

PANTHER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

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Catamount Messenger 9.22.24

Catamount Families, Here is some important information for you:

Picture Day for Underclassman

Students in grades 9-11 will have their school pictures taken during 2^{nd} period on Tuesday, 9/24. We will be on Advisory schedule on Tuesday. These pictures will be in the yearbook. There will be a make up day announced later in the fall if your student misses picture day this week. Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information on picture day.

Quarter 1 Progress Reports

We are one third of the way through the Quarter 1 grading period. You can assume that grades are accurate and current as of the end of the day on Friday, September 27th. Please review your student's grades in PowerSchool and reach out to teachers if you have questions. The first quarter will end on October 31.

Congratulations to Sebastian Ng- PCHS Senior in the News

Our very own Sebastian Ng is being recongized for his work with environmental advocacy, specifically plugging abandoned oil wells. Read more about his accomplishments and efforts <u>HERE</u>. Keep up the great work, Sebastian and friends!

PSAT Information: Readiness Checks and BigFuture App Information

All PSAT participants should be bringing their Wake County Chromebooks to campus daily. These devices need to connect to the server in order to be up-to-date for testing.

Over the next week, Panther Creek will be conducting Readiness Checks where students will receive an overview of the PSAT, review exam expectations, complete their Exam Check In, and complete a Test Preview. Students will receive their assigned Readiness Check Assembly date and time on Monday, September 23rd during Advisory. On the day of the Readiness Check, during Exam Set Up, students will answer several questions and check that personal information is correct. One of the questions asks students to provide their cell phone number in order to receive their scores via the BigFuture School App. We encourage students to utilize this resource as it is the fastest way to receive results after test day. You can access more information regarding the app here: BigFuture School app. This has also been emailed to your student.



The PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, October 9th to students who registered. Additional information regarding individual testing locations will be provided closer to the test date. In the meantime, if you have additional questions, please contact Alexandria Bougher at abougher@wcpss.net.

REMINDER: Student Attendance and Enrollment

The 20th day of school is September 24, 2024. Any student who has not reported to school by that date will be withdrawn. Students who are withdrawn must be re-enrolled upon their return to school. If you know your student will not be returning to PCHS or has moved, please notify our Data Manager, Leslie Nelson at lnelson@wcpss.net

REMINDER: PC Homecoming Dance

Our Homecoming dance, The Golden Hour, will be held at Panther Creek on Saturday, 10/12 from 7:00-10:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale from 7:00 am on 9/19 through 2:30 pm on Friday, 9/27 (or until tickets are sold out). Tickets may be purchased through SchoolCash Online beginning 9/19 and are \$20 each. We anticipate tickets selling out for this dance. Tickets are nonrefundable and nontransferable. Non-PCHS guest forms are due to Room 2606 by 2:30 pm on 10/2. Students can locate guest forms and other Homecoming information at go.pcstuco.org/dance.

REMINDER: Reflections- PTSA contest

Attention all PCHS Students! The PTSA Reflections Contest is here, and we want YOU to join in! How to Enter:

- 1. Choose a category: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Dance, or Music.
- 2. Create something inspired by this year's theme: "Accepting Imperfections"
- 3. Submit your work by October 15^{th} using this submission form: <u>PCHS Art Reflections 2024-25 submission form</u>

View the rules here: Reflections information for students

For more info contact us at: reflections@panthercreekptsa.org

Let's make this year amazing! #PTSAReflections #ShowYourTalent #GetCreative

REMINDER: PTSA Membership

Join the PTSA and make a lasting impact at Panther Creek! By becoming a member you'll help support student programs, teacher appreciation efforts and school wide events that enhance the experience for everyone. Your involvement strengthens our school community and ensures PC continues to thrive. Sign up today and be part of something great! panthercreekptsa.givebacks.com/store

Stay connected to the school and PTSA: Want to stay in the loop with all the exciting things happening at Panther Creek? Follow the PC PTSA on social media! From school events to fun contests and important updates, you'll find it all there. Don't miss out—follow us today and be part of the Catamount community! As a PTSA member you are also automatically subscribed to receive our monthly PTSA newsletter sent straight to your inbox. (October edition coming soon!)

