

## Catamount Messenger 7.26.24

Catamount Families,

Here is some important information for the 2024-2025 school year:

### New Student Orientation

Welcome new Catamounts! New students (9<sup>th</sup> graders and new students to PC) are invited to attend our school orientation on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Parents and students should plan to attend based on their last name. There will be sessions for parents and students to learn more about academic expectations, clubs, and processes/procedures of our school.

**8:30-10:30 – Attend if your last name is A-He**

**11:30-1:30- Attend if your last name is Hi-Pa**

**2:30-4:30- Attend if your last name is Pe-Z**

There will be food trucks on campus throughout the day for your convenience. If you have questions about orientation, please reach out to Ms. Crystal Locus at [clocus@wcpss.net](mailto:clocus@wcpss.net).

### Walk your Schedule

Panther Creek will open its doors on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> for all students who would like to walk their schedule from 9:00am to 11:00 am. This is not designed to be a “meet the teacher” event, as that is scheduled later. Teachers will be working in their classrooms or in meetings and may not be available to answer questions. This event is for students only.

### Driver Education Update for Fall 2024

Fall 2024 Driver Education classes and registration information will be released on 8/6/24.

Registration will open on a staggered basis Sept. 10-12, 2024. Please refer

to [www.jordandriving.com](http://www.jordandriving.com) as to the date and time for Panther Creek HS registration.

### Attendance and Enrollment for 2024-2025 school year

Please inform our school if you know your student will not be attending Panther Creek next year. If you know that you are moving or your student will not be in the base of Panther Creek High School next year, please reach out to our Registrar, Nikkia Higgs at [nhiggs@wcpss.net](mailto:nhiggs@wcpss.net). Also, it is extremely important for your student to be in attendance within the first week of school.

### New Online Payment System

Panther Creek High School will be using SchoolCash Online as its preferred method of payment for all school fees, including everything from parking to club fees. SchoolCash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly, and easily. By using SchoolCash

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Online, you help increase efficiency and security at our school by making payments directly into our school's bank account. This allows teachers and secretaries to focus on helping students, and not counting cash. In addition, you are immediately informed about school activities! If you have an account from last year there is no need to re-register.

This system puts all the school-related fees for your student online for purchase. PCHS can post their items and activities and assign the relevant fees to your student, so you can then make purchases online using your credit card. This allows you to stay informed about upcoming school activities while keeping track of the school fees that require your attention.

Registering is a simple task that takes less than two minutes. The link to register is: <https://wcpss.schoolcashionline.com/>. Once here, click REGISTER to get started. If you encounter any difficulties, please contact the SchoolCash Online [parent help desk](#).

### **Student Parking Application Window is OPEN!**

Seniors who wish to purchase a parking pass, may do this now. Please click [HERE](#) to access the information on student parking, which is also on the school website under the "Students" tab. In order to park on the campus of PCHS, you must have a parking pass. Students risk being towed if they park on campus without a pass or in a nearby apartment lot. If you have questions, reach out to Ms. Monica Click at [mclick@wcpss.net](mailto:mclick@wcpss.net).

### **Off-Campus Lunch Pass**

Off-campus lunch passes for Juniors and Seniors ONLY will be on sale beginning July 31<sup>st</sup> during office hours. In the summer, office hours are from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please bring proof of payment when submitting your application. Payment will be processed using SchoolCash Online. For more information on SchoolCash Online, see above. Information on off-campus lunch passes, including the application, can be found [HERE](#).

### **Class of 2025: ACTION NEEDED NOW**

North Carolina law now requires all rising 12th graders to receive a meningococcal vaccine booster before starting 12th grade. **The vaccination must be done before the 2024-25 school year begins.** Parents will need to provide a copy of their child's immunization record showing proof that the meningococcal vaccine has been completed prior to the first day of school. This is a 2-dose immunization; the 1st dose was required in the 7th grade in Wake County schools. Students' Wake ID account will be deactivated during the first day of school if proof of vaccination is not provided. During the summer, please submit these to Christina Erexson at [cerexson@wcpss.net](mailto:cerexson@wcpss.net). As of right now, we have over 500 Seniors who do not have proof of this vaccination.

### **Fall Sports Tryouts begin 7/31/24**

All student athletes must have a completed and approved athlete registration (DragonFly) AND have completed the tryout form to participate in fall sports tryouts. Please check the PC Athletics Twitter or Instagram accounts or click [HERE](#) for more information. Tryouts start July 31st! Contact Ryan Doggett, Athletic Director at [rdoggett@wcpss.net](mailto:rdoggett@wcpss.net) if you have questions.



### **PCHS Schedules**

Student schedules are continuing to be worked on and entered as new students are enrolled. Therefore, they are not complete and could change. Once we communicate to students and families that schedules have been set, we will then share with you the process to ask for any corrections.

### **Odds and Ends for the New School Year**

Below are some links that might be helpful as you plan for the upcoming school year.

