve a conference time.** If the teacher you want to speak with is fully booked, please email or call him or her to arrange an alternate time to conference about your child.

When you are ready to schedule your conferences, [please click here](#).

Please know that we are here for you. If all time slots are full, please know that we welcome you to reach out to any staff member to schedule a time to talk. If you are having difficulty registering, we can help. We are grateful to partner with you in helping your child learn and grow.

If your child takes a class at PHS, please [click here](#) to set up a conference.

### WATCH "SEUSSICAL, JR." OUR FALL SHOW

Mark your calendars! "Seussical, Jr" will run on Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 11th at 7:00 pm and on Saturday, November 12th at 2:00 pm in the middle school auditorium. [Tickets can be purchased here](#). We hope to see you there!

Please see the attached flyer below for more information.

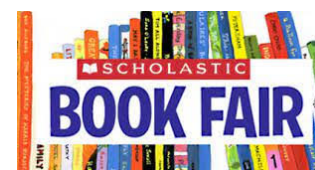
### VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

The Petoskey Middle School will be hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast on Monday, November 11th from 7:30 to 8:00 am in the middle school cafeteria. Please see the attached flyer below for more information.



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be having a book fair in the library from Nov 14-18. It will be open in the morning before 1st hour, during lunch and after school until 4:15, and during Parent Teacher Conferences. [This is also available virtually](#)

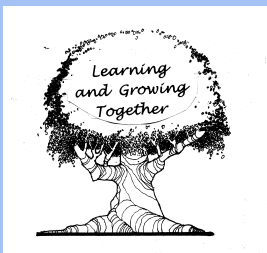


### Attendance

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!**



### KEYS TO SUCCESS AT PMS

There are several ways to help ensure your child's success in school. In keeping with our mission of "learning and growing together," below are some tips that educators feel equate to success in school and beyond. Arguably the most critical component to a student's success is attendance at school. The Public Schools of Petoskey historically has a very high daily attendance rate of nearly 95%. This high percentage undoubtedly correlates with our consistently above average state standardized test results.

Thank you for making your child's attendance a priority. Student involvement in extracurricular activities is another key to success. Petoskey Middle School offers 8 athletic teams, as well as intramural sports, and over 20 clubs including robotics, dance team, student council, yearbook, and many more. In general, students who are involved in extracurricular activities benefit from higher achievement and self-esteem than those who do not participate. Encourage your child to get involved. If you have any questions, contact your homeroom teacher for more information.



Parental support of your child's education is also critical. Regardless of your level of involvement in school activities, it is vital for parents and teachers to communicate effectively with one another. We love hearing from parents so that we can work as a team to make this the best school experience for your child. Visit our website for staff contact information.

Finally, make education a priority at home. Talk to your child about the importance of school, set a schedule for homework completion, encourage them to attend our after school study lab (which is available each Monday through Thursday), and encourage them to read. All of these tips are not only what educators feel to be important, but are also research-based.

We appreciate all you do for your child and truly enjoy working with the students, parents, and community of Petoskey!

### LOVE SCIENCE? Join our Science Fair Club!

Looking for a new way to earn a patch and pin point? Join the Petoskey Middle School Science Fair Club! An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th during homeroom in the cafeteria.



### PMS SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED

Do you want to work with a highly functioning team while making a difference in the lives of children? If you or someone you know are interested in helping students become successful in the classroom and beyond, please consider applying for one of our open aide positions at Petoskey Middle School. This role includes supporting students during class and in small group settings to help our students gain knowledge. We have a very welcoming and professional staff. This is a necessary and rewarding position, and it follows the school calendar. If you would like more information please call Jon Wilcox at 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.

### **WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL NURSE, JEN SICKMILLER**

We are excited to announce that our new school nurse has started. Through our partnership with Alcona Health Center, Mrs. Sickmiller services both PHS and PMS. We are glad she is here to help our students stay healthy and safe!

### **ATHLETIC INFORMATION**

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

Wrestling will start after the Holiday break. We are currently looking for a middle school wrestling coach. If you are interested or know someone who is, please have them call Jason Purcell at 348-2288.

Girls basketball will start after the Holiday break as well. Look for more information in the daily announcements.

Ski Team and Ski Club are starting to gather names for those interested. Watch the student announcements for more information.