Stay connected, stay informed, and stay engaged!

Facebook- Panther Creek PTSA **Instagram**- panthercreekptsacary **X**- @CreekPTSA



REMINDER: Tardy Sweeps

Students have the most success in school when they are in their classes and receiving instruction for the entire class period. Being in class on time is an important first step, however tardies continue to increase throughout all class periods. To reduce tardies, school administration will begin to implement tardy sweeps this week. Teachers will close their doors when the tardy bell rings. Administration will assign those students not in class when the bell rings to an alternate learning space for that period. This tardy will count towards a student's accumulated tardies for that period. Here is the link to the PCHS Tardy Policy for your reference.

REMINDER: Yearbook Sale

You can purchase a Panther Creek High School yearbook now for \$95.00. This price will increase after September 27th, so purchase now to get a discount. Yearbooks sell out, so make sure you purchase yours soon at this LINK..

REMINDER: SENIOR Information

Seniors that are currently out of compliance with receiving the mandatory meningococcal booster or have not submitted proof of the booster to school have received a letter last week. Those Seniors need to send proof that they have received the booster to Christina Erexson at cerexson@wcpss.net or bring a copy to Student Services by Friday September 27th. After this date, they will not be able to return to campus until they are in compliance. If your Senior received one of these letters, please make this a priority. Thank you.

Save the date: SENIOR SUNRISE on September 27th from 6:30 am- 7:35 am. Seniors must wear their Senior t-shirt (t-shirts are part of Senior dues) as a class photo will be taken. Senior t-shirts will be passed out on Monday, 9/23 during 2nd period to all seniors who completed the google form. For those who did not, please see Mr. Markham in room 2606 to pick up their shirt this week.

Upcoming Dates

Please visit the school calendar on the PCHS website:

https://www.wcpss.net/Page/14077#calendar27844/20240908/month

9/24: School pictures for students in grades 9-11 (2nd period)

9/27: Senior Sunrise (6:30 am- 7:35 am)- must wear senior t-shirt

10/3: Teacher Workday: NO SCHOOL for students

10/9: PSAT administration at PCHS for students 9-11 who registered

10/12: Homecoming Dance

10/14: Teacher Workday: NO SCHOOL for students

10/31: End of 1st Quarter



Administrator/Counselor Contact

Administrator	Students (Last Name)	Counselor
Ms. Monica Click (msclick@wcpss.net)	9 th grade: A-He	Deborah Davis A-Ma
Ms. Jeorgine Trevithick (jtrevithick@wcpss.net)	9 th grade: Hi-Pa	*Students with last names Hi-Ma will work with Deborah Davis. Students with last names Mb-Pa will work with Michael Smith.
Mr. Joseph Biggs (jlbiggs@wcpss.net)	9 th grade: Pe-Z	Mr. Michael Smith (msmith21@wcpss.net) Mb-Z
Ms. Casey Otten (cotten2@wcpss.net)	10 th -12 th grades: A-F	Mr. Mario Jones (mjones13@wcpss.net)
Mr. Dion Mapp (amapp@wcpss.net)	10 th -12 th grades: G - L	Ms. Akanksha Jain (ajain@wcpss.net)
Mr. Grey Mangum (tmangum2@wcpss.net)	10 th -12 th grades: M-Ri	Ashley Mathes (amathes@wcpss.net)
Ms. Crystal Locus (clocus@wcpss.net)	10 th -12 th grades: Ro – Z**	Ms. Angela Spangler (aspangler@wcpss.net)
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Student Assistance	Ms. Jasmine Iverson
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School Principal	Dr. Gregory Decker
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Thank you for your continued support of Panther Creek High School!