



Parent Session

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION
2019



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Congratulations!
Your child is a
Freshman!

What makes Panther Creek so special?

- Outstanding academics
- Great opportunities for Athletics
- Fantastic Band, Choral, Drama, Dance, and Arts Programs
- Terrific chances for your student to engage in clubs that spark their interests!
- SMART Lunch opportunities within the school day
- Fabulous Catamount staff members who want to partner with you to help your student succeed
- Your PTSA Supports EVERY student in this school!

What does it mean to be PCHS?

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- For Students: Participate actively in learning
- For Parents: Participate actively and be engaged in the PCHS community!

What does it mean to be PCHS?

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Celebrate diversity

- For Students: Embracing, honoring and respecting our similarities and differences to create a well-rounded school culture
- For Parents: We do the same – model and encourage our children to celebrate diversity in their school community

What does it mean to be PCHS?

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- For Students: Honor PCHS and WCPSS procedures and policies
- For Parents: Know where to find information about procedures and policies and communicate with your children about them. PTSA can help!

What does it mean to be PCHS?

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- For Students: Strive to be a person of character
- For Parents: Encourage and support the development of strong character to support a positive school community

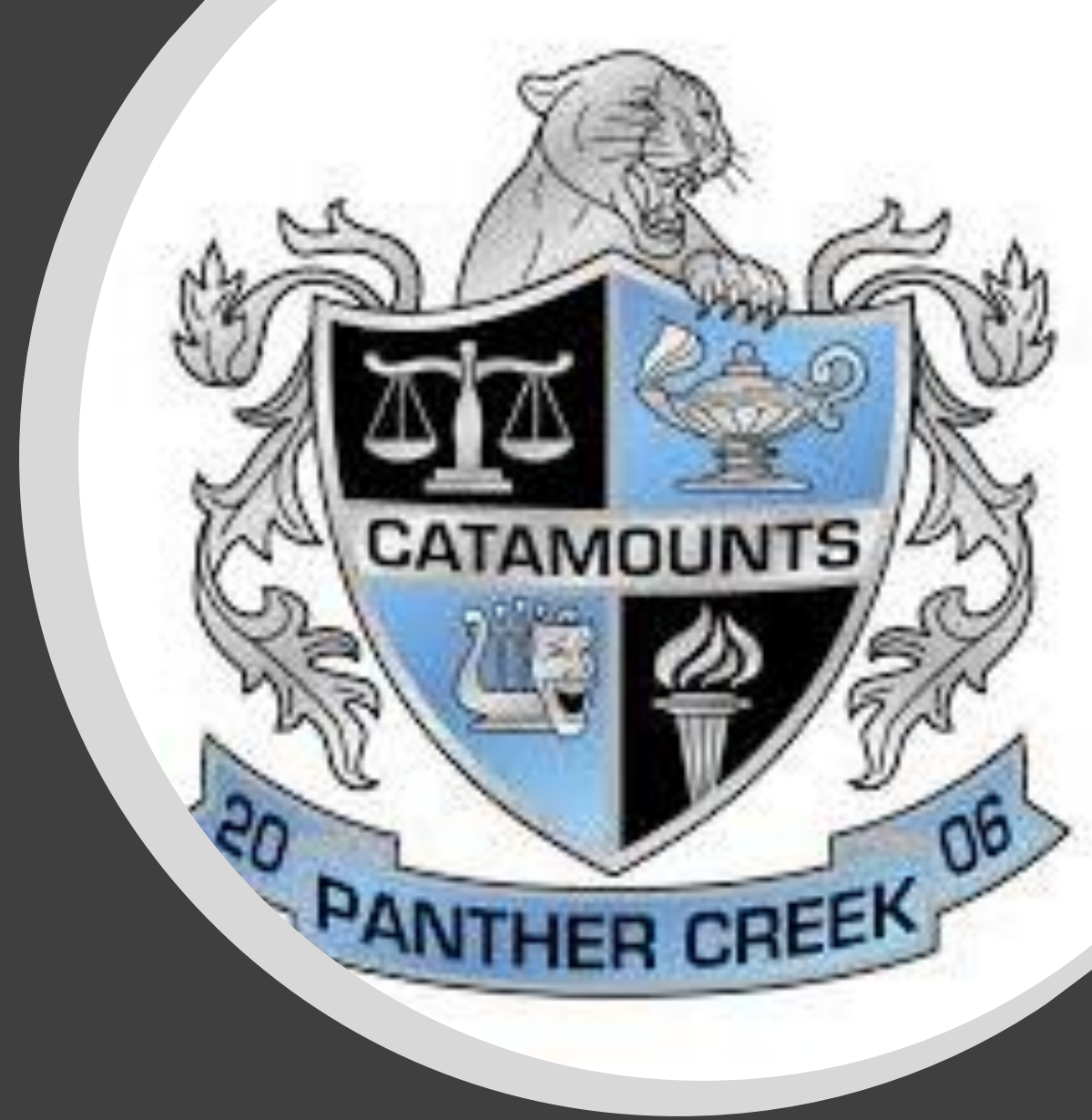


**What does it mean to be
PCHS?**

- Character traits taught by WCPSS & PCHS
 - Courage
 - Good Judgement
 - Integrity
 - Kindness
 - Perseverance
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Self-Discipline

What does it mean to be PCHS?

- Demonstrate character and represent PCHS in all areas:
 - Classrooms
 - Hallways
 - Lunch
 - School Activities
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Athletics
 - Cyberspace



PBIS at PCHS

- PBIS = Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- We teach and reteach our kids the expectations and behaviors we want them to strive for.
- We'll meet with all grade levels at the beginning of school and then teachers will have lessons and activities in their Period 2 classes at the start of each semester.
- We'll include reteaching as needed throughout the year.

The SMART in SMART Lunch

- **S: Students**
 - **M: Maximizing**
 - **A: Achievement**
 - **R: Relationships &**
 - **T: Time**
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- **One lunch period for the school – 10:24-11:18**

The SMART in SMART Lunch

- **Students should plan to use half of the lunch block for lunch and half of the block for academic purposes:**
 - Tutorials
 - Time in teachers' classrooms in case they have questions or need support
 - Makeup work/quizzes/tests
 - Collaboration with peers
 - Studying, homework, additional time for assignments
 - Intramurals
 - Media Center
 - Career Conversations
 - Counselor Corner
 - And More!

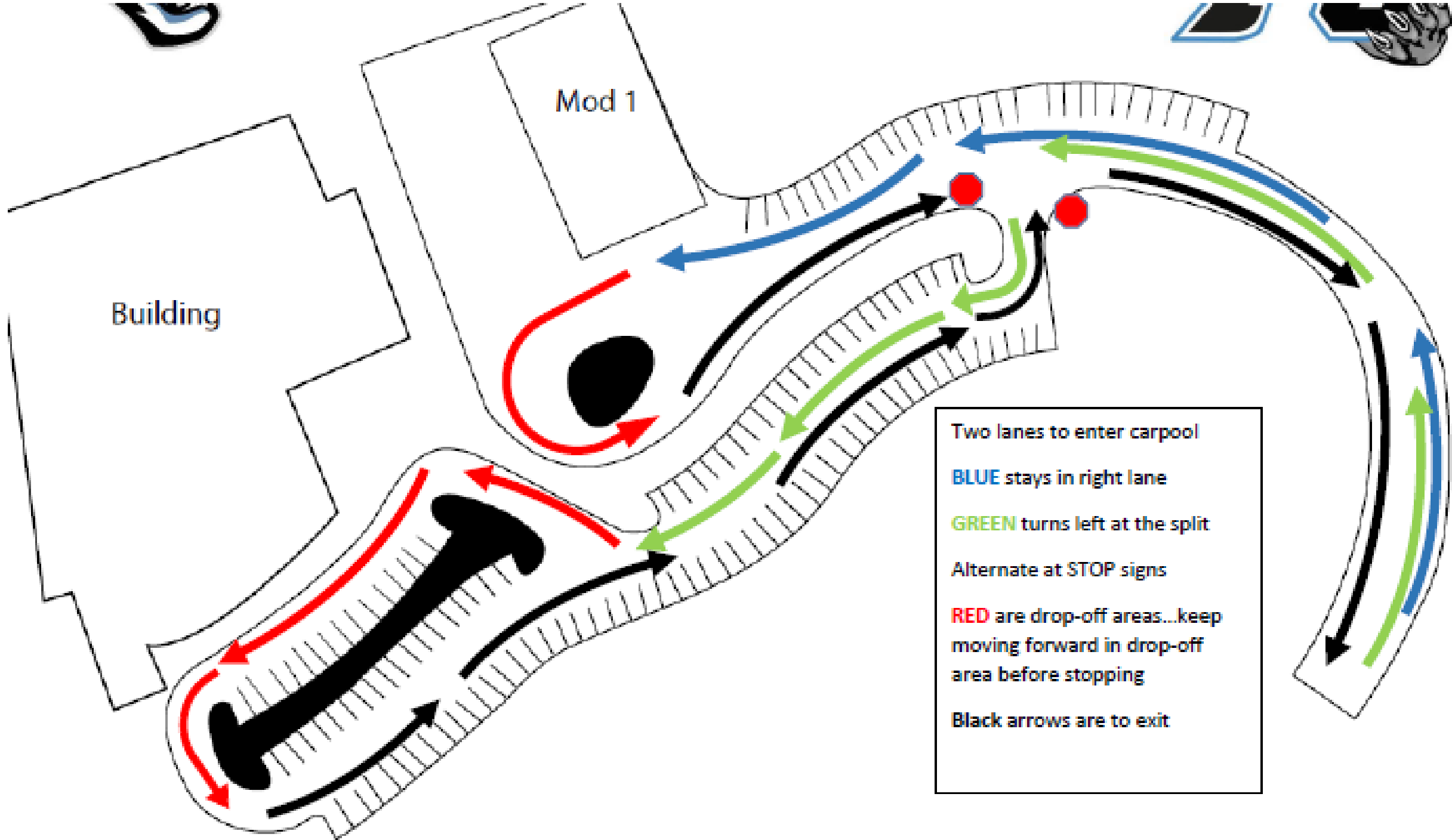
How does SMART Lunch work?

