

MAY/JUNE 2025

PICCOWAXEN STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT



NEWSLETTER

FROM GATEKEEPER TO CAREER COACH

Happy May Piccowaxen Parents! I am very excited to transition from "Gatekeeper" to Career Coach. I have been a part of the Piccowaxen Family for 12 years and am excited to continue making connections and building relationships with parents, students and staff. As Piccowaxen's Career Coach, I will help guide students in choosing one or more postcollege and career readiness pathway through

- Exploration of individual strengths, interests and values
 - Connecting students with diverse employers to enhance their understanding and interest in career options through in-school guest speakers and field trips.
- Empowering students with the confidence to develop a strong career plan.

Currently, I am working with the students on their career plans and tapping into what they are passionate about.



Mrs. Mulloy, Career Coach



Students are enjoying creating Vision Boards displaying their interests and goals.



CPL visited Picco this week as a part of a Career Cruising event. They introduced the students to the Lego 2.0. WeDo kits. The students learned how to build awesome creations from Legos and programed them for amazing robotics action. They were taught the basics of robotics in a way that's fun and interactive.



Mrs. Beatty had Twins!



Congrats to Mrs. Beatty & her husband! On February 13th, Elsie & Luka made their way into this world.

XELLO- Most students have already begun or finished creating a Career Plan in their Xello account. A Xello Career Plan is a roadmap created by students to help guide their course and extracurricular selections in order to achieve their career goals. These plans will evolve with changes in their strengths, values, and interests.

Key points about a Xello Career Plan:

- * **Personalized:** Each student creates a plan based on their individual interests, skills, and aspirations.
- * **Interactive exploration:** Students can take assessments to identify their strengths and explore various career options through detailed career profiles
- * **Goal setting:** The plan includes both short-term and long-term goals, like specific courses to take, certifications to earn, and experiences to gain.
- * **Post-secondary planning:** Xello helps students research colleges and programs aligned with their chosen career path.
- * **Continuous evaluation:** Students can regularly update their plan as they learn new information and gain



Message from Mrs. Jones, PPW

As we approach the end of the school year, it's not too late to finish strong! High school seniors aren't the only ones experiencing the end-of-the-school-year blues or burnout. Excitement, relief, nostalgia—it's all part of the journey as families brace for the break and the next chapter of a student's academic career.

If your student is struggling, there are things you can do to get them back in the game.

Here are some tips to help your student commit to success before summer:

1. Check Grades and Assignments

Are there missing homework assignments your student can still turn in?

Are there opportunities for extra credit if grades need a boost?

2. Stick to Your Routine

The warmer weather can bump bedtime and leave teens tired and struggling to stay alert in school the next day.

Following a consistent sleep schedule helps train the brain to naturally feel tired at bedtime—setting the stage for success in school. Set an alarm to remind them to turn off the screens and turn in.

3. Stay Positive and Celebrate Your Wins

Even if your family is feeling a bit of burnout, celebrate the successes of the year! Offer specific praise for effort and accomplishments, focusing on the process rather than just the outcome.

4. Remember – Attendance Matters

Regular attendance and punctuality are key factors in student success, both academically and socially.

5. Students: Be Your Own Best Advocate

End the year strong by taking charge of your own success. Communicate with teachers, seek help when needed, and stay focused on your goals.



Charles County Public Schools Summer School 2025

July 1 through July 31 Graduation: Aug. 1
Classes are Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Registration opens June 10 and closes June 19. An email from the school counselor will be sent to parents whose students are eligible for summer school with the recommended course.

Make-Up Courses

Students may take up to ONE credit

July 1—July 31

Classes are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

Free of Charge

High school courses will be taught at St. Charles High School (for students who have a home address zoned for SCHS, LPHS, MHS) and Westlake High School (for students who have a home address zoned for LHS, NPHS, TSHS, WLHS).

High School

English I, II, III, and IV
Algebra I, Algebra II
Geometry
Algebra with Trigonometry and Statistics
Earth Systems
Biology
Chemistry
Local, State, and National (LSN) Government
U.S. History
World History
Spanish I, II
HNS I, II, III
Exploring Computer Science
Foundations of Technology
Per Fin Literacy/Health II
(1/2 credit each)
Fit for Life/Health
Art I
Intro to Adv Math

Middle School

Language Arts
Math
Science
Social Studies

Middle school courses will be taught at Milton M. Somers Middle School.

