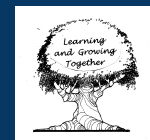


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# PETOSKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

## June 2025 Edition NEWSLETTER



### Upcoming Dates

June 1 - PHS  
Commencement (7:00)

June 6 - 6th and 8th grade  
device turn-in

June 9 - 7th device turn-in

June 11 - 8th grade  
Awards Ceremony, 9:00

June 11 - Last Day of  
School, Half Day

June 13 - Last day for  
Medication Pickup



For mental health  
resources and support,  
please visit [this site](#).  
**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT  
OUR OFFICE IS AWARE OF  
ANY CHANGE IN CONTACT  
INFORMATION. IT IS  
IMPORTANT THAT WE  
HAVE CORRECT CONTACT  
INFORMATION SO WE CAN  
EFFECTIVELY  
COMMUNICATE.**

### Thank You for Another Great School Year!

On behalf of the staff at Petoskey Middle School, I would like to thank everyone for helping us make this school year such a success. Our students showed tremendous growth academically, socially, athletically, and physically! It was indeed a year of "Learning and Growing Together!"

I would personally like to thank all school personnel for all they have done this year. Teachers, aides, counselors, secretaries, custodians, and kitchen staff regularly go above and beyond their duties. They showed up day after day to support our students. They provided opportunities for enrichment and remediation for our students, and they stayed positive through all of it.

Students, thank you for coming to school every day. You showed up with a positive attitude and made great educational strides. You definitely proved yourselves to be Determined, Respectful, had Integrity, used your Voice, and showed Empathy to others. You participated both inside and outside the classroom. You grew into better (and bigger!) people. We are proud to see you learn and grow, and we are grateful to be a part of your journey!

Parents, thank you for entrusting us with your children. We know and understand the love you have for your children. We take our roles as educators seriously and are grateful to partner with you. Thank you for working with us to make PMS the best middle school it can be. Thank you for the support you give to your children and our staff throughout the school year.

We hope that you all have a very deserved and restful summer break. We are already working and planning to make 2025-2026 another great school year. **We plan to make student schedules available on PowerSchool for the 2025-26 school year in mid to late August. You will need to have a PowerSchool login to get a parent login if you don't already have one. Please [click here](#) to get signed up.**

We wish you all the very best this summer!

**HAPPY  
SUMMER  
VACATION!**

*"Learning and Growing Together"*

[Click here for Community Flyers](#)

## **PMS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND CONSTRUCTION**

The PMS main office will be open until Friday, June 20. The office will open back up on Monday, August 11, 2024. Our summer office hours will be 8:00 am - 2:30 pm.

### **Attendance**

If a student is going to be absent or tardy, a parent or guardian must call the attendance line at 348-2293 by 9:00 a.m., or the absence will be considered unexcused until we receive a phone call or note. If your child does not feel well and you are calling to excuse them from school, please include their symptoms in the voicemail so we don't have to call you back. Thank you for your help with this.

If you are excusing your child for a mid-day appointment, please call the office in the morning so we can do our best to have your child ready.

If you are excusing your child for the day and they attend classes at Petoskey High School, please inform the office to also adjust the high school attendance. Thank you!

Our building will be under construction most of the summer. Starting June 12, our main office location will be run out of the middle school media center and will be accessible through the 7th grade entrance. This entrance is to the right of the main entrance. Thanks for being flexible with us as we remodel the main office and cafeteria. These improvements are funded by the Safety and Security Bond that our community so graciously supported.

Here is a sneak peek of what our office will look like!



### **8th Grade End of Year Ceremony**

The 8th grade Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held in the middle school auditorium on Wednesday, June 11 beginning at 9:00 AM. 6th and 7th grade students will receive their end-of-year awards in their homerooms at the end of the year.

### **Congratulations and Farewell!**

Congratulations to Dana Pinney, Ray Swidorski, and Megan Hintz on their retirement! Jen Hopkins will also be teaching in a different school next year. These four educators have dedicated their careers to helping our youth develop into productive and successful citizens. I would like to personally thank them for all of their contributions to Petoskey Middle School and the community of Petoskey. We are lucky to have outstanding educators in our school and these individuals are leaving some big shoes to fill!



## **RECENT HIGHLIGHTS**



### After School Study Lab

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

### Immunizations

State law requires that ALL students entering 7th grade be up-to-date on their immunizations in order to attend school. If you wish to obtain a waiver, you must get one through the Health Department. If you have any questions, call the Health Department at 347-6014.

### Medications

If your student has prescription or non-prescription medicine that they take during the school day, a medication form must be completed for each medication and the medicine dropped off by an adult to the school office. A new form must be filled out each school year.

### Northmen DRIVE Awards

Congratulations to the latest round of Northmen DRIVE award winners! We appreciate our students for showing the DRIVE (Determination, Respect, Integrity, Voice, Empathy) characteristics that make Petoskey Middle School a great school!



### Art Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated Art supplies to the Middle School Art Program this year!

## NEW INFORMATION / COMING SOON

### End of Year Report Cards

We will be mailing report cards home this year. Our goal is to get them in the mail on June 13! Final grades will also be available on PowerSchool on this date.

