

#### PANTHER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

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# **Catamount Messenger 9.8.24**

Catamount Families, Here is some important information for you:

### **Advisory Monday Schedule**

Our school will have an Advisory period EVERY MONDAY. The schedule that we will follow is listed <u>HERE</u> along with the bell schedule for Tuesdays-Fridays. Please make sure you are aware of the different start time for 2<sup>nd</sup> period if your student has late arrival.

### **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.

## **PCHS Spirit Wear for sale & PTSA updates**

The PTSA has Spirit Wear on hand for sale! T-Shirts are \$20 and Sweatshirts are \$35. You may prepurchase your spirit wear here:

https://panthercreekptsa.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true&category=Apparel%20and% 20Promo%20Items

It's not too late to join the Panther Creek PTSA, if you have not already. Click <u>HERE</u> to join! We have a lot of exciting things planned this year, including Coffee with Catamounts on Wednesday, 9/25 from 9-10 am. This is an opportunity for an informal discussion with Dr. Decker and other parents. Questions for Dr. Decker can be submitted <u>HERE</u>.

### **REMINDER: Driver Education Update for Fall 2024**

Fall 2024 Driver Education classes and registration information has been released. There are three fall sessions that will be offered afterschool in the PCHS media center. Registration will open THIS WEEK on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 11:00 am on a first come, first serve basis. Once the sessions (35 seats each) are full, they will become unavailable to register for online. Please refer to <a href="www.jordandriving.com">www.jordandriving.com</a> for class details and information pertaining to Panther Creek High School. If you have questions, please reach out to <a href="mailto:panthercreek@jordandriving.com">panthercreek@jordandriving.com</a>



### REMINDER: Picture Day- Grades 9th- 11th

Students in grades 9-11 will take their pictures during  $2^{nd}$  period on September  $24^{th}$ . Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information on picture day.

### **REMINDER: Yearbook Sale**

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

### **REMINDER: Carpool**

Parents who bring their students to school should only drop their students off at arrival in the Panther Creek <u>main entrance</u>. You will notice the main entrance has two lanes for traffic to enter and one lane for traffic to exit. This does get congested in the mornings around 7:05 am, so arriving early is best. Students may be dropped off as early as 6:45 am and can sit in the Commons. No matter how crowded this entrance may get, parents should NEVER use the bus and student lot to drop their students off. There is signage on McCrimmon Parkway that indicates the main entrance for parent drop off. Students should never be dropped/picked up on McCrimmon Parkway or apartment parking lots. Students should not run across McCrimmon Parkway as there is no crosswalk directly across the main entrance. Students should go to the nearest traffic light to safely cross the steet. Please review <u>this link</u> explaining carpool procedures before next week.

## REMINDER: Apply for free and reduced-price school meals now

To receive free or reduced-price meals for the 2024-25 school year, families must submit a meal benefits application online at <a href="MySchoolApps.com">MySchoolApps.com</a>. Paper copies will be available at your school's office. For families who completed the 2023-24 meal benefits application, the benefit continues for their student's first 30 school days of the 2024-25 school year. <a href="Check out school menus on Mealviewer">Check out school menus on Mealviewer</a>.

### REMINDER: Renew your volunteer application for 2024-25

Families and individuals who were approved to volunteer during the 2023-24 school year received an email on July 1 outlining the quick and easy volunteer renewal process for the 2024-25 school year. Click <a href="HERE">HERE</a> for information on volunteer renewal processes. Complete your renewal by Oct. 1. Visit <a href="Volunteering">Volunteering</a> in <a href="WCPSS">WCPSS</a> to learn more about volunteer renewal or apply to be a first-time volunteer.

### **REMINDER: PCHS Student/Parent Handbook**

Please use THIS LINK to access the 2024-25 Student/Parent Handbook.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

Please visit the school calendar on the PCHS website:

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

9/20: Teacher Workday: NO SCHOOL for students

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

9/25: Coffee with Catamounts 9:00-10:00 am Room 2613 (please sign in at front office)

10/3: Teacher Workday: NO SCHOOL for students



10/12: Homecoming Dance (details & ticket info coming soon)

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

10/14: Teacher Workday: NO SCHOOL for students

# **Administrator/Counselor Contact**

Administrator	Students (Last Name)	Counselor
Ms. Monica Click (msclick@wcpss.net)	9 <sup>th</sup> grade: A-He	Vacant Contact Ms. Telfair A-Ma
Ms. Jeorgine Trevithick  (jtrevithick@wcpss.net)	9 <sup>th</sup> grade: Hi-Pa	*Students with last names Hi-Ma will work with Shernita Telfair. Students with last names Mb-Pa will work with Michael Smith.
Mr. Joseph Biggs Email coming soon	9 <sup>th</sup> grade: Pe-Z	Mr. Michael Smith (msmith21@wcpss.net)  Mb-Z
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Thank you for your continued support of Panther Creek High School!