

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY Community Newsletter

## Looking Forward to the 2018-2019 School Year...



Crowds flock to the breakwall to soak up summer before getting back into the beat of a new school year.

As we prepare for the 2018-2019 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 and building maintenance projects. Your investment in our students is greatly appreciated, and your support will help us to continue to nurture and grow our entire school community.

We are particularly grateful for voters' support of our regional enhancement millage. I am pleased and excited to let you know that we have used some of those funds to restore three staff teaching positions that had been

left vacant due to budgetary constraints. We will continue to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars while investing wholeheartedly in our students.

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](http://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 relaxed and ready to begin the 2018-2019 school year!

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

## District Bids Farewell to Retiring Staff

The Public Schools of Petoskey bids farewell to three staff members who retired at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. These teachers provided a combined 95 years of service to the district.

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

**Patti Jakeway,**  
**Lincoln Elementary**  
**(1st grade), 33 years**

**Lisa Pontoni,**  
**Petoskey High School**  
**(civics), 22 years**

**Denise Rice,**  
**Ottawa Elementary**  
**(2nd grade), 40 years**

## District Welcomes New Staff

The 2018-2019 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:

### Brooke Carlson



Brooke Carlson will join the staff at Petoskey Middle School as a physical education

teacher. Carlson has spent the past five years at St. Francis Xavier School, where she taught P.E. and math and spent a year serving as the school's athletic director. She is a graduate of Hillsdale College, where she also played Division II basketball. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics, but teaching P.E. is her true passion. "The experience of teaching physical education has been a breath of fresh air and fits in well with my strong belief in promoting lifelong health and wellness to my students," she said.

### Brian Forster



Brian Forster will teach 8th grade English-Language Arts (ELA) and video

production at Petoskey Middle School. For the past three years, Forster taught 7th grade ELA at Gaylord Middle School. He is a graduate of Marquette University and obtained his teaching certification from National Louis University in Chicago. He enjoys instilling in

his students a "growth mindset, showing them that everyone can be successful with the right attitude and habits."

### Helene Ivie



Helene Ivie will teach half-time 2nd grade at Ottawa Elementary, where she

spent the past year as a half-time 1st grade teacher. Ivie is a graduate of the University of Michigan and describes her classroom as "lively, busy and productive." "The children learn not just from me but from each other as well, as we work in groups and pairs, collaborating and coaching throughout the day," she said.

### Kathy Lycka



Kathy Lycka will continue in her role as a special education teacher at Sheridan El-

ementary, where she has spent the past year as a long-term substitute. Parents might also recognize her from her time at the middle school, where she was an academic tutor. Lycka's bachelor's degree is from Spring Arbor University, and she obtained her graduate credits from Grand Valley State University. She enjoys inspiring students and encouraging them to take risks when faced with new concepts. "Giving students guidance and encouragement blended with enthusiasm and creativity helps them develop a love for learning that lasts a lifetime," she said.

### Sarah MacLean



Sarah MacLean will join the counseling staff at Petoskey High School. She

has spent the past three years as a counselor at Boyne City Middle School, and prior to that taught high school social studies at Concord Academy Petoskey. MacLean is an alumna of Grand Valley State University and received her M.A. in counseling from Central Michigan University. "My passion and drive to build and improve strong relationships among students, their families, teachers and the community will enhance the counseling department and the students served by the Public Schools of Petoskey," she said.

### Julie Platte-Yurek



Julie Platte-Yurek will return to the Public Schools of Petoskey as a science teacher

at Petoskey Middle School. Platte-Yurek taught 5th grade at Ottawa Elementary for 12 years, until 2016. She worked most recently as an elementary and middle school tutor and homeschool coordinator. A graduate of Spring Arbor University, Platte-Yurek most enjoys teaching STEM projects, investigations and outdoor explorations. "Science has been a lifelong passion and something I looked forward to teaching everyday as an elementary school teacher," she said.

### Robert Szukala



Robert Szukala will take the helm as assistant principal at Petoskey High School.

