



Welcome to Panther Creek

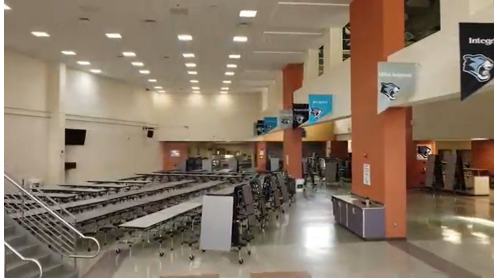
2022-2023 New Student Orientation!
August 10, 2022



Principal Welcome

Dr. Greg Decker

Student Rotations



Tours

Yellow
Green
Brown



Auditorium

Lt Blue
Red
Orange



Media Center

Purple
Pink
Blue

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CREEKHS**

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**Welcome to the
2022-2023 School Year**

**Become a Member Today,
We need You!**

PTSA Supported Programs

- Kudos for Catamounts
Character Awards
- Spotlight Student
Breakfast
- Student Recognition
- Staff Appreciation
- Senior Activities
- Staff Grants

Ways to Support the PTSA's Mission

- Become a Member
- Join our Board
- Donate items to school events (we send out electronic sign-up forms to our volunteers)
- Donation of time at school events such as Meet the Teacher
- Direct donations and Business Sponsorships to fund our programs

PTSA RESOURCES

- Twitter @CreekPTSA
- Facebook: PCHS PTSA (Panther Creek High School PTSA)<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1699977293582204/>
- If you have a Senior: PCHS Class of 2023 Parents
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/288747065132103/>
- There is a wealth of information on our county (<https://www.wakepta.org/>), state (<https://ncpta.org/>) and national (<https://www.pta.org/>) websites.

<https://www.panthercreekpta.org/>



Membership



HOW TO JOIN!

Membership is only \$12 per person.

You may join on our online store:
<https://panthercreekptsa.memberhub.com/store>

Or our PTSA website
panthercreekptsa.org and
navigate to the Membership link.

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WE NEED YOU!

Please contact us via

president@panthercreekptsa.org

so we can speak with you.

PTSA Volunteer Needs

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

URGENT



Dean of Students

Mrs. Shernita Telfair

	A – Cl	Co – Hi	Ho-L	M – Pa	Pe – Si	Sl – Z
Administrator	Ms. Monica Click	Ms. Casey Otten	Mr. Kenon Crumble	Mr. Dion Mapp	Mr. Grey Mangum	Ms. Crystal Locus
Counselor	Ms. Katherine Gambella	Mr. Mario Jones	Ms. Daria Johnson	Ms. Akanksha Jain	Ms. Langley Hoeferkamp	Ms. Erica Pendergraft

Administrator and

Counselor Assignments

**Administrator and Counselor
Assignments are based on the last
name of the student as is written on
their official record.**

Josh Field



What does it mean to be a Catamount?

Character traits of WCPSS & PCHS

- Courage
- Good Judgement
- Integrity
- Kindness
- Perseverance
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Self-Discipline



What does it mean to be a Catamount?

Demonstrate character and represent PCHS in all areas:

- Classrooms
- Hallways
- Lunch
- School Activities
- Extracurricular Activities
- Athletics
- Cyberspace

Daily Bell Schedule	
1 st	7:25-8:54
2 nd	9:00 – 10:29
3 rd & Lunch	10:35 – 12:49
4 th	12:55 – 2:23

A Lunch 10:35 – 11:09

A Class 11:15 – 12:49

B Class 10:35 – 12:09

B Lunch 12:15 - 12:49

A day at Panther Creek....

Students arriving before 6:55am will wait in the commons.

After 6:55, all students report directly to 1st period.

Students will report to lunch based on third period.

Block schedule...

Each course is taught in less than 90 days

Absences significantly affect learning

- **First Semester**

- August 29 – January 26
- Final Exams – January 20-26

- **Second Semester**

- January 30 – June 9
- Exams: June 5-9



Exams are always given during the last 5 days of each semester.



Exams are worth 20% of the course grade in most courses.



Do not book school visits and vacations, etc., during the exam window until you know the exact schedule.

Important Note

For Final Exams

Typical 9th grade schedule...