### Information about Next Year

If you are wondering what next year will look like for your current 6th or 7th grade student, please [click here](#). This brief explanation explains the overall scheduling practices priorities for Petoskey Middle School.

Student schedules for the 2025-26 school year will be made available on PowerSchool around mid-August.

### Work Permits

All work permits for all students in the Public Schools of Petoskey must now go through the high school office. The Petoskey High School office is open in the summer from 7:30 to 2:30 daily.

### Summer Academic Learning Camp





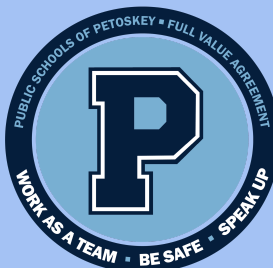
## OK2SAY



We want to remind students and parents of the OK2SAY program. If you or your child feel unsafe or are worried about the safety of someone else, please speak up by contacting OK2SAY. You can report suspicious or harmful activity anonymously by sending a text to 652729, calling 8-555-OK2SAY, or sending an email to [OK2SAY@mi.gov](mailto:OK2SAY@mi.gov). Tips are then shared with the appropriate agencies, who respond to keep everyone safe!

## Custodial Notices

[Click here](#) for more information about chemicals used in or around the building.



Students will receive or have already received invitations to attend our Academic Learning Camp. If you have any questions, please email Dana Pinney at [pinney.dg.t@northmen.org](mailto:pinney.dg.t@northmen.org).  
**Scheduled dates and times:** (Monday - Thursday) August 11th-14th & August 18th- 21st  
Incoming 6th grade students from 8:30 - 11:30 AM  
Incoming 7th & 8th grade students from 12:00 - 3:00 PM  
Incoming 9th grade students TBD

Students should be dropped off in the **middle school** main parking lot loop next to the flagpole, and enter through the main front doors. When picking up your child, please wait in your vehicle or in front of the middle school. **The middle school will close at 3:15 each day.**

## ParentSquare Coming!

Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that we adopted a new form of school-to-home communication at The Public Schools of Petoskey. ParentSquare is designed to keep parents informed and facilitate participation at school. It provides a safe way for the school principal, teachers, staff, and parents/guardians to:

Send and receive school and class information  
Share pictures and files  
See calendar items  
Sign up to volunteer  
and much more . . . all in one centralized place!  
Parents/Caregivers – [Getting Started video](#)

All school/grade level and classroom information will now be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text or you can download the free App.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### 6TH GRADE PARENTS - IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR 7TH GRADE

State law requires that ALL students entering 7th grade be current on their immunizations in order to attend school. If you wish to obtain a waiver, you must get one through the Health Department. Students who are not up-to-date on their immunizations or do not have a waiver will not be allowed to attend school and will be sent home on the first day of the 2025-26 school year. If you have any questions, call the Health Department at 347-6014.

### Medication Pickup

If your student had prescriptions or non-prescription medication kept in the office this school year, please pick them up by Friday, June 13, or we are required to dispose of them. New medication forms are needed for each new school year. They are available at <https://www.petoskeyschools.org/parents/forms/>

### 2026 8th Grade D.C. & Baltimore Trip - It's not too late to sign-up! Deadline: October 1, 2025

Sign-up for the 2026 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C. and Baltimore, MD is still happening until October 1st! For more information or questions contact Morgan Saunders at [saunders.mn.t@northmen.org](mailto:saunders.mn.t@northmen.org) or check out our [PMS 8th Grade D.C. Trip Site](#)



([bit.ly/PMScdctrip](http://bit.ly/PMScdctrip)). If you're ready to register your child today, you can go to the [WorldStrides website](http://WorldStrides.com) and use the trip ID: 221132!

### Feeling Sick?

If your child is sick, please keep them home from school. There are many students out with illnesses lately, so we are asking to please abide by our school policy of keeping students home for 24 hours after a fever (100.4 or higher), or experiencing vomiting or diarrhea. Please notify the office of any flu, strep, or other contagious infections.

Also, if you know your child will be out of school for three or more school days, please have them fill out a [Trip Slip](#). This helps everyone stay on the same page!

### OK2SAY

As a reminder, if you or your child feel unsafe or are worried about the safety of someone else, please speak up by contacting [OK2SAY](#). You can report suspicious or harmful activity anonymously by sending a text to 652729, calling 8-555-OK2SAY, or sending an email to [OK2SAY@mi.gov](mailto:OK2SAY@mi.gov). Tips are then shared with the appropriate agencies, who respond to keep everyone safe!



## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

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

A Physical Clinic will take place in early June at the Petoskey High School Main Gym. Cost is \$15. Please note that an adult must accompany all Middle School aged students. Look for more information coming soon.

### YOUTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMP INFORMATION

#### \*Girls Combination Basketball/Volleyball Camp

July 7th - 10th

Grades 3-8

9:00-2:00

\$125

Flyers are available in the office or [register online here](#).

Contact Brooke Carlson at [carlson.bm.t@northmen.org](mailto:carlson.bm.t@northmen.org) with questions.

