

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY Community Newsletter

Looking Forward to the 2017-2018 School Year...



The Petoskey breakwall keeps the harbor calm as families enjoy a walk out to the lighthouse on an August evening.

As we prepare for the 2017-2018 school year, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school system. This summer has been very busy with retirements, new hires, building maintenance projects and technology upgrades. Your investment in our students is greatly appreciated, and your support will help us to continue to nurture and grow our entire school community.

Please take a few moments to review the information in this newsletter. It is important to note that this

document is not inclusive of all Board of Education policies or legal notices. The complete Board of Education policy manual and legal notices are available on our district website, www.petoskeyschools.org, or by calling the administration office at (231) 348-2100.

Student handbooks and school calendars are distributed by each school building and also contain important information for reference and review.

We are eager to continue our mission to advance the education

and skills of all students in an equitable manner through the participation and involvement of staff, students, parents and others in the community.

It is truly an honor and privilege to serve our students and community. We hope that you enjoyed your summer and are rested, relaxed and ready to begin the 2017-2018 school year!

— *Best Wishes,*
John P. Scholten, Ed.D.,
Superintendent

District Bids Farewell to Retiring Staff

The Public Schools of Petoskey bids farewell to staff members who retired at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. These teachers provided a combined 92 years of service to the district.

The district is forever grateful for their service to students and appreciative of their dedication and professionalism.

Becky Ance, Ottawa Elementary (4th grade), 27 years

Carla Kanine, Central Elementary (4th grade), 26 years

Carolyn Matzinger, Central Elementary (5th grade), 15 years

Karen Thomson, Petoskey Middle School (7th grade) and Central Elementary (4th), 24 years

District Welcomes New Staff

The 2017-2018 school year brings with it some new faces in the Public Schools of Petoskey, as several teachers and administrators were hired during the summer.

The district is proud to welcome the following new staff members to the PSP family:

Connie Lansing



Connie Lansing will join Principal Cal Prins and the staff at Central Elementary School as a 4th grade

teacher. A graduate of Petoskey High School, she has taught kindergarten and 1st grade in a small suburb of Milwaukee for the past 14 years and is excited to move back "home" to Petoskey. "I am dedicated to helping students not only grow as learners, but also grow as a part of their community," Lansing said. "Part of our daily routine is to encourage each other to be safe, respectful and responsible."

Mark Oberman



Mark Oberman will take the helm as principal at Sheridan Elementary School. Oberman is a longtime

resident of Northern Michigan, graduating from Sault Area High School and spending the past 10 years at Cheboygan Area Schools, where he has served as middle school assistant principal, high school assistant principal and intermediate school principal. "I welcome the opportunity to build positive and collaborative relationships that will strengthen

and enhance the educational experience for both the students and staff," he said.



Tara Rabideau

Tara Rabideau will teach 5th grade at Ottawa Elementary, where she filled a

long-term substitute position last year. She has also completed long-term substitutions at Central and Sheridan, teaching in several different grade levels. Rabideau lives in Charlevoix, where she has coached the freshman volleyball team for the past two years. "I strive and desire to incorporate activities that target different learning styles and actively engage all my students," she said. "I recognize how important it is to nurture cooperative, multicultural communities with both my students and their families."

Tyler Vuke



Tyler Vuke is already a familiar face to some students and parents at Central Elementary, where he

worked as a long-term substitute last year. He will be a permanent fixture at Central as a 5th grade teacher. "My time at Central awakened an awareness of my passion and dedication for this next generation—both pertaining to academic and personal success," Vuke said. "My time and energy has been devoted to making sure each one of my students leaves elementary school feeling

more confident in their academic ability, personal beliefs and interpersonal communication."

Jaye Lee Robinson-Evans



Jaye Lee Robinson-Evans will teach special education at PMS and PHS. Robinson-Evans has

completed several long-term substitute assignments for Boyne City Public Schools and one assignment teaching 6th grade special education language arts for Petoskey Middle School. "A colleague once told me that if her child had special needs, she would want me as their teacher," Robinson-Evans said. "When I asked her why, she said she knew that I would uncover every rock to find whatever was needed for her child to succeed."

Molly Werden



Molly Werden will join Principal Jon Wilcox's staff at Petoskey Middle School, where she

will teach social studies. Werden has been an academic aide at PMS since 2013 and has also filled two long-term substitute assignments there. She has also been the Youth in Government advisor at PMS and PHS. "The opportunity to become a member of the middle school teaching staff is truly a dream come true," Werden said. "The Public Schools of Petoskey is a 'special place for everyone,' and I wish to carry that tradition into my own classroom."



