

Catamount Messenger 8.11.24

Catamount Families,

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

New Student Orientation- Rescheduled date!

Welcome new Catamounts! New students (9th graders and new students to PC) are invited to attend our school orientation on **August 13th**. We appreciate your flexibility with the date change due to the weather last Thursday and school closure. 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

Students who are unable to attend this orientation may attend the make-up session during walk your schedule on August 23rd. The make-up session will be from 9:00-9:45 am in the auditorium. If you have questions about orientation, please reach out to Ms. Crystal Locus at clocus@wcpss.net.

Attention: New PCHS Students and Families

The PTSA has Spirit Wear on hand for sale! There is a limited number of sizes of the popular PC Claws design that can be purchased in advance or at the upcoming new student orientation event on August 13th. The easiest way to purchase would be to re-order now and simply pick up at the event (while supplies last). You may also bring cash to the new student orientation for a quick transaction. The PTSA has a credit card swiper, however it may not be a super-fast transaction. T-Shirts are \$20 and Sweatshirts are \$35. You prepurchase your spirit wear here:

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

There will be other designs for sale by pre-order starting on August 13th.

New Process for obtaining DEC forms

All high schools in NC have been given the directive from NCDPI to only issue DEC forms if a student/parent can confirm an appointment with the DMV. The DEC form only lasts for 30 days. We are no longer allowed to provide multiple DEC forms if the 30-day window has passed and the student was unable to obtain their permit/license. Until we are given further direction, please be prepared to show confirmation of your appointment with the DMV within 30 days if you request a DEC form.

Si necesita servicios de traducción gratuitos para comprender los procesos escolares, llame al (919) 852-3303

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى خدمات الترجمة المجانية للتعرف على سير العمليات بالمدرسة، اتصل بالرقم (919) 852-3303

Si vous avez besoin de services de traduction gratuits pour comprendre les procédures scolaires, appelez le (919) 852-3303

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학교/교육 과정에 관한 무료 번역 서비스가 필요하시면 다음 번호로 연락하여 주십시오 (919) 852-3303

Nếu quý vị cần sự thông dịch miễn phí để hiểu phương pháp trường học, xin vui lòng gọi số điện thoại (919) 852-3303

如果您需要免费翻译服务来了解学校流程，请致电 (919) 852-3303



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 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 www.jordandriving.com for class details and information pertaining to Panther Creek High School. If you have questions, please reach out to pathercreek@jordandriving.com

PTSA- Please join!

PCHS parents, please support our students and school community by purchasing a 2024-25 PCHS PTSA membership! Your membership helps fund vital programs and events. Join us today and make a difference! panthercreekptsa.givebacks.com/store

Clear bag policy reminder

As required by WCPSS, Panther Creek High will require clear bags at all spectator events. This includes athletic events, performing arts events, and other events outside of the school day. PCHS will not hold bags for spectators. This expectation applies to both students and guests. Read more about the clear bag policy [HERE](#).

Cell Phone Policy at PCHS

Panther Creek High will have a cell phone/electronic device policy this school year. Please know that cell phone use in class is a major distraction to student engagement and negatively impacts student performance. Students should not have their cell phone visible in class. 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. You can read more about the PCHS cell phone policy [HERE](#).

SAVE THE DATE- Class of 2025!

We are excited to share that our graduation date has been set! Panther Creek High School class of 2025 will graduate on Wednesday, June 18 at 4pm at the Raleigh Convention Center.

REMINDER: Walk your Schedule

Panther Creek will open its doors on Friday, August 23rd 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 intended for students only.

REMINDER: 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. Also, it is extremely important for your student to be in attendance within the first week of school.

REMINDER: Student Parking Application Window is OPEN!

Seniors and Juniors 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 msclick@wcpss.net.

REMINDER: Off-Campus Lunch Pass

Off-campus lunch passes for Juniors and Seniors ONLY are on sale now 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](#).

REMINDER: 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. If you have an account from last year there is no need to re-register. The link to register is: <https://wcpss.schoolcashonline.com/>. Once here, click REGISTER to get started. If you encounter any difficulties, please contact the SchoolCash Online [parent help desk](#).

REMINDER: 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. **There are over 460 Seniors who have not submitted this documentation.** Please submit these to Christina Erexson at cerexson@wcpss.net.

REMINDER: PCHS Schedules

Student schedules are continuing to be worked on, although they are close to being finalized. 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. For this process, keep in mind that requests to make changes to core classes will be the priority.

Upcoming Dates

Please visit the school calendar on the PCHS website:

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

8/13: 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

9/2: Labor Day Holiday: NO SCHOOL for students or staff

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

9/20: Teacher Workday: NO SCHOOL for students



Administrator/Counselor Contact

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

Administrator	Students (Last Name)	Counselor
<p>Ms. Monica Click (msclick@wcpss.net)</p>	<p>9th grade: A-He</p>	<p>Ashley Mathes (amathes@wcpss.net) A- Ma</p>
<p>Ms. Jeorgine Trevithick (jtrevithick@wcpss.net)</p>	<p>9th grade: Hi-Pa</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>Mr. Joseph Biggs Email coming soon</p>	<p>9th grade: Pe-Z</p>	<p>Mr. Michael Smith (msmith21@wcpss.net) Mb-Z</p>
<p>Ms. Casey Otten (cotten2@wcpss.net)</p>	<p>10th-12th grades: A-F</p>	<p>Mr. Mario Jones (mjones13@wcpss.net)</p>
<p>Mr. Dion Mapp (amapp@wcpss.net)</p>	<p>10th-12th grades: G - L</p>	<p>Ms. Akanksha Jain (ajain@wcpss.net)</p>
<p>Mr. Grey Mangum (tmangum2@wcpss.net)</p>	<p>10th-12th grades: M-Ri</p>	<p>Ms. Langley Hoeferkamp (lhoeferkamp@wcpss.net)</p>
<p>Ms. Crystal Locus (clocus@wcpss.net)</p>	<p>10th-12th grades: Ro - Z**</p>	<p>Ms. Angela Spangler (aspangler@wcpss.net)</p>
<p>Dean of Students</p>		<p>Ms. Shernita Telfair (stelfair@wcpss.net)</p>



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Student Assistance Program Counselor	Ms. Jasmine Iverson (jiverson@wcpss.net)
School Principal	Dr. Gregory Decker (gdecker@wcpss.net)

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