



SAMUEL OGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Principal Millspaugh's Monthly Newsletter (August)
August 7, 2026

Welcome to Mr. Mills "Pause" Corner - Pause here for School Information

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This edition of the monthly newsletter is highlighting the major events that are happening over the remaining weeks of the summer and is aimed at addressing the types of questions that our community might have as we approach the beginning of the school year.



August 7, 2026 - School Supplies List

A list of school supplies has been populated by the teachers and will be available on our school webpage. The lists are grade-level and content / teacher specific. A student should be able to view their schedule in StudentVUE, identify their teachers and then open the supply list to determine the needs for the classes to which they are scheduled. This should help with the reduction of over-purchasing supplies. If a teacher does not have their supplies identified in the document once it is posted, we have created a staff page that will allow students to see the supplies that will be associated with that class.

Clear backpacks:

This policy will only apply to 9th through 12th graders and students in Non-Traditional Program North, South and Middle. At present, clear backpacks are encouraged but optional for sixth- through eighth-graders; however, they are not mandatory. PGCPs will continue to evaluate the policy for middle school grades and communicate any modifications if necessary. Mesh alternatives are not

allowed. The school system is working with community partners to assist high school students in need.

August 17, 2026 - Student Schedules

Student schedules should be viewable on StudentVUE through the Synergy portal no later than the week of August 17, 2026. If you have difficulty viewing the schedule, you may reach out to our front office staff for assistance. The best number to call is 301-805-2641. Students who have recently been registered may not see their schedule immediately; however, checking back within 24 to 48 hours should make it viewable. If you have any difficulty viewing the schedule, please send an email to Mrs. Querida Turner, our school registrar, at querida.turner@pgcps.org for assistance.

new Student ORIENTATION INFORMATION

August 24, 2026 - New Student Orientation Day

Monday, August 24, 2026 will be the New Student Orientation Day. tentative times for this day are 9:00am - 1:15pm. Students who are new to Samuel Ogle MS will be able to attend on this day to become aware of the school design, their class location, and meet their teachers. This will be a half-day of school. More details will be provided as we approach August 23, 2026.

The first day of school for ALL students is Tuesday, August 25, 2026



PTSO at Samuel Ogle MS -

Samuel Ogle has an active PTSO that meets regularly each month. These meetings are traditionally held virtually. Our PTSO board will be providing updates throughout the year and during the opening weeks of school through Back-to-School Night as well. If anyone is interested in becoming part of our PTSO or has general questions, please send an email to samuelogleptso@gmail.com

Back-to-School Night -

For scheduling purposes, please "Save-the-Date " for our Back-to-School Night. Tuesday, September 15, 2026 will be our Back-to-School Night for all three grades. This night will be from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. More information will be provided as we get closer to those dates in September.



Grade-level Counselors -

This year our Grade-Level professional School Counselors are as follows:

6th Grade - Ms. Monica Leftwich monica.leftwich@pgcps.org

7th Grade - Ms. Selena Archibald selena.archibald@pgcps.org

8th Grade - Ms. Andrea Carswell andrea.hepburn@pgcps.org

Grade-Level Assistant Principals -

This year our Grade-Level Assistant Principals are as follows:

6th Grade - Mrs. Tamela Taylor-Orr ttaylor@pgcps.org

7th Grade - Mrs. Markesa Thomas-Oliver markesa.thomasoliver@pgcps.org

8th Grade - Mr. Brian Harbel brian.harbel@pgcps.org

We also welcome Dr. Marla West to our administrative team this year who will be serving the school community and supervising instruction and teacher capacity through her role with each grade-level. She can be reached via email at marla.west@pgcps.org

Dress Code -

As shopping is being considered for school clothing, please keep in mind that Samuel Ogle MS is not a uniform school. There is however a dress code in Prince George's County Public School System. Please refer to the chart below for the student dress code.

School-Wide Dress Code for Students

AP 5152 Rev. 2018

HEAD Headaddresses can be worn indoors for religious or health reasons **only**. For safety and identification purposes, no hoods, bandanas, bonnets/sleep caps, do-rags, scarves, ski-goggles or ski-masks should be worn during the school day.

SHIRTS AND BLOUSES Shirts and blouses should be continuous from neckline to waist. The entire midsection **should be covered**. No tank tops or muscle shirts. No clothing with vulgar language, obscene pictures, weapons, drugs/alcohol, drug paraphernalia or tobacco products. No identifiable gang/crew clothing or paraphernalia. No see-through clothing.

SKIRTS, DRESSES, AND SHORTS

Skirts, dresses, shorts, and spandex skirts should be approximately six (6) inches below the buttocks, or no shorter than fingertip level (no extra-short shorts are allowed). Students are required to wear spandex shorts under dresses and skirts.

PANTS

Pants should be secured at waist: no **sagging** below waist to expose undergarments. Tights, stretch pants, leggings, and spandex body suits must be worn with clothing long enough to cover buttocks. No pajama pants, cozy pants or sleep wear should be worn. No ripped jeans should be worn that will not expose any parts of the leg above mid-thigh. Spandex, compression pants (knee-length or full) or under garments should be worn under jeans with holes in them.

SHOES

Shoes must be worn. For safety reasons slippers, and flip flops are not allowed to be worn in the school building. Crocs shoes should be worn with the straps on the heel of the foot and socks. Students must wear tennis shoes/sneakers for PE classes.

EARBUDS

In accordance with Administrative Procedure 5132, PEDs (Portable Electronic Devices) are not permitted to be worn during the school day. This includes (personal listening devices such as earphones, ear buds, "Bluetooth", etc.) Students should not use cell phones during school hours. In the event, a student needs to call a parent/guardian, classroom or office phones are available for use.

Principal's Final thoughts -

We Welcome all of our New and Returning families and students. We look forward to what the year has in store and the opportunity to work with each of you. One 6th Grade / New Student / Parent meeting is being planned prior to the orientation day. This will be in person at Samuel Ogle MS on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Please watch for more information on these opportunities. This school year, we will be continuing our commitment to our mission within the community by adopting the school theme of "Forward by Design: With passion, Purpose and Pride ~ We Win the Day!." We plan to do this together in partnership with each family as we embrace our practices that will advance academic success for your children. I look forward to continuing the work with you and serving this community during the course of this school year.

All My Best,
Mr. Cameron Millspaugh, Principal