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!

### **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 prior to visiting your doctor for the sports physical. Remember, sports physical for the 2022-23 school year must be completed no earlier than April 15, 2022.

### **CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB**

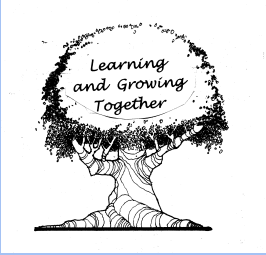
Join the Cross Country Ski Club. No experience necessary! It is a wonderful way to get outdoors this winter and have some fun with friends. You can race or ski just for fun. Dryland training will start November 14th afterschool. Skiing will start when there is enough snow. If you are interested and would like more information please email Nils Lindwall at [nwlindwall@gmail.com](mailto:nwlindwall@gmail.com).

### **SAFE AFTER HOURS**

SAFE afterhours will be hosting an event at The Petoskey Field House on Friday, November 4, 2022. There will be activities open to middle school students from 3:30 to 6:00 pm, and high school students from 6:30 pm-9:30 pm. Please see the attached flyer for the event. It is a great location with rock climbing, an indoor turf field, bounce houses, vintage arcade games, etc. The event is \$5 for entry, but \$3 for high schoolers with a SAFE bracelet.

### **CAN DRIVE COMING!**

The middle school can drive will be taking place Monday, November 14 through Friday, November 18th. Student council will be collecting non-perishable food items, including baby food for the Women's Resource Center. The homeroom with the most items brought in will win a prize!



## HOT TOPICS FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

See the end of this newsletter for a flier for the first "Hot Topics - Is my Teen Okay?" forum of the year. This forum will take place in the Petoskey Middle School media center. These informational forums are provided through a partnership with many different entities in our community and are open to all parents of teens in our area. The focus for the forum on November 16 at 7:00 pm is ADHD. An informational flyer will be sent out soon!

## 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](mailto:OK2SAY@mi.gov). Tips are then shared with the appropriate agencies, who respond to keep everyone safe!

## DROP OFF 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.





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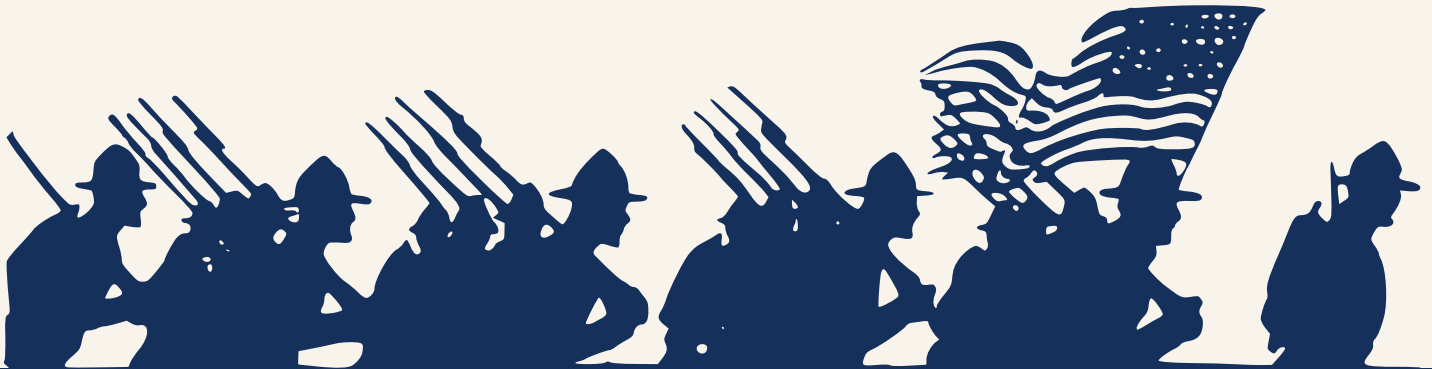


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Petoskey Middle School Cafeteria



Contact Mrs. Giammalva with questions!



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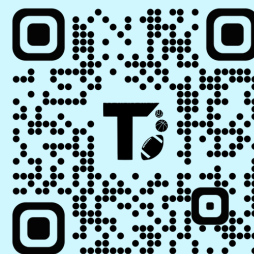
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