Middle school students must take two classes. If only one class is required, students will be placed into a tutoring session.

High School Virtual Original Credit Courses

Students who have completed one year of high school may take up to ONE full credit

July 1—July 31

Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

\$300 Fee/Must be paid before registration is complete

Art I

English III

This course is for students who have met all requirements to graduate at the end of their junior year and have an approved graduating junior application on file with their home school.

English IV

This course is for students who have completed four years of high school and are not in their graduation cohort, or class. Students must gain approval to enroll in this course from the supervising school counselor.

Exploring Computer Science (Tech Ed credit)

Fit for Life/Health I (1/2 credit each)

SEM 1: July 1-15 SEM 2: July 16-31

Geometry

Per Fin Literacy/Health II (1/2 credit each)

SEM 1: July 1-15 SEM 2: July 16-31

Spanish I

****Original credit courses taken during summer school may not meet NCAA Clearinghouse Requirements****

Attendance Policy

Summer School lasts for only 19 days. It is very important that participating students maintain excellent attendance. Credit will be denied if a student misses more than two class periods. Students are not excused from class for dental appointments, camp, sports, or vacations. Students who cannot attend all classes should not enroll in Summer School. Students are also required to be on time for every class. Those who arrive late or leave early may not earn course credit. Suspension days are considered absences.

Grade Reports

Final grade reports will be sent to all CCPS middle and high schools.* All financial obligations must be satisfied, and materials and books must be returned to the appropriate teacher before grades can be released.

*Grades will be posted to StudentVUE & ParentVUE

Graduation

High School Graduation will be held on Friday, Aug. 1, 2025 at St. Charles High School. The graduation will include only CCPS students that are registered for a Summer School course and who have met the requirements for the Maryland High School Diploma. Non-CCPS students are not eligible to participate in the Summer School graduation ceremony.

Cell Phones

Cell phones must not be visible and must be powered off at all times during the school day. A cell phone set on vibrate or other non-audible mode is not considered "off."

Dress Code

Charles County Public Schools dress code is in full effect for the duration of summer school.

Lunch

Students may bring snacks and lunch or receive a bag lunch offered by the cafeteria. At no time are students permitted to leave campus during or in between registered classes.

Student Conduct

Students are expected to follow all CCPS rules as well as Summer School rules and regulations. Behaviors warranting suspension may result in removal from the program. A signed copy of the rules are due at the time of registration. Credit will not be issued if a student is removed from summer school for discipline reasons.

Transportation

Charles County Public Schools **will not** provide transportation to and from Summer School this year. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent to coordinate.



8TH GRADE FORMAL

Friday, May 16, 2025

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP— KING'S DOMINION

Friday, May 23, 2025

Students must meet
requirements communicated in
the permission slip.



BATTLE OF THE CLASSES

Monday, June 9, 2025

Gymnasium (2-HR Early dismissal
schedule)

8TH GRADE LUAU



Wednesday, June 11, 2025

2-HR Early Dismissal day



8TH GRADE AWARDS

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Gymnasium, 6:00 PM





8th Grade Work Permits

Employment of Minors (Work Permit) - Employment Standards Service (ESS)

Minor Work Permit: Information you need to know. Work permits are required for all minors under the age of 18 to work in the State of Maryland. Work permits are not issued to minors under the age of 14.

launchlabor.maryland.gov

***For students interested in getting a work permit, they will need to secure a job first, have the employer fill out the form and then submit it.**

Forms can be filled out online at:

<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/ChildWorkPermit>



ROCKET- RISE CAMP



LEARN ABOUT THE SCIENCE
BEHIND ROCKETS THEN BUILD
AND TEST YOUR OWN!

WHO: MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS (6 - 8)

FREE!



WHEN: JUNE 23 - 26 @ 8:30 - 3:30
WHERE: 4445 INDIAN HEAD HWY

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE MENTORSHIP FROM NAVAL
SURFACE WARFARE CENTER INDIAN HEAD (NSWC IHD)
PERSONNEL WHO ARE EXPERTS IN ROCKETRY, GIVING
STUDENTS AN OUT OF THIS WORLD EXPERIENCE!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
REGISTER PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE**



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