Sample core classes:

- English I
- World History
- Intro Math, Foundations of Math 1 and 1B, Math 1, Math 2, Math 3
- Healthful Living
- Earth/Environmental Science or Biology

Sample electives:

- Band
- Dance
- Chorus
- Theater
- CTE courses

Choosing the right level:

Academic, Honors, AP, or CCP

Academic

- Meets the NC standard course of study

Honors

- Extends beyond standard course
- More application and rigorous learning

Advanced Placement

- Curriculum taught at college level
- Eligible for college credit through AP Exams

Career & College Promise

- Dual enrollment through Community College
- Courses taken on college campus for HS/College Credit

Academic	Honors	AP
A – 4	A – 4.5	A – 5
B – 3	B – 3.5	B – 4
C – 2	C – 2.5	C – 3
D - 1	D – 1.5	D - 2

- Personal and academic growth
- Rigorous courses look favorable for college admissions.
- Rigorous work helps improve SAT and ACT scores.
- Earn college credit in high school with AP exams.
- Students are exposed to college level work with high school support.
- Helps ease the transition from high school to college
- Weighted credit for final course grade
- AP courses available starting Sophomore year
- CCP courses available starting Junior year

Benefits of taking Advanced courses...

Sample GPA Calculation



Course	Grade	Quality Points
English III	A	4
American History I	B	3
Chemistry	A	4
Spanish I	B	3
Weighted GPA: 3.5		

Course	Grade	Quality Points
English III Honors	C	2.5
AP Psychology	B	4
Chemistry Honors	A	4.5
Spanish I	B	3
Weighted GPA: 3.5		

WCPSS's Student Device Program

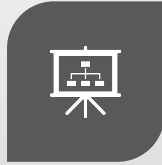
- The Student Device Program provides every WCPSS student with a student device to use at school and at home. Students will receive a new student device every three to four years. To participate in the Student Device Program, students must sign an annual Student Device Program Agreement Form and follow the expectations outlined in the agreement.
- Schools will distribute and collect devices, however WCPSS Technology Services will provide annual guidance for distribution timelines, device life cycles, and student expectations.
- Students began receiving devices during the 2019-2020 school year.
- Any student who does not have an assigned device will be provided with a new device, and some students who have older model devices will turn those in for a new device.



Skills that support high school success...



TIME
MANAGEMENT



ORGANIZATION



STUDY HABITS



SELF-ADVOCACY



PCHS BASIC
EXPECTATIONS

How parents can support high school students...



- ✓ Set goals with your child each quarter and/or semester.
- ✓ Discuss assignments with child.
- ✓ Set a regular time and place for homework.
- ✓ Communicate with teachers regularly.
- ✓ Monitor academic progress.
- ✓ Provide daily encouragement.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

The screenshot displays the PowerSchool Parent Portal interface. At the top, it says "Welcome, 99 299 | Help | Sign Out". Below this, the school name "Apple Grove High School" and the term "12-13 Semester 2" are shown. The main navigation bar includes "Start Page > Student Selection > Quick Lookup". The "Quick Lookup" section shows the student "Babb, Judy H 12 34 AGHS1". Below this, there are tabs for "Quick Lookup" and "Standards Grades". The "Attendance By Class" table is visible, showing attendance data for various classes.

Exp	Last Week				This Week				Course	Absences						Tardies				
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W		H	F	S1	S2	S2	12-13	S2	12-13			
1(A)											A-	B+	A-	A-	A-	A-	0	5	0	0
											94	89	92	93	95	93				
2(A-B)											-	-	-	A	B+	A-	0	0	0	0
														100	87	93				
3(A)											-	-	-	A	A	A	1	1	0	0
														100	100	100				
4(A-B)											-	-	-	A-	B	B+	0	0	0	0
														92	83	89				
1(B)											B+	A-	B+	B	B	B	0	5	0	0
											88	91	89	85	85	85				
3(B)											C+	B+	B-	B	B+	B	0	5	0	0

□ Your middle school account will roll over into high school – no need to sign up again!

□ What information will be available in PowerSchool?

■ Grades, Missing Assignments, Attendance, Schedule, Fines

□ Sign up for “PowerSchool Parent Portal” by contacting Student Services if you are new to WCPSS or never had an account.

Resources to support PCHS students

- *PowerSchool Student and Parent Portals*
- *Online tutorials*
- *Canvas Learning Management System/Teacher Websites*
- *Media Center*
- *Teachers*
- *Counselors*
- *School Administrators*



Transitioning to PCHS in 2022-2023...

