August 12, 2021

PBL Junior High School Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back Panthers for the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to begin this school year with all students in the building for a full day of school. Here are several items that need to be addressed so that everyone is aware of adjustments and expectations.

Registration

- If you have not registered yet, please contact the PBL Junior High School office at 217-379-9202.

Supplies

- Please **click here** to find all supplies your student needs for the year.
- In addition to all the usual supplies, students need to bring their own water bottle and face mask each day. Water fountains will not be used this school year, however water bottle filling stations are available in two locations at PBL Junior High School.

Mask Requirement

- All staff and students will be required to wear a mask. Parents are encouraged to send multiple masks with their child.
- Students will not be required to wear a mask when participating in outside activities (PE, recess, mask breaks, etc.)

Student Health Certification

- Parents will no longer need to certify their child's health before sending them to school each day.
- We do ask that parents and students continue to use good judgement about this. Simply put, if your child is sick or does not feel good then keep them at home for the day.

Arrival at School

- All doors designated as entry points will be unlocked at 7:40am each morning.
- Buses will be dropping off students in the front of PBL Junior High School.
- If you are dropping off your child there will be a designated area at the front of PBL Junior High School with cones for where to do that.
- Each grade level will enter through grade level wing doors:
    - Students wanting to eat breakfast will enter through the Commons Area Entrance.
    - 6th Grade Students will enter through the 6th Grade Wing Entrance doors.
    - 7th Grade Students will enter through the 7th Grade Wing Entrance doors.
    - 8th Grade Students will enter through the 8th Grade Wing Entrance doors.

Bus Service

- Anyone needing bus services should have completed the information during the registration process or should contact the PBL Junior High School office immediately.
- Items of note about bus services:
    - Masks will be required for all persons riding a bus.
    - Each bus will have a seating chart with students from the same household seated together to the extent possible.
    - There will be shuttle service from Clara Peterson to PBL Junior High School each morning.
- Afternoon pick up
    - Route buses will pick up students in front of PBL Junior High School at 3:02pm when we dismiss for the day.
    - Students needing shuttle service to Clara Peterson will wait outside of the Junior High Commons Area until shuttle buses arrive at approximately 3:10pm.

COVID Vaccination Status

- Students who are vaccinated for COVID do not need to share this information with us, however, they are encouraged to do so due to potential benefits, which include not being identified as a close contact and being excluded from school.
- Any student who is vaccinated that wants to share this information with us, needs to bring a copy of their vaccination card to the junior high main office.

Daily Schedule

- PBL will return to a normal school day this year. The schedule is slightly different than in years past due to changes we have been working on. The daily schedule is as follows:

Regular 6th-8th Grade Schedule			**Early Dismissal Tuesday Schedule**	
Student Arrival	7:40 - 8:00		**Student Arrival**	7:40 - 8:00
1st Period	8:00 - 8:42		**1st Period**	8:00 - 8:40
2nd Period	8:42 - 9:23		**2nd Period**	8:40 - 9:20
3rd Period	9:23 - 10:04		**3rd Period**	9:20 - 10:00
4th Period	10:04 - 10:44		**4th Period**	10:00 - 10:40
Lunch – 6th, 7th, 8th	10:44 - 11:44		**5th Period**	10:40 - 11:20
5th Period	11:48 - 12:30		**6th Period**	11:20 - 12:00
6th Period	12:30 - 1:10		**Lunch – 6th, 7th, 8th**	12:00 - 12:45
7th Period	1:10 - 1:50		**7th Period**	12:45 - 1:20
8th Period	1:50 - 2:25		**8th Period**	1:20 - 1:47
9th Period	2:25 - 3:02		**9th Period**	1:47 - 2:17

Lunch

- Students will be placing their lunch order on their Chromebooks at the start of each day.
- School lunch will be served in the PBL Junior High School Commons Area. Maximum physical distance will be exercised to the extent possible while eating lunch.

Lockers

- All students will be issued a hallway locker and lock. Students can not bring locks from home.
- Students will be issued a PE locker and lock if they would like one. Dressing for PE is not required.

Visitors

- In the past, parents could visit the building to drop off student supplies, have lunch with their child, and more. In order to reduce exposure to our students and staff, visitors will not be allowed in the building unless there is an immediate emergency or an in person meeting is required.

End of the Day Dismissal

- Once we dismiss at 3:02pm students are expected to promptly exit school property for the day.
- Students will be dismissing out their grade level doors and teachers will be dismissing students by class in each grade level to keep students separated.
- Staff will be placed throughout the building in order to keep students moving and prevent groups of students from gathering.
- If a student is riding the shuttle from PBL Junior High School to Clara Peterson, they will report to the front of school.
- If a junior high student is waiting for their younger sibling to arrive on the shuttle bus from Clara Peterson, they can wait outside and in front of the Commons Area.

Building Cleaning

- As always, each area of the building will be cleaned nightly.
- Day time custodians will sanitize touch points such as doorknobs, restrooms, and more throughout the day.

Yours in Education,

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PBL Junior High School