Preparing Our Students for College, Career & Life

The Public Schools of Petoskey upholds a broader definition of our students' college, career and life readiness than the State of Michigan. We analyze more information to assess our progress than can be provided by a single, standardized test. In fact, we review multiple, longitudinal data points. Likewise, our staff understands the importance of an array of exemplary programs that support learning and student growth from elementary through high school.

These are some of our meaningful data points:

- **97% -- Petoskey's Graduation Rate (State's Graduation Rate -- 79.65%)**
- **94% -- Petoskey's K-12th Average Daily Attendance Rate**
- **80% -- Parents/Guardians Attended Fall Conferences K-12**
- **79% -- Graduates Enrolled in College (During first four years after graduation)**
- **197 -- Enrolled in College While Still in High School (Dual Enrollment/Early College)**
- **215 -- Students Took Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (Highly correlated to college success)**
- **66% -- AP Students Took AP Exams & Earned a Score of 3 or Higher (For college credit)**
- **557 -- Students Engaged in High School Career Technology Courses**

• **80% -- K-12th Teachers Hold a Master's Degree or Higher**

• **100% -- K-12th Teachers Designated as "Highly Qualified" per MI Dept. of Ed.**

• **100% -- K-12th Students Involved in Community Service/Character Education**

Public Schools of Petoskey has a tradition of students who are well educated in academic content and associated skills. Along with academics, our students have many opportunities for exploration and growth. They develop and mature through pursuits of creativity, inquiry, teamwork, service, respect, integrity and perseverance. Although we may not reach the state's 100% college-ready mark, we know that our students are college, career and life-ready. Readiness is not as simple as giving a single test, nor is readiness possible to describe by a single data point. We are proud and honored to play a part in each student's journey and appreciate joining with families and community members to provide a quality education for all students. This multi-faceted approach is how we measure the preparation of our graduates, and they are thriving!

Please visit our website, www.petoskeyschools.org, to find more information about the Public Schools of Petoskey as we continue our resolve to make each school a "Special Place for Everyone."



Other District Points of Value

- Full Value Agreement (Character Education) K-12
- Art, PE, Music (General, Vocal, & Band) K-12
- Technology Courses K-12
- STEM/STEAM Curriculum K-12
- AP & Honors Courses 9-12
- World Languages 8-12
- Early College (PHS/NCMC)
- Merit Scholars
- Athletic Teams
- Debate
- Quiz Bowl
- Model UN
- Robotics
- Enrichment
- Student Clubs
- Fieldtrips
- Title/31A Student Supports
- Family Engagement Opportunities
- Community Service Projects
- Community Partnerships
- Technology Upgrades
- Updated Auditoriums
- New Stadium & Grounds

We are excited to welcome these professionals to the district. Expect great things from them -- and all of our staff -- during the 2017-2018 school year!

Milestone: First Petoskey Early College Students Graduate

On May 5, 25 Petoskey High School graduates walked across the stage at North Central Michigan College, each receiving an associate degree and becoming part of the first graduating cohort of Early College students.

Petoskey High School was the first high school to partner with North Central for its Early College program in January 2014. The students began the program halfway through their sophomore year and continued one year after their high school graduation, earning both a high school diploma and an associate degree at no cost to their families.

"Students in this program realize significant college tuition cost savings, and they're on an accelerated path to a college degree and a career," Superintendent Dr. John Scholten said.

Many of the students have chosen to transfer immediately to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree,

which they will be able to do in two years rather than four, significantly reducing their student debt, North Central President Dr. Cameron Brunet-Koch said.

Garland Swenor and her triplet sisters Ayriss and Breton were among the Early College graduates.

"Joining North Central's Early College program has been one of the most rewarding decisions of my life," Garland said. "Being a triplet, I knew paying for college was going to be a struggle financially. So when this program was introduced to our school, my family and I knew that this would be too great of an opportunity to pass up."

Garland will continue her

education at Michigan State University, where she plans to study social relations and policy.

"The financial relief lifted a serious burden off of our shoulders, but the advantages do not stop there," Garland said. "Students in the Early College program are allowed to jumpstart their college experience while still in high school. This allowed me to gradually transition into life as a college student, rather than just diving right into college without the college-level maturity needed to succeed."

Since the college launched the pilot program with Petoskey High School, the program has grown to include Gaylord and Boyne City high schools.



ABOVE: Members of Petoskey High School's first graduating cohort of Early College students pose for a photo prior to North Central's commencement ceremony on May 5.

RIGHT: Ayriss, Breton and Garland Swenor, triplets, were among the Early College graduates.



