

Catamount Messenger 8.7.20

Catamount Families,

We hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for the start of the 2020-21 school year!

Here is some important information to help you get started. We will continue to update you moving forward.

Panther Creek Virtual Academy Confirmation

Families that applied for the Panther Creek Virtual Academy (PCVA) should have received a confirmation letter through School Messenger at the beginning of this week. If you applied and did not receive a confirmation letter or if the duration of your assignment to PCVA is not correct (ex: signed up for full year and it only says fall semester), please contact Mr. Eric Rosen, Assistant Principal, at erosen@wcpss.net.

Student Schedules

We will be releasing student schedules through PowerSchool next week. A message will be sent out when they are released. As a reminder, any schedules that may appear in PowerSchool are just a draft until they are released. There will be no schedule change requests unless there was an error made on our part. We have worked very hard to accommodate 8 of the 11 choices made by students up until June 11.

PC / PCVA

As you know, WCPSS is in what we call "Plan B Transition" where we are preparing for the return of students to the school building on rotations. In the meantime, all students will participate in online learning until that transition begins. Students in Panther Creek Virtual Academy will remain in online learning for the duration of the semester/year (whichever they picked). In order to distinguish between them when we talk about it, the students that will eventually return to the building are designated as "PC" and students who are part of our Virtual Academy are "PCVA." We are one school – just with kids who will be in different learning environments throughout the year! Some classes will contain all PCVA kids and some will be blended with both PC and PCVA. When we return to the building, some blended classes will allow PC and PCVA kids to interact in their classes through daily live instructional activities.

Bell Schedules

Linked below is our bell schedule while we are operating on Plan B Transition (all students learning online). This schedule will be for both PC and PCVA students. Please note that the first 10 days have specific live learning times listed. After the first 10 days, live learning will be based on each teacher's weekly schedule that will be sent out prior to the start of the week. When we get ready to move to Plan B and PC students start rotating back in the building, we will publish an updated schedule which will also be similar for both PC and PCVA students.

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

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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



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 and/or the LMS for that class.

Technology

Our teachers will be using Canvas or Google Classroom as their Learning Management System (LMS) this school year. Additionally, it will be very important that your child can access their WakeID portal and their WCPSS student e-mail account. All student/staff email communication must take place through WCPSS e-mail accounts. WCPSS has created a "guide to technology" site that will continue to be updated:

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

Device Pickup

WCPSS has announced that those families who completed the technology survey and identified the need for a device can pick up their Chromebooks and/or hotspots at the following locations: Leesville Road HS, Knightdale HS, South Garner HS, Enloe HS, or Apex HS. The distribution times, starting on Monday, August 17th and lasting throughout the week, are as follows: Monday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Wednesday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Thursday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please know that if you need a Chromebook or hotspot, you must attend one of these distribution events, as we will not be having any distribution events at the school. Also, if you have already been given a Chromebook and it does not work or you are having issues with it, you can come to one of these distribution events to have it looked at.

*To accommodate social distancing and keep our families, staff, and volunteers safe, families will be assigned a date to collect their requested devices. They will be allowed to pick up their devices from any location on or after their assigned date.

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

Freshman Orientation / New Student Orientation

Since we are not able to have an in-person orientation for our freshmen and new students to PCHS, we have created this orientation video to acclimate our new students and families. Welcome to the Catamount family! <https://youtu.be/Ht7wJAqeMIQ>

Here is a virtual tour of our school until you are here in person!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QejiZd-W394&feature=youtu.be>



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_8buqHHuvZJIQecA61QCHqiFr-xB4jvA/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000

Meet the Teacher

This semester, we will have a virtual Meet the Teacher event for parents. Please save the date: Wednesday, August 19 in the early evening. More details will be out soon. If you are unavailable to make it live, you will be able to view recorded information from the teacher.

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."

Senior Vaccine Reminder

Students entering grade 12 need to have a 2nd dose of the Meningococcal booster and documentation needs to be on file with the school. Previous reminders have been sent. Students cannot attend school without required immunizations – even if it is online. Please send update immunization information to Christina Erexson in Student Services at cerexson@wcpss.net. If you need to drop a paper copy off to the main office, please do so between 7am – 3pm.

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>

Athletics

As you know, the fall athletics season continues to be delayed. As we receive additional information from WCPSS, we will let you know.

Parking

We are still waiting for additional information from WCPSS related to student parking. When we have that information, we will get it out to you. We are not doing anything related to student parking at this time.

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.

Our school’s Twitter feed can also be found on the school website if you are not a member of Twitter.

Messenger / School Communication

It is essential that our families receive communication from both the school and the district through School Messenger. For more information about School Messenger, please review this webpage:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/29367>

If parent contact information needs to be updated, please contact our Data Manager, Leslie Nelson, at lnelson@wcpss.net or 919-463-8656 extension 25196.

Spirit Wear

Our first round of spirit wear is available for purchase online until August 13th. Information can be found at this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pSxhIaSHjrWYveX4K6XfLPZZPrX2aFiM/view?usp=sharing>

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://panthercreekptsamemberhub.store/>

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

<https://panthercreekptsamemberhub.store/>

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

<https://panthercreekptsamemberhub.store/>

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

Administrator/Counselor Contact

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