

Petoskey Middle School Cross Country 2026

Cross Country is a great sport that allows you to compete and improve both as an individual and a team. We hope that you will enjoy this opportunity to get in shape, compete, and have fun. No prior running experience is needed. The goal is for each runner to improve individually and have fun while doing it.

Coaches:

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A physical must be on file in the office before you can practice. The physical must be dated on or after April 15, 2026.

Gear: Practice is held during ALL types of weather. Most days we will practice outside. Athletes **MUST** be prepared for all temperatures.

Things to pack in your bag for practice:

- Sweatshirt
- Athletic pants (sweats, running tights, etc.)
- Gloves
- Hat
- Running shoes
- Athletic socks

What to expect:

- Practices: Monday - Friday. We will meet in the 7th grade foyer, by the Media Center
 - Monday - Thursday from 3:25 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.
 - Friday practices end at 4:15 p.m.
- Season starts on 8/31 for 7th and 8th grades, and 9/8 for 6th grade.
- Season ends 10/7.
- Athletes will run 2-4 miles each day.

Attendance: Good attendance is an expectation in cross country. If you are in school, we expect you to be at practice. If a circumstance prevents you from being at practice, you must talk with a coach. Poor attendance may result in not attending meets.

Behavior: Following the Full Value Agreement: **Work as a Team, Be Safe, & Speak Up** is a requirement. Consequences for discipline problems will be decided by the coaching staff and will follow the athletic handbook. Note that repeated or serious infractions may result in additional consequences, such as missing meets or being removed from the team.

Meet schedule (subject to change):

Date	Day	Place	Time
9/12	Saturday Mud Run (optional meet for 7th and 8th graders; parents will need to transport to and from)	Charlevoix	TBA
9/16	Wednesday Ice Cream Run	Home	4:00
9/21	Monday Bulldog Invite	Indian River	4:00
9/23	Wednesday Cookie Run	Charlevoix	4:00
9/26	Saturday PHS Invitational	Home	TBA
10/1	Thursday Elk Run	Gaylord	4:00
10/7	Wednesday Mancelona Invitational**	Mancelona	4:00

**7th and 8th grade only. No practice for 6th grade runners.

Uniform t-shirt: Everyone is required to wear the uniform t-shirt at meets. If you have one from a previous year, there is no need to purchase a new one. **New shirts will be available for purchase for \$20 each.**

Parent Volunteers: Your help is needed and greatly appreciated at our home meets. Please use the Sign Up Genius link to sign up to help at our [Ice Cream run](#) on 9/16. We'll also need help at our Invitational on 9/20, and we'll send out a link when it's available. Thank you!

ParentSquare: This will be our main source of communication throughout the season.

Practice Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 31 7th and 8th grade: 7:30-8:45	September 1 7th and 8th grade: 7:30-8:45	2 7th and 8th grade: 7:30-8:45	3 7th and 8th grade: 7:30-8:45	4 No practice	5
7 No practice	8 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	9 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	10 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	11 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:15	12 Charlevoix Mud Run (optional for 7th and 8th)
14 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	15 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	16 Home Meet @ 4:00	17 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	18 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:15	19
21 Bulldog Invite @ 4:00; Indian River	22 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	23 Charlevoix Cookie Run @ 4:00	24 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	25 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:15	26 Petoskey Invitational - TBA
28 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	29 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	30 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:45	October 1 Gaylord Elk Run @ 4:00	2 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:15	3
5 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:15	6 6th-8th grade: 3:25-4:15	7 Mancelona Invitational (7th and 8th grade only) @ 4:00	8	9	10