For more information about Petoskey's Early College partnership with North Central, contact the PHS guidance office at (231) 348-2221 or North Central's Student Services department at (231) 348-6605.

Bus Rules Stress Student Safety

The National Transportation Safety Board contends that it is a proven fact that student discipline problems on buses are one of the major causes of school bus accidents.

Since bus transportation to school is considered an extension of the classroom, the Board of Education requires that students conduct themselves on school buses in a manner consistent with established standards of classroom behavior. Maintaining general classroom conduct while waiting at bus stops and riding on buses is important if safe conditions are to exist. Strict observance of rules governing the behavior of riders is necessary to avoid accidents and injuries.

While the law permits the school districts to furnish transportation, it does not relieve parents or guardians of students from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Once a child boards the bus, and only at that time, does he or she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility ends when the child is transported to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

Although the safety record of drivers in Michigan is commendable, bus drivers must always be alert to student behavior problems as well as the operation of the bus itself. Therefore, the following rules are endorsed by the Public Schools of Petoskey.

1. Arrive at your bus stop on time. If a driver waits one minute for each of ten different riders, the bus would be ten minutes behind schedule.
2. Wait for your bus in a safe place. Keep off the road at all times.
3. Board the bus in an orderly manner. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before entering. Do not crowd or push. Wait your turn.
4. Move directly to a seat. Take the assigned seat if designated by the bus driver. (Bus seats are designed to hold 3 passengers to a seat.)
5. Remain in your seat until leaving the bus. For your safety, do not leave your seat until the bus has come to a complete stop at your bus stop.
6. Leave the bus only by the front door.
7. Obey the instructions of the bus driver (or, for emergencies, other supervisory personnel, such as a teacher).
8. Refrain from undesirable conduct on the bus. Fighting, wrestling, throwing things, unnecessary loud talk and other undesirable conduct cannot be tolerated on the bus. Your bus driver must not be distracted from his/her driving responsibilities.
9. Do not extend any portion of your body outside of the bus windows.
10. Report any damage to the driver immediately.
11. Cross the road after leaving the bus by using the following procedure:
 - a. Walk 10 feet in front of the bus.
 - b. Stop and look both ways for traffic.
 - c. If traffic is clear, walk across the road.
 - d. Do not retrieve mail from your mailbox or text on a cell phone until the bus is out of sight.
12. Refrain from eating on the bus. Cooperation is needed to keep your bus clean and sanitary.
13. The cost of any damage to the bus shall be reimbursed by the rider inflicting the damage.
14. Students wishing to ride a bus home with a friend, relative or to a daycare provider must have the following prior to transporting:
 - a. Bus garage approval verifying room for the student (s) on the bus.
 - b. A permission slip signed by the parent or guardian verifying a change in drop-off address and the date. This slip is to be given to the bus driver each day he/she rides.

15. A student may possess a cellular phone, electronic communication device (ECD), or picture-taking device while he/she is riding on the bus, provided that the phone, ECD, or picture-taking device remains off, unless permission has been granted by the driver.
16. Be courteous to the driver and other passengers.

Your cooperation with the above rules will help to make your school bus ride a safe and enjoyable experience. For riders who fail to follow the established rules, temporary loss of riding privileges will occur. In such cases, the student will be directed to have his or her parent/guardian telephone the Supervisor of Transportation before being allowed to ride the bus again. Repeated or serious misconduct on the part of a rider may result in the permanent loss of riding privileges.

Parents/guardians who wish to make an inquiry about bus transportation should contact Mr. Johnson, Supervisor of Transportation, (348-0178 from 7:45 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m.). If further inquiry is necessary, they should contact the principal of their child's school or the school district's Business Manager (348-2100). Anyone who notes a mechanical problem with a bus (e.g., burned-out lights or a disabled bus) is asked to call 347-9651.

District Explains Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate.

Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interest. A school official is a person employed by the school or district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney,

auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A second exception is the transfer of school records (including disciplinary records) to any public or private school to which a student transfers. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, DC 202002-8520
www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco

FERPA requires that the Public Schools of Petoskey, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Public Schools of Petoskey may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Public Schools of Petoskey to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In

addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories -- names, addresses and telephone listings -- unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not wish the Public Schools of Petoskey to disclose directory information from your child's educational records without your prior written consent, please notify the district annually using the district FERPA form from your child's PRINCIPAL prior to October 1st. The Public Schools of Petoskey has designated the following information as components of our "directory" information: student's name, address, telephone listing, electronic e-mail address, photographs/videos, date of birth, major field of study, attendance, grade level, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height (e.g., for athletics), degrees, honors, recognitions/awards, and most recent educational agency or institution (e.g., school) attended.