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
A 10:24 UNTIL 10:54	INTRAMURALS SOCIAL STUDIES	HEALTHFUL LIVING INTRAMURALS MATH WRITING CENTER	FINEARTS SCIENCE WORLD LANGUAGES WRITING CENTER	CTE HEALTHFUL LIVING WRITING CENTER	ENGLISH INTRAMURALS SPECIAL EDUCATION
B 10:54 UNTIL 11:18	SCIENCE SPECIAL EDUCATION WORLD LANGUAGES	CTE FINE ARTS	ENGLISH	SOCIAL STUDIES	MATH

- Every department offers “tutorials” or “time available” during SMART Lunch 2x per week
- Students need to create their own personalized SMART Lunch schedule based on the courses they are registered for in a semester – this will tell them when their teachers are available

Carpool / Student Drop-off

- Use the entrance that is closest to Hwy 55 for carpool
 - The entrance closest to the 540 bridge will be for student drivers and buses
- There are 2 lanes in and 1 lane out
- There are 2 drop-off points – depends on which lane you are in
 - Inner lane will go to the front of the school
 - Outer lane will go to the small loop by the modular
- Carpool starts getting busy by 7:00 – please plan accordingly
- Unload anyplace in the unloading zone – please don't wait until you are at the front door



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Tips for Catamount Parent Success



Opt-in to School Messenger (Dr. Decker's emails & texts)



Join the PTSA



Register as a volunteer (using school computers – media center today)



Join the PTSA Parent Groups on Facebook



Follow @CreekPTSA on Twitter



Keep up with the PTSA Website (link on PCHS website)



Attend and Support the Catamounts at School Events



Tips for Catamount Parent Success

- Join the PTSA!
- The overall purpose of the PTSA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.
- By joining the Panther Creek PTSA, you are also joining the North Carolina PTA and the National PTA. Visit the school website for information on joining!



Tips for Catamount Parent Success

- Register as a WCPSS volunteer!
- Renewal needed every year
- Use WCPSS computer – today in the Media Center
- Volunteer for field trips, athletic and extracurricular activities



Tips for Catamount Parent Success

- Join the PCHS PTSA Facebook Groups
- PCHS Class of 2023 Parents
 - Change the year 2022, 2021, 2020 for the other groups
- PCHS Updates

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Tips for Catamount Parent
Success

- Join Twitter:
- @CreekPTSA
- @ThePantherCreek
- @_Panther_Creek_
(Athletics)

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Tips for Catamount Parent Success

- Keep up with the PTSA website and newsletter
- Link to website from PCHS website (Parents tab)
- Look for 1st day packets that need signatures!

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Meet the Teacher

- 1st Semester classes:
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
(4:30 – 7:00pm)
- Informal, floating time –
come when you can during
those times
- Meet the teacher, receive
course information
- 2nd Semester courses – end of
January

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Tips for Catamount Parent Success

- Keep an eye out for additional opportunities to engage in the PCHS community:
 - Family Academy seminars
 - Catamount Coffee
 - Student Services events

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*Some people call
it Chaos... We call
it Family!*

