

Catamount Messenger 8.14.20

Catamount Families,

August 17th will kick off the 20-21 school year for our students!

As a reminder, all students are starting the year in online learning – no students should report to campus.

Student Schedules

Students can view their schedule through PowerSchool. We have worked very hard to accommodate 8 of the 11 choices that students made up until June 11. Please know that we may need to make some administrative changes over the next several days but will try to minimize these.

There will be no schedule change requests unless there was an error made on our part.

Bell Schedules

Here is our bell schedule while we are operating on Plan B Transition (all students learning online).

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13gVpNLeYvWQQ2t2u83k8xrRu7HBiaML/view?usp=sharing>

First 10 Days Schedule

During the first 10 days, students will be participating in a variety of orientation activities throughout their classes and the live instruction time will be increased as seen on the schedule. Some of these activities will include school-wide lessons and others will involve teachers learning more about their students, students learning more about their teacher and classmates, as well as understanding the expectations that come with online learning and being a student at Panther Creek. Students will also begin course content as appropriate during this time and teachers will be determining their students' needs as they get started to help bridge gaps from previous courses.

Communication about Classes

Teachers will provide students with a weekly schedule for each class so that you and your child know what to expect for the week regarding live instruction times, daily assignments, upcoming assessments, due dates, etc. This will be sent through WCPSS student email. Weekly schedules for the week of the 17th should be sent out today by 5pm. Please have your child login to their email to view. Questions about the contents of a weekly schedule should be sent directly to the teacher.

Technology

Our teachers will be using Canvas or Google Classroom as their Learning Management System (LMS). **It will be essential that your child can access their WakeID portal, their WCPSS student e-mail account and PowerSchool.** All student/staff email communication must take place through WCPSS e-mail accounts.

WCPSS has created a "guide to technology" site: <https://www.wcpss.net/techguides>

Also, please see the instructional videos/slides about WakeID portal and PowerSchool posted on our PCHS webpage under "Current News."

Si necesita servicios de traducción gratuitos para comprender los procesos escolares, llame al (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



Device Pickup

Families who requested to checkout a Chromebook and/or hotspot through the WCPSS survey will receive directions sent directly to them regarding pickup at one of the regional locations.

If you did not complete the WCPSS device survey already, please contact Crystal Locus at clocus@wcpss.net to update your technology needs.

Opening of School / First Days

We recognize that some students may not have access to technology to get started on Monday or may have trouble attending to live instruction the first few days. Teachers know this and will work with you. However, please establish communication with teachers to let them know what is going on via email or a phone call to the school. You can also reach out to your child's counselor.

All Students/Families - Information to Support the Start of School

Please review the slides of information to help with the start of school for all students/families:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQ1IEDn2ISfNzBWYhgSWevC1yN28c00Tf_8buqHHuvZIIQecA61QCHqiFr-xB4jvA/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000

Meet the Teacher

This semester, we will have a virtual Meet the Teacher event for parents on Wednesday, August 19th. This will take place from 4:00 – 5:00pm. Each class period will be 10 minutes with a 5 minute transition in between. You'll receive a list of Google Meet codes on the day of the event. We'll repeat the sessions from 5:00 – 6:00pm. This will allow parents to choose which hour they'd like to attend or allow for parents with more than one child in our school to make it to multiple classes. If you are unavailable to make it live, you will be able to view a recorded version from the teacher on their LMS. We will also host live informational sessions from Student Services for parents of Seniors. The Senior Session will also have a recorded version if you would prefer to access at a different time.

Building & Visitors to Campus

In order to continue minimizing our visitors on campus and maintain the health and safety of all, please call or email the school when possible with questions or concerns. The main line is 919-463-8656. Staff emails can be found on the PCHS webpage under "Department Directory."

Early Release/Late Arrival and Mid-Year Graduation

Eligible Juniors and Seniors can still apply for Early Release/Late Arrival and/or Mid-Year Graduation – whether they are a student in PC or PCVA. Forms are due no later than August 21, but the later they are turned in, the harder it is to accommodate.

Early Release/Late Arrival form:

<https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/6295/Early%20Release%20Late%20Arrival%20form%2020-21%20fillable.pdf>

Mid-Year Graduation form:

<https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/6295/Early%20Mid-Year%20Graduation%20form%2020-21%20fillable.pdf>



WCPSS Website and Updates

The district maintains a return to campus website with all the latest information posted there. All the information they send in their messengers is also included on that website.

Please visit www.wcpss.net and click on “Update for 2020-21 School Year” in the header tab.

You can also go directly there using this link: <https://www.wcpss.net/returntocampus>

Panther Creek HS Website

Please visit the PCHS website frequently for current news, updates and a variety of other information:

<https://www.wcpss.net/panthercreekhs>

As a reminder, if you are accessing the website on a mobile device, you may need to scroll down and expand the “Current News” section to see the items listed there.

School Communication:

<https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/6295/Schoolwide%20Communication%20flyer%201.pdf>

Class of 2021

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yaBy6kpsYszUhQu4OtM6TmUEMsOFu_iintYFvtRTftQ/edit

Message from the Panther Creek PTSA

Online OR Brick and mortar ... We are still your Panther Creek High School PTSA! Join us!

As we learn and adapt to the many changes 2020 brings, the Panther Creek High School PTSA continues serving virtually and on campus. Join us!

The Panther Creek High School PTSA strives to serve students virtually and on campus. Join us!

<https://panthercreekptsa.memberhub.store/>

Class of 2024 (Freshman) Shirts are available to order on the PTSA store website:

<https://panthercreekptsa.memberhub.store/>

Class of 2021 (Senior) shirts are available to order on the PTSA store website:

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Graphics for both shirts can be seen on the PTSA store website.

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