Student Privacy Notice and Consent/ Opt-Out for Specific Activities

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 USC 1232h, requires the Public Schools of Petoskey to obtain consent or allow you to choose that your child not participate in certain school activities, including a student survey, analysis, or evaluation in an applicable program that concerns one or more of the following eight areas (protected information surveys):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;

3. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, physicians, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent/guardian; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility or financial assistance.

This opt-out right also applies to the collection, disclosure, or use of student information for marketing purposes (i.e., marketing surveys) and to certain physical exams and screenings.

No activities requiring parent/guardian notice and consent or opt-out are scheduled for the upcoming school year. (Please note that this notice and consent/opt-out transfers from parents to any student who is 18 or older or an emancipated minor under Michigan law.)

Notice about Release of Certain High School Student Information to Military Recruiters

Two federal laws and one Michigan law require the Public Schools of Petoskey school district to provide military recruiters, upon request, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high school students.

A parent/guardian or 18-year-old student may exercise the option to withhold consent for the release of this information to military recruiters by sending written notification to the Petoskey High School office.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY

Calendar 2017-18

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Please contact the appropriate building for exact information.
See the Fall Sports Schedule (page 4) for additional dates.

SEPTEMBER:

4 Labor Day
5 **First day of school -- 1/2-day for students K-12**
10 Grandparents' Day
11 MS Fall Show auditions
12 Elem. Enrichment Choir rehearsals begin
13 MS Fall Show auditions
18 MS Fall Show rehearsals begin

OCTOBER:

6 Homecoming football game, 7 p.m.
7 PHS Homecoming dance, 8:30 p.m.
9 Band exhibition, Traverse City
11 PSAT for juniors
College Night at North Central Michigan College, 6:30 p.m.
14 Band competition
20 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**
21 Band competition, Jenison
24 Bella Voce/Madrigals fall concert, PHS, 7 p.m.
26 Marching Band banquet, PHS, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER:

1 **District-Wide Professional Development -- No school for students K-12**
Honors Band try-outs, Charlevoix
2-4 PHS Fall Show, PHS, 7 p.m.
3 End of 1st Marking Period
4 Robotics competition, Central
5 End of Daylight-Saving Time
6 Blood Drive, PHS
8 Elem. Enrichment Choir Tour
Elem. Enrichment Choir Concert, PHS, 7 p.m.
9-11 PMS Fall Show, PMS, 7 p.m.
13 & 15 Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:30 -- 7:30 p.m.
14 & 16 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5 -- 7:15 p.m.
HS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:15 -- 8:30 p.m.
20 Daddy/Daughter Dance, PHS, 6 p.m.
21 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**
22-24 **Thanksgiving Break**
25 Petoskey Downtown Holiday Parade, 10 a.m.

29 MS/HS Winter Collage Concert, PHS, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER:

1 End of 1st Trimester (elementaries)
Downtown Holiday Open House, 6 p.m.
2-3 District 2 Honors Band, PMS
3 Madrigal Dinner, Perry Hotel
4 Lincoln Elementary Holiday Concert, PMS
5 Ottawa Elementary Holiday Concert, PMS
6 Central Elementary Holiday Concert, PMS
7 Sheridan Elementary Holiday Concert, PMS
Winter Choral Concert, St. Francis
10-11 Madrigal Dinner, Perry Hotel
16 Madrigal Lunch, Perry Hotel
22 **1/2-day AM for Students & Staff -- Begin Winter Break**

JANUARY:

3 Classes resume
9 Blood Drive, PHS
16-18 HS Semester Exams -- 1/2-day for students grades 9-12
18 End of 1st semester (PMS, PHS)
19 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**
27 PHS Snowcoming Dance, 8:30 p.m.
29 Blood Drive, PMS
30 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:30 -- 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY:

1 HS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:30 -- 7:30 p.m.
5 Blood Drive, Central Elementary
7 Pre-Festival Band Concert, PMS, 7 p.m.
9 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**
10 District 2 Solo/Ensemble Festival, Mancelona
19 Elem. Enrichment Play auditions, Central
21-23 MS/HS Band Festivals, PMS
26 Elem. Enrichment Play rehearsals begin, Central

MARCH:

1 PMS Arts Night, 6:30 p.m.
2 End of 2nd Trimester (elementaries)
6 Blood Drive, PHS
9-10 PHS Spring Musical, PHS, 7 p.m.
11 Daylight-Saving Time begins
13 & 15 Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
16-17 PHS Spring Musical, PHS, 7 p.m.
16 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**
17 Steel Drum Band at Nubs Nob
20 Academic Awards, PHS, 7 p.m.
5th grade Spring Concert, PMS
22 End of 3rd Marking Period
23-30 **Spring Break -- No School**

APRIL:

3 Classes resume
10 SAT testing, HS juniors
11 PSAT testing, HS freshmen & sophomores
WorkKeys testing, HS juniors
12 M-STEP testing, HS juniors
17-18 Madrigal Broadway Dinner, Perry Hotel
26-28 Elem. Enrichment Play, PMS, 7 p.m.