- **WCPSS Transportation**. Please keep in mind that if you have not previously utilized bus transportation, then a request is necessary, as soon as possible. Students who have not registered for transportation by this point, need to be aware that a late registration may result in not having transportation on the first day of school. Click [HERE](#) to access the registration form on the WCPSS website. You will need your student's PowerSchool ID number. If you have questions about transportation, please contact Ms. Otten ([cotten2@wcpss.net](mailto:cotten2@wcpss.net)).
- **School Meals**. [This link](#) will provide you current school meal prices as well as an avenue to reload money on your student's lunch account.
- **Student Supply Lists**. PCHS does not produce student supply lists by grade level since needs are very different depending on the classes the student may be taken. Individual class needs will be communicated by teachers at the beginning of the school year. Any requested supplies will be very minimal. Students will need to bring a charged Chromebook (not personal computer) to school each day. 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving new Chromebooks before the start of the school year. Once we have a date for distribution, we will let parents know.
- **Class Syllabi**. Teachers will provide their syllabus for classes to students on the first day of class.
- **Cell Phone Policy**. PCHS will have a cell phone policy this school year. This will be communicated in advance to all students and parents. Please know that cell phone use in class is a major distraction to student engagement. Students will not need a cell phone in class and should not have them visible. Please begin talking about this with your student and we would appreciate your support in trying to curb student usage of cell phones during class time.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Please visit the school calendar on the PCHS website:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/14077#calendar27844/20210921/month>

7/31: Fall Sports tryouts begin (see website/Twitter/Instagram for specific information)

7/31: Off-campus lunch passes go on sale

8/8: New PCHS student orientation (8:30 am, 11:30 am, or 2:30 pm)

8/23: Walk Your Schedule Day (9:00 am-11:00 am)

8/27: First Day of School

9/5: Save the date! Meet the Teacher event 5:00-7:00 pm floating



**Administrator/Counselor Contact**

**During the summer, please contact Ms. Telfair for Student Services or counseling questions.**

Administrator	Students (Last Name)	Counselor
<p><b>Ms. Monica Click</b> (<a href="mailto:msclick@wcpss.net">msclick@wcpss.net</a>)</p>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> <b>A-He</b></p>	<p><b>Ashley Mathes</b> (<a href="mailto:amathes@wcpss.net">amathes@wcpss.net</a>) <b>A- Ma</b></p>
<p><b>Ms. Jeorgine Trevithick</b> (<a href="mailto:jtrevithick@wcpss.net">jtrevithick@wcpss.net</a>)</p>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> <b>Hi-Pa</b></p>	<p>*Students with last names Hi-Ma will work with Ashley Mathes. Students with last names Mb-Pa will work with Michael Smith.</p>
<p><b>Vacant</b></p>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> <b>Pe-Z</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. Michael Smith</b> (<a href="mailto:msmith21@wcpss.net">msmith21@wcpss.net</a>) <b>Mb-Z</b></p>
<p><b>Ms. Casey Otten</b> (<a href="mailto:cotten2@wcpss.net">cotten2@wcpss.net</a>)</p>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades:</b> <b>A-F</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. Mario Jones</b> (<a href="mailto:mjones13@wcpss.net">mjones13@wcpss.net</a>)</p>
<p><b>Mr. Dion Mapp</b> (<a href="mailto:amapp@wcpss.net">amapp@wcpss.net</a>)</p>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades:</b> <b>G - L</b></p>	<p><b>Ms. Akanksha Jain</b> (<a href="mailto:ajain@wcpss.net">ajain@wcpss.net</a>)</p>
<p><b>Mr. Grey Mangum</b> (<a href="mailto:tmangum2@wcpss.net">tmangum2@wcpss.net</a>)</p>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades:</b> <b>M-Ri</b></p>	<p><b>Ms. Langley Hoferkamp</b> (<a href="mailto:lhoferkamp@wcpss.net">lhoferkamp@wcpss.net</a>)</p>
<p><b>Ms. Crystal Locus</b> (<a href="mailto:clocus@wcpss.net">clocus@wcpss.net</a>)</p>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades:</b> <b>Ro - Z**</b></p>	<p><b>Ms. Angela Spangler</b> (<a href="mailto:aspangler@wcpss.net">aspangler@wcpss.net</a>)</p>
<p><b>Dean of Students</b></p>		<p><b>Ms. Shernita Telfair</b> (<a href="mailto:stelfair@wcpss.net">stelfair@wcpss.net</a>)</p>



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<b>Student Assistance Program Counselor</b>	<b>Ms. Jasmine Iverson</b> ( <a href="mailto:jiverson@wcpss.net">jiverson@wcpss.net</a> )
<b>School Principal</b>	<b>Dr. Gregory Decker</b> ( <a href="mailto:gdecker@wcpss.net">gdecker@wcpss.net</a> )

**Thank you for your continued support of Panther Creek High School!**