#### \*Boys Basketball

August 4th - 7th

Grades 3-5, 8:30-10:00

Grades 6-8, 10:30-12:30

\$75 before August 2nd; \$85 at the door (PHS)

Contact Matt Tamm at [mtamm60@gmail.com](mailto:mtamm60@gmail.com) with questions. Fliers are available in the main office.

## FALL SPORTS INFORMATION



### Football (7th and 8th grade)

Middle School Football Practice begins Monday, August 25th at 3:45 PM behind Petoskey Middle School.

Equipment Pick Up will take place on Monday, August 18th:

8th Grade: 5-6 PM

7th Grade: 6-7 PM

Follow Petoskey Middle School Football on Twitter - @petoskeyfb

For any further questions, please contact Coach Nick Ralph (nralph@petoskeysfx.org)

### Volleyball Tryout Information

7th/8th Grade Fall 2025 Volleyball Tryout Dates:

- Volleyball tryouts are on Monday, August 25th (4:00-6:00pm) Tuesday, August 26th (6:00-8:00pm due to Open House), and Wednesday, August 28th from 4:00-6:00pm at the middle school gym.
- Players should attend all three tryout dates to be considered for the team.
- All players must have a physical **ON FILE WITH THE PMS OFFICE BEFORE** tryouts start. Physical forms are available at the office.

7th Grade: Coach Bell - [bell.rj.t@northmen.org](mailto:bell.rj.t@northmen.org)

8th Grade: Coach Luckhardt - [efralick9@gmail.com](mailto:efralick9@gmail.com)

### Cross Country:

Cross Country practice will start after school on the first day of school in the fall. Any 6th and 7th graders that want to run cross country next year should be prepared with their physicals before the start of the school year.

### Sports Physicals

Only MHSAA sports physical forms will be accepted at middle/high school athletic departments. Forms are available on the MHSAA website, and our offices have cardstock forms available. The submitted form must be the original form with the doctor's signature. You can obtain these cards in your middle/high school office. Remember, sports physical for the 2025-26 school year must be completed no earlier than April 15, 2025.

A screenshot of the MHSAA Sports Physical Form. The form is titled "MHSAA Sports Physical Form" and includes sections for "PATIENT INFORMATION", "PHYSICIAN INFORMATION", "PHYSICAL EXAMINATION", and "SIGNATURES". It contains various checkboxes and fields for recording medical history, physical exam findings, and signatures of the physician and patient/parent.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [middle school athletics website](#). Please watch the student announcements for sign-up information for the upcoming seasons. We encourage students to try new activities during middle school!

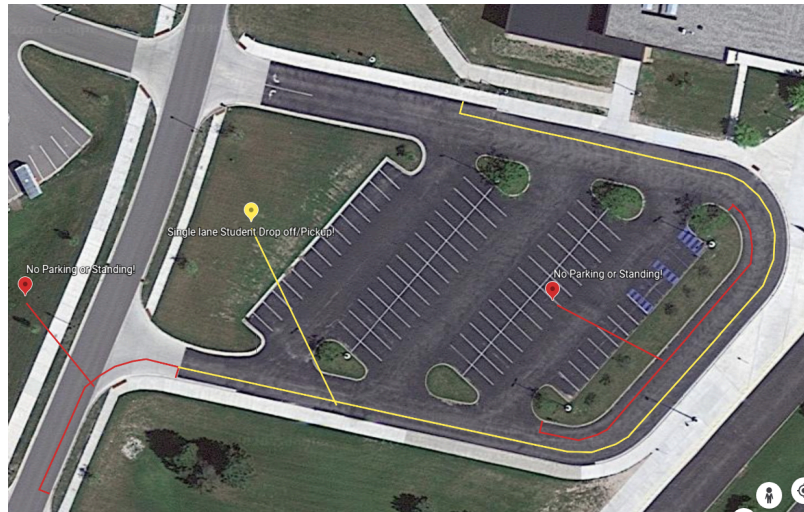
### **DROP OFF / PICK UP PROCEDURES**

The parent drop off and pick up procedure is an extremely important process that everyone must abide by. There has been an article in this newsletter for the past several months explaining the procedure, but it is important to review for the safety of all of our children. Parents should drop off and pick up students on the right side of the loop. The left side should be used for moving forward and is a no parking area. If you need to park for an extended time, please use the parking lot. It is also important to not obstruct Northmen

Drive. Please see the picture below. The school parking lot is usually extremely busy and congested before and after school, and it will likely be an even greater challenge this year. To help maintain safety and traffic flow, we ask that you use the parent loop and parking lot accordingly. Also, remember that there is an alternate drop off location on the PHS side of Northmen Drive. Students dropped off there can walk to the Middle School through the tunnel.

No vehicles other than school buses are allowed in the bus loop. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

**Also, please do not block Handicap parking spaces!**



**Students crossing Northmen Drive at any time should use the tunnels!**

The District will not discriminate against any person based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), height, weight, marital status, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, military service, or any other legally protected class. The Board reaffirms its long-standing policy of compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination.

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