MAY:

1 Blood Drive, PHS
2 HS Spring Band Concert, PMS, 7:30 p.m.
5 HS Prom, 8 p.m.
9 Honors Night, PHS, 7 p.m.
12 Steel Drum Band to Holland Tulip Festival
14 NHS Inductions, PHS
15 MS Spring Band Concert, PMS, 7 p.m.
18 Band Aid Concert, North Central Michigan College, 6 p.m.
20 Baccalaureate, 7 p.m.
22 Bella Voce/Madrigals Spring Concert, PHS, 7 p.m.
23 Senior Band Banquet
PMS Talent Show, PMS, 7 p.m.
25 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**
28 Memorial Day -- No School
29 8th Grade Band to Chicago
PHS Pops Concert, PHS, 7 p.m.

JUNE:

3 Graduation, PHS, 7 p.m.
6-8 **HS Final Exams -- 1/2-day for students grades 9-12**
8 **Last Day of School -- 1/2-day for students K-12**

NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change.

BeAlert

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Will first responders be able to notify you of a critical incident?

BeAlert is brought to you at no cost by the Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties in collaboration with your local first responders. It's a free service intended to quickly notify you of a serious situation that requires you to take action.

To sign up, simply go to <http://www.cceoem.net/> and select the devices that you want to receive alerts. You may enter in multiple devices so the whole family is covered. You may even add on severe thunderstorm or tornado warnings for your area.

The service is free for the public to enroll. You will never receive advertisements, and your information will remain private. You may stop or change your alerts at any time.

No single alerting method offers a sure-fire way to reach everyone in an emergency; multiple forms of communication are required to break through the clutter. Registering with *BeAlert* gives public safety one more avenue to warn you of an emergency situation.

BeAlert at Your Local School

Many area schools are also utilizing *BeAlert* to notify parents in circumstances such as school closings and delays, or to relay information if there is a concern for student safety. The service is free! Log into <http://www.cceoem.net/> today to enroll!

Tri-County Office of
Emergency Management
P.O. Box 480 Petoskey, MI 49770
855-515-1624, ext. 4

Petoskey Public Schools Policies & Notices

Allergy Concerns

Allergies are becoming more common. As a society, we are exposed to many products that contain latex, peanuts, etc. While the most common reaction creates a red and itchy rash, a severe allergy can escalate to life-threatening anaphylactic reactions requiring immediate medical attention. The Public Schools of Petoskey have attempted to eliminate allergy-producing products from the school environment. We ask that parents assist us by not sending latex balloons, peanuts, etc. to school buildings. With your help, we will continue to provide a safe environment for all of our students.

Asbestos Management

The Petoskey School District has taken proactive measures to assure the safety of our students, staff, and community with regards to asbestos management. Annually, we must notify parents/guardians and staff that the district has an Asbestos Management Plan and that it is available for public review. A copy of each building's plan is available for review at the principal's office and the district plan is available at the office of Supervisor of Maintenance, 1130 Howard St., Petoskey, Michigan 49770.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Petoskey Board of Education will comply with all local, state and federal laws and

regulations prohibiting discrimination. No person, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status or disability shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, or be denied benefits of any program for which the Board of Education is responsible. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Lynn Slanec, Ed.D.
Director of Teaching & Learning
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(231) 348-2352

Title VI, Title IX, Age Discrimination Act, & Title II, Americans with Disabilities Act

The government has made legal provisions to insure that no person is discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. In order to protect these rights and assure compliance, the Petoskey School District has appointed the Director of Teaching and Learning as Coordinator of Title VI, Title IX, the Age Discrimination Act and Title II. Inquiries concerning the application of, grievances for, any of these regulations should be addressed to:

Director of Teaching and Learning

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Any person who feels that the rights of an individual have been violated in relationship to the provision of equal opportunity in any educational programs, activities or services or in employment may contact the Director of Teaching and Learning.

