

Welcome to
Walter C. Polson Middle School
2024-2025

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Kathryn Hart - Principal
Martha Curran - Assistant Principal

Introductions

Administration

- Kathryn Hart – Principal
- Martha Curran – Assistant Principal
- Chris Farrell - MPS Athletic Director

7 & 8 Grade Level Counselors

- Charlene Doane – Grade 7 Counselor
- Rachel Kilian – Grade 8 Counselor

Introductions

Team Leaders and Counselors

- Bryan Augustine - Team 7-1
 - Allison Whittle - Team 7-2
 - Mary Rothfuss - Team 8-1
 - Kim Russo - Team 8-2
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- Charlene Doane, grade 7 counselor
 - Rachel Kilian, grade 8 counselor

Polson Pride: Our Core Values

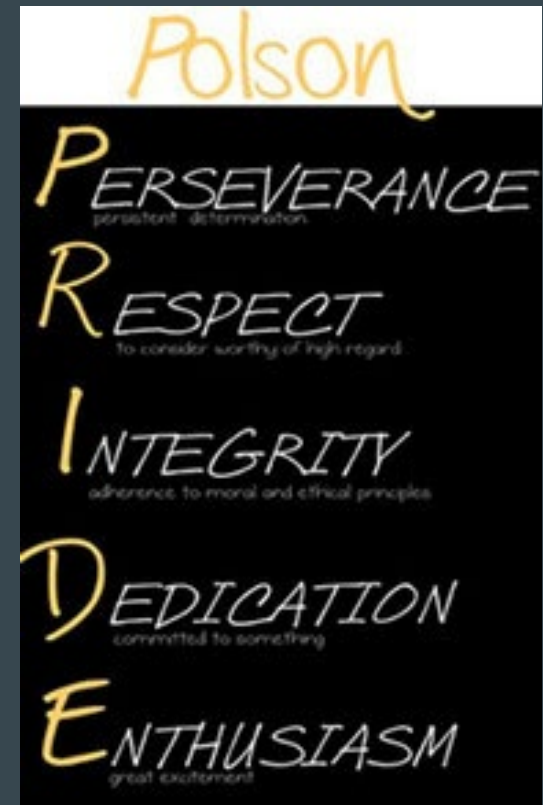
Perseverance

Respect

Integrity

Dedication

Enthusiasm



Polson 20242025

Projected Enrollment : 533

- Grade 6: 175
- Grade 7: 186
- Grade 8: 172

Bell Times

- 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM (Bells start and end the day)

Teaming Model

- Team letter mailed mid August
- 2 teams in grade 7 and 2 teams in grade 8

Keeping You Informed

- The website: www.polsonmiddleschool.org
- The Polson and MPS E - Notify
- Individual teacher info on [*Google Classroom*](#)
- Follow us on Twitter, Instagram [@PolsonPride](#) , and Facebook at [Polson Middle School](#) :



Transition Plan

- Elective Course Selections - Kathryn, Martha & Counselors
- Team meetings with grades 6, 7 and 8 teachers
- Scheduling meetings
- Hiring new staff
- Team Placement Letters August 2024

Policies and Procedures

- Arrival and Dismissal
 - Late arrival, early dismissal...notes please
- Lockers
- Student Planner
- Dress Code...we need your help!!!

- *Entry Physical for Grade 7 students - anything from June 1, 2023 to present.*

Cell Phone Policy

- Phones are not allowed during the school day in any space:
 - Classrooms, including LMC or Pride period
 - in hallways or in the cafeteria
 - in the locker rooms or bathrooms
 - to text at any point during the school day

On occasion, a teacher might allow cell phone use for a specific purpose in class. Cell phones are not required in any class.

If a student forgets the rule, we keep their cell phone safe and sound in the office until 2:30.

Safety and Supervision

In School, Out of School, and Online

- **Safety Drills**
(Fire Drills, Crisis Drills, Security Personnel)
- **Social and Emotional Needs**
(Grade level counselors, social worker, school psych, MYFS)
- **Technology**
(Securly, See it Say it Send it app, social media, texting, cell phones)

Any questions related to our
Policies and Procedures?



ACADEMIC PROGRAM



Academic Program Goals

Provide students an education that will prepare them for the world after high school:

critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, self-direction, global awareness

- Provide **equal access** to programs for all students, across all teams
- Appropriately place students
- Balance class sizes
- Variety of offerings to foster the diverse set of talents



Profile of a Graduate

Skills, knowledge, attributes and competencies necessary for a successful transition to life after high school

critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, self-direction, global awareness

- Woven into curriculum instruction and assessments
- Measured in various content areas
- Developed over time (K - 12)

7th and 8th Grad
CORE Classes

One 52minute
period of each

All four cores every day

Language Arts

Math

Science

Social Studies



In 6th Grade...

CORE Classes

One 70minute
period of each

Language Arts

Math

Science / Social
Studies



Mathematics

Prepare students to:

- Be mathematically literate
- Understand concepts
- Be adept at computation

In short: Be comfortable with math. Understand how numbers work, how to solve problems with them, and apply that understanding to situations in daily life.

7th Grade

- Two courses (Math 7, Pre -alg)
- Math Placement letters mailed in May

8th Grade

- Two courses (Pre - algebra, Algebra)

Science

- Support claims with evidence and scientific reasoning
- Create and analyze graphs as a way to share and understand data.
- Interpret quantitative and qualitative data and form conclusions based on facts.
- Develop students' ability to think critically while learning about current events in science.
- Explore a variety of topics to help better understand the science behind our everyday lives.