Szukala is new to Northern Michigan, as he spent the past eight years in the Detroit Public Schools Community District, most recently serving as assistant principal of academics. Szukala holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and two master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University. "I enjoy working with students to help them realize their goals and ambitions," he said.

### Deidre Wilcox



Deidre Wilcox will teach kindergarten at Lincoln Elementary. Most recently,

Wilcox was a lead preschool teacher at Watch Me Grow Child Development Center. She also has experience teaching Head Start, 1st, 4th and 5th grades. For two years, she taught in a multiage ESL classroom in a small Yup'ik Eskimo village in Alaska, an experience she described as both challenging and rewarding. "During my time in Alaska, I learned many life lessons that I will carry with me throughout the duration of my teaching career," she said. Wilcox, a graduate of Central Michigan University, most enjoys teaching science. "I have a great interest in teaching students to explore and discover the world around them."

## Preparing Our Students for College, Career & Life

Our district holds a deep commitment to strengthening each student's college, career and life readiness. We analyze progress over time and provide instructional supports necessary for targeted growth. Our staff members understand the importance of evidence-based programs and teaching methods that support each student's development.

### 2017-18 District Data Points:

- 91% Four-Year Graduation Rate (State's Rate - 80%)
- 95% K-12th Average, Daily, Student Attendance
- 98% Parents/Guardians Attending K-5 Fall Conferences
- 74% Graduates Enrolled in College
- 141 Students Enrolled in College While in High School
- 197 Students in Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- 72% AP Students Earning a 3 or Higher on Exams (college credit)
- 550 Students Engaged in PHS Career Technology Classes
- 77% K-12th Teachers Holding a Master's Degree or Higher
- 100% K-12th Teachers Meeting State "Highly Qualified" Standards
- 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, they have many opportunities for exploration and growth. Our students mature through pursuits involving creativity, communication, inquiry, teamwork, service, integrity and perseverance. Although we may not reach the state's college-readiness goal of 100%, we know that our students are becoming life-ready. Readiness is not as simple as giving a single test, nor is readiness possible to describe by a single data point. Our staff members are grateful to play a part in each student's educational journey and appreciate joining with families and community members to provide quality services for all students. This multi-faceted approach is how we measure the preparation of our graduates, and our students are incredible!

Please visit our website, [www.petoskeyschools.org](http://www.petoskeyschools.org), to find more information about the Public Schools of Petoskey as we continue our resolve to make each day 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
- Quiz Bowl
- Model UN
- Robotics
- Enrichment
- Student Clubs
- Field Trips
- Title/31A Student Supports
- Family Engagement Opportunities
- Community Service Projects
- Community Partnerships
- Technology
- Auditoriums
- Stadium & Athletic Facilities

We are excited to welcome these professionals to the district. Expect great things from them -- and all of our staff -- during the 2018-2019 school year!

# Second Cohort of Early College Students Graduates

On May 4, 2018, Petoskey High School's second cohort of Early College students walked across the stage at North Central Michigan College, each student receiving an associate degree that puts them well on their way to a four-year degree just one year after graduating from high school.

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 associ-

ate 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.

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



Members of Petoskey High School's second graduating cohort of Early College students pose for a photo prior to North Central's commencement ceremony on May 4.

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 three 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 con-

tracted 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 20200-8520  
[www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco](http://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.

## THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY

# Calendar 2018-19

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:

3 Labor Day  
4 **First day of school -- 1/2-day for students K-12**  
9 Grandparents' Day (elementaries)  
10 MS Fall Show auditions  
HS Fall Show rehearsals  
11 Elem. Enrichment Choir rehearsals begin  
17 MS Fall Show rehearsals begin  
20 Board of Education meeting, Spittler Building, 7 p.m.