Statute Requires Notification of Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with Federal and State law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroids, and dangerous controlled substance as defined by state statute (including substances that could be considered 'look-alike' controlled substances). Compliance is mandatory for all students. Any student violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion, as specified in the student handbook and in accordance with his/her due process rights. When required by state law, the district will also notify law enforcement officials. The district is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse. Please contact the school principal if help is needed.

Statute Requires Board of Education to Adopt, Implement Sexual Harassment Policy

Sexual harassment is a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. Since sexual harassment is unacceptable to this school district, it is against the policy of this school district for any board member, administrator, employee, student, independent contractor or volunteer, male or female, to sexually harass another board member, administrator, employee, independent contractor, volunteer, or student.

A copy of the entire Board of Education policy may be obtained from the Office of the Superintendent at 1130 Howard St., Petoskey, Michigan 49770, during school days (or such other times as may be arranged by calling the office at (231) 348-2100. It is also on the web at www.petoskeyschools.org.

Student Use of Internet

All students will have access to the Internet while attending the Public Schools of Petoskey. While the school district cannot guarantee that students will be denied access to all undesirable internet sites, it is our intent to reduce the likelihood of such access. This will be done via filtering software, teacher oversight, reviewing internet

usage logs, and keeping parents/guardians informed of appropriate computer usage. Parents do have the option of denying Internet access and requesting alternative assignments that do not require direct Internet access. Parents may do this through a written request to the appropriate building principal.

Pesticide Notice

Public Act 131 requires schools to notify parents and guardians of school children of their right to be informed prior to application of pesticides on school grounds or buildings. Regulation 637 requires that schools have a verifiable Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.) program in place. I.P.M. involves the use of environmental, biological, harborage reduction, and mechanical controls to control pests, with pesticides being used only when necessary. Furthermore, Regulation 637 requires that aerosol or liquid pesticides not be applied in classrooms or other areas that children will occupy within a four-hour period from application.

Our pest management needs are addressed by Ostlund Pest Control North. Their services are performed each month during normal school hours. In the event that pesticide applications other than a bait or gel formulation are required inside the building, a minimum of two methods of

notification will be posted:

- Method one: Notification will be posted in the main lobby at Central, Lincoln, Ottawa and Sheridan Elementary; on the bulletin board across from Room 125 at the High School, and in the main office at the Middle School.
- Method two: Notification will be posted on the Public Schools of Petoskey's web site, (www.petoskeyschools.org).

In the event that an emergency treatment is required (for issues such as stinging insects), then the treatment will be conducted and the notice will be provided promptly afterward.

If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, notify the district in writing. Address the letter to:

Maintenance Director,
Administration Building
1130 Howard St.
Petoskey, MI 49770

Please state that you would like advance notice of pesticide applications via USPS mail. State your child's school building in the letter, along with your name, address and phone number.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.

2017 High School Fall Sports Schedule

Apply for Free & Reduced Breakfast & Lunch Meals Online
www.lunchapp.com

Benefits of applying online:

- You can receive your approval or denial letter in half the time.
- Applications completed online do not exchange hands between teachers, secretaries or other school employees before processing (unlike a paper application).
- Online applications are extremely confidential.

Parent Link & Payments Online:

eFunds for schools allows parents to monitor their child's lunch account and make food service payments online. Families set up and maintain their own login, password and payment preferences. You can access the eFunds site by visiting <https://eps.mvpsbanking.com/cgi-bin/efs/login.pl?access=55514>

Balance Reminder:

Select "Notifications" from the home page. Select "Advisory Services" and "Low Meal Balance." Add in your Minimum Balance and click the box for Notice. You will receive an email notification when your child's account reaches the minimum balance you set. This will allow you to replenish your child's account in a timely fashion.

Breakfast & Lunch Price Information

BREAKFAST:
 Full pay: Elementary \$1.50;
 Secondary \$1.75;
 Reduced = \$.30;
 Free students are free

LUNCH:
 Full pay: Elementary \$2.50;
 Secondary \$2.85/\$3.50;
 Reduced = \$.40;
 Free students are free

A LA CARTE MILK:
 \$.45 (Must have funds on account to purchase a milk without a meal)

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL A LA CARTE:
 No charging a la carte items. Must have funds on account

Please e-mail Beth Kavanaugh at kavanaugh.ba.u@petoskeyschools.org or call (231)348-2183 with any questions.

