

Welcome to Pacific Trails Middle School

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Bell Schedule/Calendar

- School starts at 8:20 and ends at 2:50
- Zero Period starts at 7:20 a.m.
- Mondays are single period days
- Tuesday/Thursday are 1, 3, 5
- Wednesday/Friday are 2, 4, 6
- Homeroom – listed as period 7 on the locator, but before lunch

Attendance

- **Block Schedule**
- **If a student is absent, call the Attendance Office or send note**
- **Unexcused absences are marked truant**
- **Call ahead for off campus passes for quicker pick up**
- **Excused tardies vs Unexcused tardies**

Student Drop Off and Pickup

- Student drop off/pick up is at the front of the school – use the yellow lane, next to sidewalk.
- Please pull forward
- One way in and one way out of parking lot
- During the school day, please do not park at CCA. They ticket with no parking permit

Safety Reminder: Student should not “hang out” at the PHR center across the street before or after school.

Bikes and Skateboards

- **Skateboards & Bikes**
 - Please have your student wear a helmet
 - Racks to lock bikes, scooters, and skateboards are located at the front of the school near field
 - Students need their own lock and **must** lock bikes, skateboards, and scooters
 - Students should keep their helmet in their backpack or lock it to their bike

Dress Code

- See Discipline information (on website).
- With the exception of flip-flops, our dress code looks just like the elementary school dress code
- Please check what your child is wearing to school each day – even check what they have on under that sweatshirt!

Student Messages

- **Notify the attendance office for messages**
- **Forgotten items can be delivered to the office – i.e. lunch, PE clothes, homework, backpacks, etc.**

Medications

- Students may not carry any medications with them on campus.
- The school cannot administer any medications (including over-the-counter meds) unless parents and/or physician complete medication disbursement form (available through Health Office). This includes inhalers.
- Students in a soft/hard cast or on crutches need a doctors note on file.
- Immunizations: All students must have current immunizations, including Tdap to enter 7th grade. (No shots, no school)

Preparing Your Child for Success

- **Talk to your student before school starts about their academic responsibilities and your expectations**
- **Monitor & support academic progress**
 - Encourage your student to use the student agenda (it's a free tool!)
 - Parent should check the agenda often
 - Check Aeries weekly
 - Check teacher websites regularly
 - Contact the teacher first when concerned
- **Make it a parent/child partnership**
- **Consistent attendance**
- **Encourage your student to participate in extracurricular activities - promote healthy choices**

Formal Progress Reports

- Deficiency Notices: Only for D/F grades at 5-week point of each quarter
- Quarterly Progress Reports: Weeks 9 & 27
- Semester Report Cards: All students receive grades for all classes; week 18 in Jan. & week 36 in June
- All progress reports/report cards are available on-line via Aeries (report cards are not printed unless requested)

School-Based Support

- **Teacher Appointments**
- **Homeroom**
- **HW Hour** (*Tuesdays & Wednesdays after school*)
- **Peer Tutoring**
- **Counselor** (assists students with helping find appropriate academic, social, emotional support)

What is Homeroom?

Homeroom is a time and a place where:

- Students take care of academic responsibilities (ex: homework, studying, getting organized)
- Students respect each other's academic needs with quiet voices
- Students can see other teachers when needed (make-up work, finish tests, academic support)
- Intervention and enrichment happens
- Students who are caught up on academic responsibilities may choose to read, do mindful activities (reading, writing, art, puzzles)
- Students make connections with other students through community building and wellness activities
- Students have the opportunity to collaborate (student initiated group work). Learning Commons has a space and process to sign up to work together.
- Students can use devices to support academic success

What are Late Start Mondays?

- See school calendar for dates
- Approximately 2 per month
- Teachers involved in staff development
- School starts at 9:55 a.m.
- No Zero period

Wellness at PTMS

- **Quarterly Themes**
 - 1st Quarter: Social Wellness
 - 2nd Quarter: Physical Wellness
 - 3rd Quarter: Intellectual Wellness
 - 4th Quarter: Emotional Wellness

What are Family Nights?

- An opportunity to connect as a family
- No homework and No tests the next day
- See PTMS website calendar for dates
- We want to know what your family is doing. .
.please send us pictures to share your Family
Night activity
- Support our culture of wellness: social, physical,
intellectual, and emotional

Save the Date!

- **Back to School Night**
 - September 14th
 - Parents only