### OCTOBER:

6 Marching Band competition, TBD  
8 Marching Band exhibition, T.C.  
13 Marching Band competition, TBD  
16 Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences  
18 Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Board of Education meeting, Spittler Building, 7 p.m.  
19 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**  
Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences  
20 Marching Band competition, Jenison  
23 Bella Voce/Madrigals fall concert, 7 p.m.  
25 Marching Band banquet, PHS, 6:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER:

1 **District-Wide Professional Development -- No school for students K-12**  
1 -- 3 PHS Fall Show, 7 p.m.  
2 End of 1st Marking Period  
4 End of Daylight-Saving Time  
7 Honors Band tryouts, Charlevoix  
Elem. Enrichment Choir tour & concert, PHS, 7 p.m.  
13 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5-8 p.m.  
HS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6-8 p.m.  
14 ASVAB Testing, PHS  
15 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6-8 p.m.  
HS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5-8 p.m.  
Board of Education meeting, Spittler Building, 7 p.m.

16 & 17 PMS Fall Show, 7 p.m.  
18 PMS Fall Show, 2 p.m.  
20 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**  
21 -- 23 Thanksgiving Break  
24 Petoskey Downtown Holiday Parade, 10 a.m.  
28 MS/HS Winter Collage Concert, PHS, 7:30 p.m.  
30 End of 1st Trimester (K-5th)

### DECEMBER:

1 & 2 District 2 Honors Band, PMS  
3 Lincoln Elementary Holiday Concert, PMS  
4 Ottawa Elementary Holiday Concert, PMS  
5 Central Elementary Holiday Concert, PMS  
6 Sheridan Elementary Holiday Concert, PMS  
7 Petoskey Downtown Holiday Open House, 6 p.m.  
9 Madrigal Dinner, Perry Hotel, 6 p.m.  
10 Winter Choral Concert, St. Francis  
16, 7 Madrigal Dinner, Perry Hotel, 6 p.m.  
20 Board of Education meeting, Spittler Building, 7 p.m.  
22 **Begin Winter Break (through Tuesday, Jan. 1)**

### JANUARY:

2 Classes resume  
16 - 18 HS Semester Exams -- 1/2-day for students grades 9--12  
18 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**  
End of 1st semester (PMS, PHS)

### FEBRUARY:

5 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
6 Pre-Festival Band Concert, PMS, 7 p.m.  
7 HS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
9 District 2 Solo/Ensemble Festival, Mancelona  
15 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**  
18 - 20 Elem. Enrichment Play auditions, Central

21 - 23 District 2 Band Festivals, PMS  
25 Elem. Enrichment Play rehearsals begin, Central  
28 MS Fall Arts Night, 6:30 p.m.

### MARCH:

1 End of 2nd Trimester (elementaries)  
Read Across USA  
8 & 9 HS Spring Musical, PHS, 7 p.m.  
10 Daylight-Saving Time begins  
12 Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences  
14 Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences  
15 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**  
15, 16 PHS Spring Musical, PHS, 7 p.m.  
19 5th Grade Spring Concert, PMS  
21 End of 3rd Marking Period  
Board of Education Meeting, Spittler Building, 7 p.m.  
22 - 29 **Spring Break -- No School**

### APRIL:

2 Classes resume  
18 Board of Education meeting, Spittler Building, 7 p.m.  
19 **K-12 & Staff -- 1/2-day**  
25, 26 Elem. Enrichment Play, PMS, 7 p.m.  
27 Elem. Enrichment Play, PMS, 2 p.m.

### MAY:

1 HS Spring Band Concert, PMS, 7 p.m.  
11 Steel Drum Band to Holland Tulip Festival  
16 Board of Education meeting, Spittler Building, 7 p.m.  
17 Band Aid Concert, North Central Michigan College, 6 p.m.  
19 Bacculaureate  
20 Bella Voce/Madrigals Spring Concert, PHS, 7 p.m.  
22 MS Talent Show, PMS, 7 p.m.  
Senior Band Banquet  
24 **Staff Professional Development -- 1/2-day for students K-12**  
27 Memorial Day -- No School  
28 Pops Concert, PHS, 7 p.m.

### JUNE:

2 Graduation, PHS, 7 p.m.  
5 -- 7 **HS Final Exams -- 1/2-day for students grades 9--12**  
7 **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  
Public Schools of Petoskey  
Spittler Administration Building  
1130 Howard St.  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
(231) 348-2352

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](http://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](http://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.