CROSS COUNTRY

26-Aug	Benzie Central Invite	Away	8:30 AM
9-Sep	Charlevoix Mud Run	Away	9:00 AM
19-Sep	BNC @ Cadillac	Away	4:00 PM
23-Sep	Petoskey Invite	Home	9:00 AM
30-Sep	Carson City-Crystal Invite	Away	9:00 AM
3-Oct	BNC @ Petoskey	Home	4:00 PM
10-Oct	Charlevoix 2-Mile	Away	4:00 PM
17-Oct	BNC Finals @ Gaylord CC	Away	4:00 PM
21-Oct	Gaylord Invite	Away	11:30 AM
28-Oct	Regionals @ Gaylord	Away	10:00 AM
4-Nov	State Finals @ TBA	TBA	TBA

23-Aug	Elk Rapids	Home	7:00 PM
26-Aug	TC Central	Home	10:00 AM
29-Aug	Elk Rapids	Away	7:00 PM
31-Aug	Mason HS	Home	8:00 PM
7-Sep	Gaylord	Away	7:00 PM
12-Sep	TC West	Home	7:00 PM
14-Sep	Cadillac	Away	7:00 PM
19-Sep	TC Central	Away	7:00 PM
21-Sep	Alpena	Home	7:00 PM
26-Sep	Gaylord	Home	7:00 PM
28-Sep	TC West	Away	7:00 PM
3-Oct	Cadillac	Home	7:00 PM
5-Oct	TC Central	Home	7:00 PM
10-Oct	Alpena	Away	7:00 PM

30-Aug	Alpena	Away	7:00 PM
6-Sep	TC West	Home	7:00 PM
9-Sep	Petoskey Invite	Home	9:00 AM
11-Sep	Sault Area	Home	7:00 PM
13-Sep	Cadillac	Away	7:00 PM
20-Sep	TC Central	Away	7:00 PM
23-Sep	Saginaw Heritage Invite	Away	TBA
27-Sep	Gaylord	Home	7:00 PM
30-Sep	Kalkaska	Away	9:00 AM
2-Oct	Alpena	Home	7:00 PM
4-Oct	TC West	Away	7:00 PM
11-Oct	Cadillac	Home	7:00 PM
18-Oct	TC Central (Parents Night)	Home	7:00 PM
21-Oct	Pinconning Invite	Away	TBA
25-Oct	Gaylord	Away	7:00 PM

VARSITY FOOTBALL

24-Aug	Forest Hills Eastern	Away	7:00 PM
1-Sep	Escanaba (Brat/Tailgate game)	Home	7:00 PM
8-Sep	Cadillac	Away	7:00 PM
15-Sep	TC West	Away	7:00 PM
22-Sep	Marquette Senior HS	Home	7:00 PM
29-Sep	TC Central (Pink Game)	Home	7:00 PM
6-Oct	Gaylord (Homecoming)	Home	7:00 PM
13-Oct	Alpena (Parents Night)	Home	7:00 PM
20-Oct	Haslett	Away	7:00 PM

BOYS JV SOCCER

21-Aug	Midland	Away	4:00 PM
23-Aug	Elk Rapids	Home	5:00 PM
26-Aug	Petoskey JV Invite	Home	10:00 AM
29-Aug	Elk Rapids	Away	5:00 PM
31-Aug	Mason HS	Home	6:30 PM
7-Sep	Gaylord	Away	5:00 PM
12-Sep	TC West	Home	5:00 PM
14-Sep	Cadillac	Away	5:00 PM
19-Sep	TC Central	Away	5:00 PM
21-Sep	Alpena	Home	5:00 PM
26-Sep	Gaylord	Home	5:00 PM
28-Sep	TC West	Away	5:00 PM
3-Oct	Cadillac	Home	5:00 PM
5-Oct	TC Central	Home	5:00 PM
10-Oct	Alpena	Away	5:00 PM

JV VOLLEYBALL

19-Aug	Petoskey JV Invite	Home	8:45 AM
22-Aug	Roscommon	Away	6:00 PM
30-Aug	Alpena	Away	5:30 PM
6-Sep	TC West	Home	5:30 PM
11-Sep	Sault Area	Home	5:30 PM
13-Sep	Cadillac	Away	5:30 PM
16-Sep	Sault Invite	Away	9:00 AM
20-Sep	TC Central	Away	5:30 PM
27-Sep	Gaylord	Home	5:30 PM
2-Oct	Alpena	Home	5:30 PM
4-Oct	TC West	Away	5:30 PM
11-Oct	Cadillac	Home	5:30 PM
14-Oct	Gaylord Invite	Away	8:30 AM
18-Oct	TC Central (Parents Night)	Home	5:30 PM
25-Oct	Gaylord	Away	5:30 PM