Social Studies

- Grow students' ability to read nonfiction sources from the past and present
- Understand the reasoning behind others' points of view
- Form an opinion and support it with evidence
- Navigate and manage information from a variety of digital and print sources
- Increase understanding and appreciation of the world - historically, culturally, and geographically

Language Arts



- ✓ To improve quality of writing skills
- ✓ To increase volume of and independence in reading
- ✓ To help transfer reading skills across content areas and genres
- ✓ To handle increasing text complexity
- ✓ To increase vocabulary through morphology

Related Arts Periods

World Language

Grade 6

Spanish (3/6)

Grade 7 and 8

Spanish or French
(6/6)

PE and Related Arts

Grades 6-8

PE (3/6)

and

One Trimester of:

- Computers (3/6)
- Health (3/6)
- Art (3/6)

Electives- Student CHOICE!

Grades 7-8



Special Education

Special education teachers are assigned to teams.

Academic Intervention

Reading specialists and a math specialist that provide academic interventions.

Interventions also include counseling.



Music Options:

- Band
- Orchestra
- Chorus
- Digital
Technology



Additional Options:

- Theatre
- Musical Theatre
- Technology Explorations
- Multi-media Art
- Healthy Living
- PE 4 Life
- Advanced Team Sports

Grade 8

HR/Announcements 8:00-8:03		
<u>Period 1</u> CORE 8:05-8:55		<u>Period 6</u> R.A. 11:17-11:58
<u>Period 2</u> CORE 8:57-9:47		<u>Period 7</u> CORE 12:00-12:52
<u>Period 3</u> R.A. 9:49-10:30		<u>Period 8</u> CORE 12:54-1:46
<u>Period 4 - PRIDE</u> 10:32-10:52		<u>Period 9</u> RA 1:48-2:30
<u>Period 5 - LUNCH</u> 10:52-11:17		Dismissal 2:30

Grade 7

HR/Announcements 8:00-8:03	
<u>Period 1</u> R.A. 8:05-8:46	<u>Period 5</u> CORE 11:15-12:05
<u>Period 2</u> CORE 8:48-9:38	Period 6 - LUNCH 12:07-12:32
<u>Period 3</u> CORE 9:40-10:30	<u>Period 7 - PRIDE</u> 12:34-12:54
<u>Period 4</u> R.A. 10:32-11:13	<u>Period 8</u> R.A. 12:56-1:37
	<u>Period 9</u> CORE 1:39-2:30
	Dismissal 2:30

PRIDE Period

**~20 minutes
every day**

What is it?

All Grades:

- **Meet with teachers**
- **Go to LMC**
- **Visit with counselors**
- **School/Grade Events**
- **Down time, socialize**
- **Homework**

Any questions related to our
Academic Programs?



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Get Involved!

- Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics
- Academic Intramural Program
(*French Club , Debate, Cooking, Artistic Expressions and more ...*)
- Student Council, Excel Club, Peer Helpers, Diversity Club, Robotics
- Community Service Initiatives and Unified Sports/Clubs



A word from our AD!

Chris Farrell- Director of Athletics

Educational Based vs Youth/AAU vs Intramurals

EDUCATIONAL BASED

- Not for profit
- Facilitate Growth/Develop Student Athlete
- Ties to educational mission and vision
- Success beyond the scoreboard
- Becoming better people, learning life long lessons

YOUTH/AAU/TRAVEL

- For profit
- Defines success through competition results
- Frequent coaches changes/admn rules
- Develop the sport



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A T H L E T I C S

INTRAMURALS

Intramural programs introduce students to a variety of physical activity/games that promote a healthy lifestyle without focusing strictly on competition

- Focus on skill development
- Provide an opportunity to be physically active or try something new
- Have fun in a low pressure environment



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Intramurals/Interscholastic Sports and Programs

- Offerings, forms, dates, and costs are posted on the Polson and athletic department websites
 - Academic Intramurals
 - Athletic Intramurals



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A T H L E T I C S

~ Steps to Participate ~

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Register on FamilyID
- Athletic Department Steps
- Website
- Coaches Communication

[Athletics Website](#)

- Visit Polson Middle School and Click Interscholastic
- Register on FamilyID
- Make sure Nurse has an updated Physical Exam on file. (Will be updated in your FamilyID profile) Physicals last 13 months.
- Watch out for important information/ dates from the athletic department and coaches.



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A T H L E T I C S

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC OFFERINGS (7th and 8th)

FALL

Girls Soccer
Boys Soccer
Cross Country
Field Hockey

WINTER

Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Wrestling

SPRING

Softball
Baseball

Possibilities: Track and Field, Co-Swimming, Volleyball



Welcome to Polson PTO!



NO FUNDRAISING!

Donations have helped support..

8th Grade Dance

Amazing Hero Artist

6th grade Ice-cream

Veteran's Day

SBAC Snacks

8th grade Stepping Forth

Career Day

District Art Show

Teacher Appreciation Week

Field trips

Bus Driver Luncheon

Back to School Teacher Luncheon

Law Day

Custodian Appreciation



Questions?
Comments?
Concerns?



Looking forward to a great year! Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need anything.