# 2018-19 PHS FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE\*

## CROSS COUNTRY

8-Sep	Charlevoix Mud Run	9:00 AM
14-Sep	Spartan Invite @ East Lansing HS	12:50 PM
18-Sep	TC West	4:00 PM
<b>22-Sep</b>	<b>Petoskey Invite</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
26-Sep	Roscommon HS/MS	TBA
29-Sep	Carson City-Crystal High	9:00 AM
2-Oct	Alpena	4:00 PM
16-Oct	BNC Finals @ Gaylord Country Club	4:00 PM
27-Oct	Regionals @ Gaylord Micheywe	9:00 AM

## FOOTBALL – VARSITY

31-Aug	Escanaba	7:00 PM
<b>7-Sep</b>	<b>Cadillac</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
15-Sep	Center Line HS @ Alma College	2:30 PM
21-Sep	Marquette Senior HS	7:00 PM
28-Sep	TC Central	7:00 PM
5-Oct	Gaylord	7:00 PM
12-Oct	Alpena	7:00 PM
<b>19-Oct</b>	<b>TC West (Homecoming/Pink Game/Parents' Night)</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

## FOOTBALL – JV

31-Aug	Escanaba	4:30 PM
6-Sep	Alpena	6:00 PM
15-Sep	Center Line HS @ Alma College	11:30 AM
20-Sep	Open	6:00 PM
<b>27-Sep</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>4-Oct</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>11-Oct</b>	<b>Alpena</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
17-Oct	TC West	6:00 PM

## FOOTBALL – FRESHMAN

31-Aug	Escanaba	2:00 PM
6-Sep	Cadillac	6:30 PM
<b>13-Sep</b>	<b>Manistee</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>21-Sep</b>	<b>Marquette</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>27-Sep</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>4-Oct</b>	<b>Gaylord</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>11-Oct</b>	<b>Alpena</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
17-Oct	TC West	4:00 PM

## GOLF – GIRLS' VARSITY

28-Aug	Alpena Invite	9:30 AM
29-Aug	TC St. Francis Invite	9:00 AM
10-Sep	Charlevoix	4:00 PM
<b>6-Sep</b>	<b>Petoskey Invite</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
17-Sep	Charlevoix Invite	12:30 PM
20-Sep	Harbor Springs Invite	10:00 AM
24-Sep	Cheboygan Invite	9:00 AM
1-Oct	BNC Finals @ TCC	9:30 AM
10-Oct	Regional Practice @ TCC	4:00 PM
11-Oct	Regionals @ TCC	10:00 AM
19-Oct	State Finals @ TBA	TBA

## SOCCER – BOYS' VARSITY

<b>25-Aug</b>	<b>Petoskey Invite</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>29-Aug</b>	<b>Midland</b>	<b>5:45 PM</b>
31-Aug	Elk Rapids	12:00 PM
6-Sep	TC West	6:45 PM
<b>11-Sep</b>	<b>Cadillac</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
<b>13-Sep</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
<b>18-Sep</b>	<b>Gaylord</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
20-Sep	Alpena	6:45 PM
<b>25-Sep</b>	<b>TC West</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
27-Sep	Cadillac	6:45 PM
2-Oct	TC Central	6:45 PM
4-Oct	Gaylord	6:45 PM
<b>9-Oct</b>	<b>Alpena</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
15-Oct	Districts @ TBA	TBA
22-Oct	Regionals @ TBA	TBA

## SOCCER – BOYS' JV

25-Aug	Petoskey Invite	10:00 AM
<b>29-Aug</b>	<b>Midland</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
31-Aug	Elk Rapids	10:00 AM
6-Sep	TC West	5:00 PM
<b>11-Sep</b>	<b>Cadillac</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>13-Sep</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>18-Sep</b>	<b>Gaylord</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
20-Sep	Alpena	5:00 PM
<b>25-Sep</b>	<b>TC West</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
27-Sep	Cadillac	5:00 PM
2-Oct	TC Central	5:00 PM
4-Oct	Gaylord	5:00 PM
<b>9-Oct</b>	<b>Alpena</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>