JV FOOTBALL

24-Aug	Forest Hills Eastern	Away	4:00 PM
1-Sep	Escanaba	Home	4:00 PM
7-Sep	Cadillac	Home	6:00 PM
14-Sep	TC West	Home	6:00 PM
22-Sep	Marquette Senior HS	Home	4:00 PM
28-Sep	TC Central	Away	6:00 PM
5-Oct	Gaylord	Away	6:00 PM
12-Oct	Alpena	Away	6:00 PM
19-Oct	Haslett	Home	6:00 PM

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

17-Aug	Petoskey Invite	Home	9:00 AM
18-Aug	Petoskey Invite	Home	9:00 AM
21-Aug	Elliot Pierce @ FHC	Away	8:00 AM
22-Aug	Holland Public	Away	4:00 PM
26-Aug	Holland Christian	Away	9:00 AM
28-Aug	TC St. Francis Quad	Away	9:00 AM
31-Aug	FHN Quad	Away	1:30 PM
9-Sep	Boyne City Invite	Away	9:00 AM
14-Sep	Alpena	Away	4:00 PM
16-Sep	Petoskey Quad	Home	9:00 AM
19-Sep	TC West	Home	4:00 PM
21-Sep	TC Central	Away	4:00 PM
23-Sep	Haslett HS	Away	10:00 AM
28-Sep	Cadillac	Home	4:00 PM
5-Oct	BNC Finals	Home	9:00 AM

FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL

19-Aug	Petoskey Freshman Invite	Home	8:45 AM
30-Aug	Alpena	Away	5:30 PM
6-Sep	TC West	Home	5:30 PM
11-Sep	Sault Area	Home	5:30 PM
13-Sep	Cadillac	Away	5:30 PM
16-Sep	Sault Invite	Away	9:00 AM
20-Sep	TC Central	Away	5:30 PM
27-Sep	Gaylord	Home	5:30 PM
2-Oct	Alpena	Home	5:30 PM
4-Oct	TC West	Away	5:30 PM
11-Oct	Cadillac	Home	5:30 PM
14-Oct	Gaylord Invite	Away	8:30 AM
18-Oct	TC Central (Parents Night)	Home	5:30 PM
25-Oct	Gaylord	Away	5:30 PM

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

24-Aug	Forest Hills Eastern	Away	1:00 PM
1-Sep	Escanaba	Home	1:00 PM
7-Sep	Cadillac	Home	4:00 PM
14-Sep	TC West	Home	4:00 PM
28-Sep	TC Central	Away	4:00 PM
5-Oct	Gaylord	Away	4:00 PM
12-Oct	Pine River	Away	6:30 PM
19-Oct	Frankfort	Home	4:00 PM

BOYS JV TENNIS

23-Aug	TC St. Francis Quad	Away	8:00 AM
28-Sep	Elk Rapids	Away	4:00 PM
30-Aug	TC St. Francis	Home	4:00 PM
7-Sep	TC St. Francis	Away	4:30 PM
11-Sep	Glen Lake	Home	4:00 PM
12-Sep	Elk Rapids	Home	4:00 PM
14-Sep	Alpena	Away	4:00 PM
19-Sep	TC West	Home	4:00 PM
21-Sep	TC Central	Away	4:00 PM
27-Sep	Glen Lake	Away	4:00 PM
28-Sep	Cadillac	Home	4:00 PM
10-Oct	BNC @ TC West	Away	9:00 AM

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

19-Aug	Skyline HS	Home	10:00 AM
21-Aug	Midland	Away	5:45 PM

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

19-Aug	Sault Invite	Away	9:00 AM
22-Aug	Roscommon	Away	6:00 PM



Petoskey High School Athletics - The Only Game in Town!

2018 Athletic Ticket Information

FAMILY PASS - Admits parents and all school-age children (K-12) to all home, regular season, PHS athletic contests.* _____ x \$150.00 = \$ _____

ADULT PASS - Admits one adult to all home, regular season, PHS athletic contests.* _____ x \$75.00 = \$ _____

STUDENT PASS - Admits student (K-12) to all home athletic events.* _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

SENIOR CITIZEN PASS - Admits residents of PETOSKEY SCHOOL DISTRICT over age 60 to all home athletic events.* _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

REPLACEMENT PASSES - Available for \$10 each. TOTAL \$ _____

**Does not include hockey or invitationals/tournaments*

I won't pass on this play! Indicate names to appear on passes. Please include grade for students. (Please print neatly.) Amount \$ _____

1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____
 4) _____
 Daytime phone _____
 Address _____

Cash _____
 Check _____
 Date _____

Athletic passes may be ordered and picked up at the Petoskey High School Office in late August. The office is located at 1500 Hill St., Petoskey, MI 49770, (231) 348-2220.



Please make checks payable to: Public Schools of Petoskey