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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



SCHOOL REGISTRATION & STUDENT FEE INFORMATION

6:00 PM.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

First day of school for Kindergarten (Woodridge), 2nd (John Muir), all Lewiston, all Endeavor, 6th grade, 9th grade, and new Portage Academy students

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

First day of school for 1st grade (Woodridge), 3rd-5th grade (John Muir), 7-8th grade, 10-12th grade, returning Portage Academy students - Second day for all other grade levels

NEW STUDENTS: All parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of new students to the Portage area who have not previously registered should do so online at the district website (www.portage.k12.wi.us) or in the District Registrar's office located at Portage High School, 301 E. Collins St., Portage, WI. Online registration opens July 8. Please call ahead to make an appointment if possible, (608) 742-8545 ext. 1015.

BUS REGISTRATION: If your child needs to ride the bus, you must fill out the online form to provide your information to the bus company. The form is online on the district website (www.portage.k12.wi.us) under the District tab, click "Bus Transportation." Paper copies are available at onsite registration and at Bartels Middle School or the registrar's office located at Portage High School.

ALL STUDENT ABSENCES: All parents/legal guardians are required to call the school by 8:00 AM when your child will be absent. Please give the reason for the absence and send a note explaining the absence when the student returns.

REGISTRATION

STUDENT FEES

SECONDARY (GRADES 6-12): Please complete online or in person at Portage High School on July 16 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-5): Please

complete online or in person at **Portage**

High School on July 18 from 10:00 AM to

Galley Studios will be taking pictures onsite during registration. They will also be onsite for grades 6-12 during open house. Order forms can be found on the district website (www.portage.k12.wi.us).

Elementary Student Fees Required:

\$20 for all students (includes all basic supplies)
Students only need to bring a backpack and gym shoes.

Bartels Middle School Student Fees

Required: Sixth grade and new students-\$16 (Chromebook case included)

Optional: Concert Band students- \$10.

Portage High School Student Fees

Required: Lock \$6.50

Optional: Chromebook Case \$25; Parking Pass \$30; Yearbook \$60 (before August 28).

2024-25 course fees will be assessed each term.

All fines and obligations from the prior year should be taken care of at registration.

All fees are payable to Portage Schools.



<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>

September 3 First Day (K- WR, 2nd-Muir, 6th, 9th, new PAA, all Endeavor/Lewiston) September 4 All grade levels October 24-25 No School November 27-29 No School December 23-31 No School January 1 No School January 2 School Opens January 24 No School/Inservice February 14 No School March 17-21 No School - Spring Break April 18 No School May 21 PAA Graduation May 26 No School - Memorial Day May 30 PHS Graduation June 5 Last Day of School

The PCSD will continue the use of virtual/at-home learning which allows us to officially make June 5 the last day of school for the 24-25 school year.

Early Release Dates-

September 13, 27 October 4, 11, 18 November 1, 8, 15, 22 December 6, 13, 20 January 10, 17, 31 February 7, 21, 28 March 7, 14, 28 April 4, 11, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23 June 5

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Elementary: November 14, 19 (4 - 7 PM)

Bartels MS: October 10, 15 (4 - 7 PM)

Portage HS: October 14 (4 - 8 PM)

Portage HS: January 13 (4 - 8 PM)

Elementary: February 13, 18 (4 - 7 PM) **Bartels MS:** February 20, 25 (4 - 7 PM) **Portage HS:** April 14 (4 - 8 PM)



PORTAGE PARTNERING PRESCHOOL

Children must be 4 years of age on or before September 1. Each site may have additional paperwork/requirements. A shuttle for 4K will be provided.

Please contact the preschool your child(ren) will be attending for additional information.

Alphabet Express (608) 566-5626

Classes (Mon - Thurs) 8:00 - 11:00 AM or 12:00 - 3:00 PM

August 29 Meet the Teacher Day, 8:00 - 11:00 AM or 12:00 - 3:00 PM

September 4 First Day of School

Head Start (608) 742-5329

Classes (Mon - Thurs) 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Open House Week of August 26, information will be sent to families

September 3 First Day of School

Learning Tree Child Care Center (608) 742-7035

Classes (Mon - Thurs) 8:00 - 11:15 AM, wraparound care offered at additional cost

August 27 Open House, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

September 3 First Day of School

Little School, INC. (608) 742-2129

Classes (Mon - Thurs) 8:00 - 11:00 AM or 12:00 - 3:00 PM

August 29 Meet the Teacher, information will be sent to families

September 3 First Day of School

St. John's Child Development Center (608) 742-9000

Classes (Mon - Thurs) 8:00 - 11:00 AM or 12:00 - 3:00 PM, child care optional

August 26 Open House, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

September 3 First Day of School

St. Mary School (608) 742-4998

Classes (Mon-Thurs) 8:00 - 11:00 AM, enrichment hours optional

August 27 Back to School Night, 4:00 - 6:30 PM

September 3 First Day of School

Elementary Schools

Bartels Middle School

Portage High School

Students will be provided with needed classroom items, they will only need a backpack and gym shoes.

ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE: August 27, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Open House will be located at each elementary school.

Pencil Case, Pens/Pencils/Erasers, Highlighters, Colored Pencils/Markers, Binders/Folders, Notebooks/Paper, Calculator, Earbuds (BMS-corded only)

Supplies listed are recommended and needed for all courses. Specific classroom supplies can be found on the supplies lists found on each school's website.

BMS OPEN HOUSE: August 29, 4:00 - 6:00 PM **PHS OPEN HOUSE:** August 28, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

SCHEDULED SCHOOL DAY

Endeavor (608) 587-2625 7:55 AM - 3:00 PM *Melissa Kane, Principal*

John Muir (608) 742-5531 7:55 AM - 3:15 PM Angela Gulrud, Principal **Lewiston** (608) 742-2524 7:55 AM - 3:00 PM Cherida VanderSchaaf, Principal

Woodridge (608) 742-3494 7:55 AM - 3:00 PM Cherida VanderSchaaf, Principal **Bartels Middle School**

(608) 742-2165 7:45 AM - 3:15 PM Kasey Podoll, Principal Portage High School (608) 742-8545 7:50 AM - 3:20 PM Jennifer Garrigan, Principal

Portage Academy of Achievement (608)742-8545

(608) /42-8545 8:15 - 11:15 AM, 12:15 - 3:15 PM Sean Stout, Principal

Food Service Department

Our district is implementing the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) program for grades K-8 during the 2024-25 school year. This provides free breakfast and lunch for students enrolled full time in grades K-8. At the end of the school year, PCSD will re-evaluate the program to consider including grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year.

Breakfast

Lunch

Free and Reduced Applications

K-8: No Charge 9-12: \$2.00 K-8: No Charge 9-12: \$3.75 available to print from the district website (www.portage.k12.wi.us) They will be available at onsite registration or can be picked up at any school building.

Reduced Breakfast

9-12: \$0.30

Reduced Lunch

9-12: \$0.40

To ensure benefits are available to your household on the first day of school, **please** submit prior to August 29.

Immunization Requirements - Age/Grade Requirements for 2024-25 School Year

Per the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law, State Statute 252.04, the following are the minimum required immunizations for each age/grade level. Additional information may be recommended for your child depending on their age. Please contact your doctor or local health department to determine if your child needs additional immunizations. Further description is also stated on the school district website (https://www.portage.k12.wi.us/district/immunization).

Age/Grade

Number of Doses

PreK (2 - 4 yrs)	4DTP/DTaP/DT	3 Polio	3 Нер В	1 MMR	1 Varicella*	
Grades K - 6th	4DTP/DTaP/DT	4 Polio	3 Нер В	2 MMR	2 Varicella*	
Grade 7th	4 or 5DTP/DTaP/DT/Td + 1 Tdap	4 Polio	3 Нер В	2 MMR	2 Varicella*	1 MenACWY**
Grades 8-11th	4DTP/DTaP/DT + 1 Tdap	4 Polio	3 Нер В	2 MMR	2 Varicella*	
Grade 12th	4 or 5DTP/DTaP/DT/Td + 1 Tdap	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2MMR	2 Varicella*	2 MenACWY**

^{*}Varicella vaccine/chickenpox shot is not required if your child has had the chickenpox disease. Parent reports of chickenpox disease are no longer acceptable for exemption from the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine requirement. Children must have a diagnosis of chickenpox from a qualified health care provider (M.D., D.O., N.P., or P.A.) to be exempt from this requirement, however existing exemption options still apply.

Immunization waivers may be completed for health reasons (signed by physician & parent/legal guardian) or for religious/personal reasons (signed by parent/legal guardian) and the specific immunization(s) and dose(s) must be listed for each waiver. Immunization information is due to the school nurse no later than the 30th school day or October 14, 2024.

^{**}MenACWY - containing vaccine (meningococcal)