## TENNIS – BOYS' VARSITY

25-Aug	Holland Christian	8:30 PM
27-Aug	TC St. Francis	10:00 AM
30-Aug	Forest Hills Northern	1:30 PM
8-Sep	Boyne City	9:00 AM
<b>11-Sep</b>	<b>Alpena</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
13-Sep	TC West	4:00 PM
<b>15-Sep</b>	<b>Petoskey Tri-Meet</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>18-Sep</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
22-Sep	Haslett HS	9:00 AM
<b>25-Sep</b>	<b>Cadillac</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
29-Sep	Allegan	8:30 PM
4-Oct	BNC Finals @ TC Central	9:00 AM
<b>8-Oct</b>	<b>TC St. Francis</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
11-Oct	Regionals @ TBA	TBA
19-Oct	State Finals @ TBA	TBA

## TENNIS – BOYS' JV

30-Aug	Glen Lake	2:00 PM
<b>10-Sep</b>	<b>Glen Lake</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
11-Sep	Elk Rapids	4:00 PM
13-Sep	TC West	4:00 PM
<b>18-Sep</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
25-Sep	Cadillac	4:00 PM
<b>2-Oct</b>	<b>TC St. Francis</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
9-Oct	BNC @ Cadillac	9:00 AM

## VOLLEYBALL – VARSITY

29-Aug	TC West	7:00 PM
<b>5-Sep</b>	<b>Cadillac</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>8-Sep</b>	<b>Petoskey Invite</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>12-Sep</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
18-Sep	Gaylord	7:00 PM
20-Sep	Alpena	7:00 PM
22-Sep	Heritage HS	9:00 AM
<b>26-Sep</b>	<b>TC West</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
29-Sep	Kalkaska	9:00 AM
3-Oct	Cadillac	7:00 PM
8-Oct	Sault Area	7:00 PM
10-Oct	TC Central	7:00 PM
<b>17-Oct</b>	<b>Gaylord</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
20-Oct	Pinconning	8:00 AM
<b>22-Oct</b>	<b>Cheboygan</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>24-Oct</b>	<b>Alpena (Parents' Night)</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
29-Oct	Districts @ TBA	TBA

## VOLLEYBALL – JV

29-Aug	TC West	5:30 PM
<b>5-Sep</b>	<b>Cadillac</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>12-Sep</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
15-Sep	Sault Area Invite	9:00 AM
18-Sep	Gaylord	5:30 PM
20-Sep	Alpena	5:30 PM
26-Sep	TC West	5:30 PM
3-Oct	Cadillac	5:30 PM
8-Oct	Sault Area	5:30 PM
<b>10-Oct</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
13-Oct	Gaylord Invite	8:30 AM
<b>17-Oct</b>	<b>Gaylord</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>22-Oct</b>	<b>Cheboygan</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>24-Oct</b>	<b>Alpena</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>

## VOLLEYBALL – FRESHMAN

29-Aug	TC West	5:30 PM
<b>5-Sep</b>	<b>Cadillac</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>12-Sep</b>	<b>TC Central</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
15-Sep	Sault Invite	9:00 AM
18-Sep	Gaylord	5:30 PM
20-Sep	Alpena	5:30 PM
<b>26-Sep</b>	<b>TC West</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
3-Oct	Cadillac	5:30 PM
8-Oct	Sault Area	5:30 PM
10-Oct	TC Central	5:30 PM
13-Oct	Gaylord Invite	8:30 AM
<b>17-Oct</b>	<b>Gaylord</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>24-Oct</b>	<b>Alpena</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>



Apply for Free & Reduced Breakfast & Lunch Meals Online  
[www.lunchapp.com](http://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 \$3.00/\$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](mailto:kavanaugh.ba.u@petoskeyschools.org) or call (231)348-2183 with any questions.

\*Dates and times subject to change based on weather. Home games listed in bold font.

# Petoskey High School Athletics - The Only Game in Town!

## 2018-19 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Public Schools of Petoskey

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.