- Some uncertainty...“what ifs”...
- New Social Environment...
- Independence from their families...
- Peer relationships...
- Search for identity...

Occurs by developing:

- ☐ Values
- ☐ Pride in one's achievements
- ☐ Close relationships with peers

why?
how? who?
WHEN?
Where?

Families can...

Listen...

Ask probing questions...

Concerns noted by new students:

- Understanding the requirements of new teachers and courses
- Learning the expectations of a new school
- Making new friends in a new/online setting
- Peer acceptance; fitting in.



Other Support Thoughts.....Managing Social Interactions, Friendships, Social Media, etc.

The reality of school (elementary, middle and high) is that friendships are fluid.

- Discuss “healthy relationships” and the true meaning of being a ‘friend’.
 - Does a ‘true’ friend talk about you?
 - How should you respond to peer pressure?
- Discuss and monitor “Social Media”.
 - (Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, KIK, Ask.fm, text messages, TikTok, etc.)
- Encourage your child to seek out their school counselor when they have any concerns.

Preparing for Beyond High School

Stay Focused...Start Strong

9th Grade

- Focus on Grades
- Participate in Volunteer opportunities
- Get connected with school extracurricular activities
- Take interest inventory test
- Create an CFNC account (www.cfnc.org)
- Get to know your School Counselor

10th Grade

- Focus on Grades
- Take Pre-ACT and PSAT Test
- Volunteer
- Extracurricular Activities
- Start Researching Schools
- Get to know your School Counselor

Stay Focused...Continue Strong

Preparing for Beyond High School

Stay Focused...Stay Strong

11th Grade

- Focus on Grades; Stay involved
- Visit Colleges/Universities
- Talk to admission counselors (attend college fairs, workshops)
- Take the SAT and/or ACT Test
- Connect with School Counselor and Teachers for recommendations
- Explore post graduation options
- Take ASVAB test, if applicable



12th Grade

- Focus on Grades
- Stay involved
- Complete Application(s) (College, Work, Military, Trade School, 2-year College)
- Take SAT and/or ACT
- Apply for scholarships

Stay Focused...Finish Strong

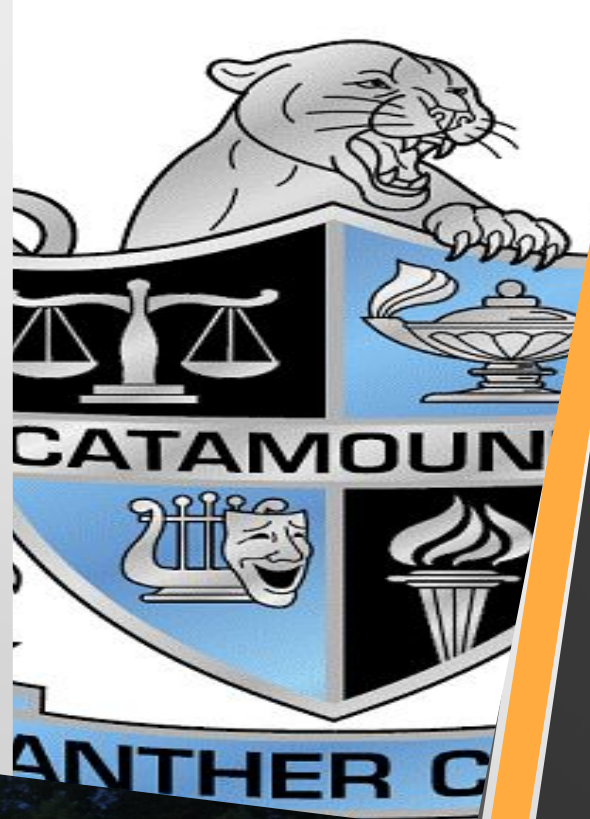
Student Services



- Provides a continuum of support services that positively impact the personal/social, academic, and career development of the student
- Resources include individual counseling, small group counseling, consultations, and referrals to community agencies.
- Students must use WCPSS student account to email teachers and counselors. We cannot respond to personal email. Check with Media Center staff for help (Tessa Newcombe and Sharon Purucker).
- Appointments with Counselors – You can email your counselors. Once on campus, you can go into Student Services and make an appointment at the desk.
- Parents can contact counselors directly via email or phone with questions (if it is a question about a class, contact the teacher first).



Student Body President, Riya Shah
Senior Class President, Rayan Rao



Welcome New
Students!
#alwaysacatamount!

