

PETOSKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Petoskey Middle School staff is excited to soon welcome you, your child, and the Class of 2030 to the middle school. The transition from elementary to middle school is a momentous event for students and their families. We are here to assist you during this time. Below is an outline of events designed to ease the transition. The dates are tentative, so please [visit our website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

April/May - Lockers and Band: A locker will be rotated through the elementary schools to allow students a chance to practice opening a locker with a combination lock. Band instructors began touring the elementary schools and showcasing the Petoskey Band Program to 5th grade students. Information will come home about band.

May 24 - 5th Grade Student Orientation: At 9:00 am, all 5th grade students from the Petoskey elementary schools will meet in the auditorium at the middle school, coming together for the first time as the **Class of 2030!** They will then tour the building and meet 6th grade staff members. Each 5th grade class will have the opportunity to visit a 6th grade classroom and ask questions to a panel of 6th grade students and teachers.

May 30 - Parent Orientation Meeting: At 6:00 pm, there will be an in-person informational presentation for parents in the PMS Media Center. Principals and Counselors will discuss many aspects of Petoskey Middle School, such as curriculum, academic and social supports, methods of communication, and more. This will be recorded and available on our website.

June 14 - Self-Guided Tour of PMS: Students and parents are invited to explore the middle school building and orient yourself to our building. Teachers are not in the building that day, but it is a chance for you to check out the facilities and get a feel for our building. Feel free to visit anytime between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Up-to-date grade level supply lists will be available on our website at this time as well.

Mid-to-Late August - Schedules available: 6th grade student schedules will be mailed home and available to view via PowerSchool online.

August 25 - Self-Guided Tour of PMS: Students and parents are invited to explore the middle school building, find classrooms, and open lockers. Teachers are not in the building that day, but it is a chance for you to check out the facilities and ease those first day jitters! Feel free to visit anytime between 10:00 and 2:00.

August 31 (tentative) - Middle School Open House: Join us for our back to school Open House, tentatively scheduled from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Check our website over the summer to verify. 6th grade parents and students will meet in the Auditorium for a presentation beginning at 4:30, followed by an invitation to explore classrooms and meet staff.

September 5 (tentative) - School Starts! The first day of 6th grade and the beginning of a wonderful three years at Petoskey Middle School!

Sincerely,

Jon Wilcox

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