

Welcome back!



Dear Parents, Students, Families, and Community Members,

On behalf of the entire staff, we want to extend a heartfelt welcome as we prepare to begin a new school year! We sincerely hope that everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer and had the opportunity to rest. With the start of the school year just around the corner, it is our sincere hope that you are feeling refreshed and ready to guide our students toward success.

This summer, our building received a significant refresh. We have installed new student and staff furniture and completely revamped the building. To make navigation easier for everyone, all rooms and hallways have been renumbered and lettered, and new signs now adorn the halls. We believe this refreshed environment will inspire and renew everyone on our path this year.

As an administrative team, our vision for this year is to continue to build upon the work we started last year in creating a strong home-school partnership. To foster this collaboration, we will be holding Principal Advisory Committee meetings to engage our parents, families, and community members. Please consider participating as well as being a part of the MS PTO.

This year we will also sharpen our focus on increasing student achievement. John F. Kennedy once said, "Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource." We believe that together we can ensure academic progress and achievement for all of our students. A strong school-home partnership is an important part of how we will achieve this goal.

We encourage you to stay engaged with us throughout the year. Your feedback, support, and involvement are invaluable as we work together to create the best possible learning environment for our students. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

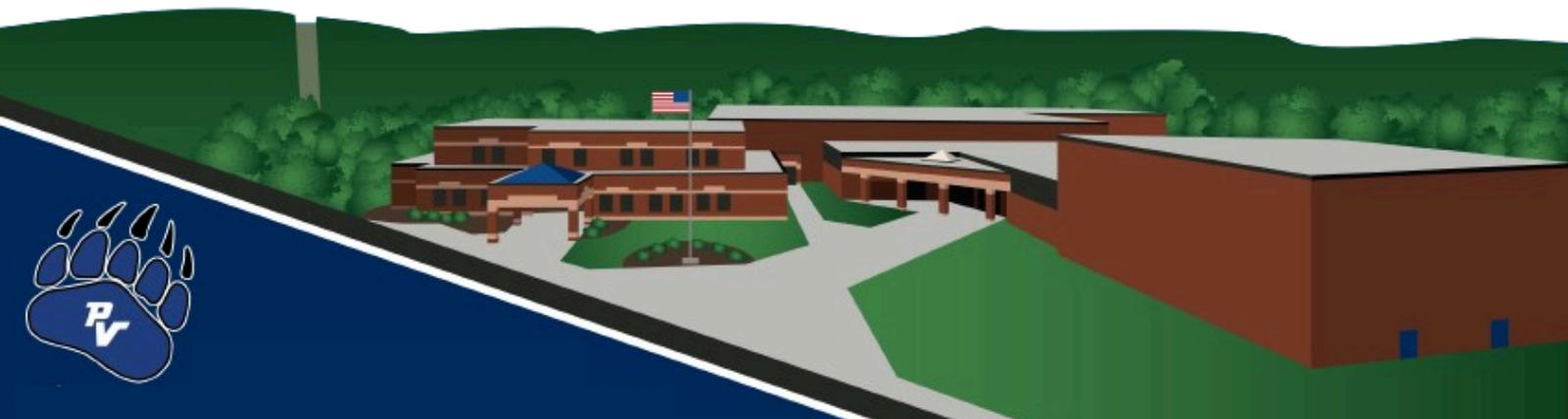
Let's make this school year a fantastic one, filled with achievements, growth, and meaningful connections. We look forward to meeting each of you at our upcoming welcome events.

Warm regards,

Tim McCutchan
Principal

Josephine Fields
Assistant Principal

Ramón Rodriguez
Assistant Principal



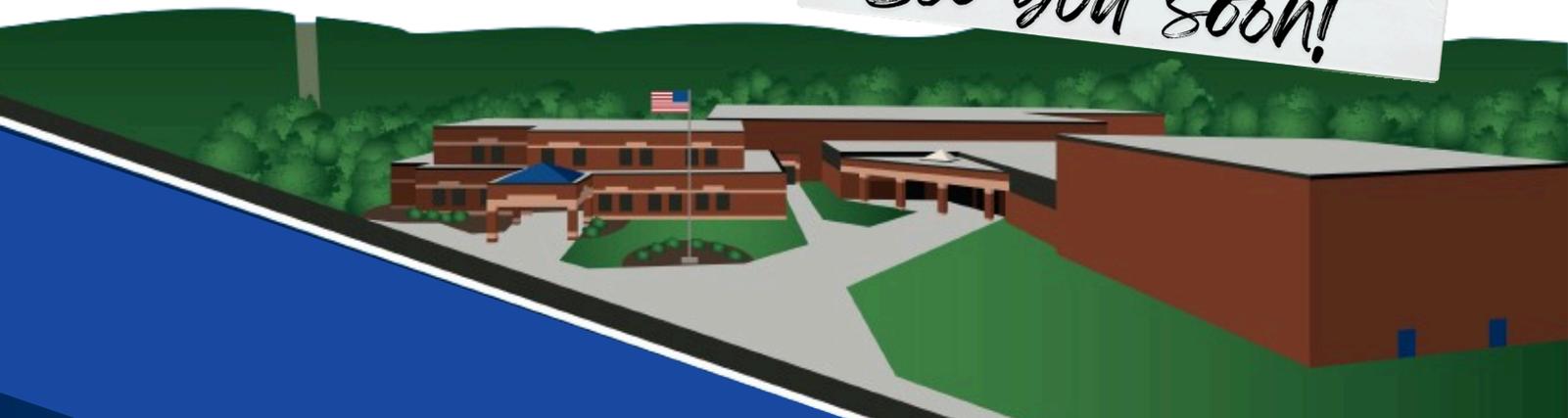
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Back to School Event Information:

- **6th Grade Orientation & Find Your Classroom:** Monday, August 18, from 10:00 - 12:00
 - The MS administrative team wants to welcome our new 6th-grade students and meet their families. We will provide an introduction to the Pleasant Valley Middle School followed by an opportunity to find your classroom. To accommodate our families, we will hold two information sessions:
 - Session 1: 10:00 - 10:30
 - Session 2: 11:00 - 11:30
 - If you are unable to join us for an information session, feel free to tour the building when you arrive and find your student's classroom! Please keep in mind that our Find Your Classroom event ends at 12:00.
- **7th and 8th Grade Find Your Classroom:** Tuesday, August 19, from 10:00 - 12:00
 - This event is for all 7th and 8th-grade students and their families.
- **First Day of School:** Monday, August 25.

WELCOME BACK!



MS Contacts and information



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Mr. Christopher Chandler	Dean of Students	chandler.chris@pvbears.org	2110
Mrs. Sheri Fallon	Counselor - Gr 6	fallon.sheri@pvbears.org	2014
Mrs. Cathleen Schultz	Counselor - Gr. 7	schultz.cathleen@pvbears.org	2010
Mrs. Sarah Rodvelt	Counselor - Gr. 8	rodvelt.sarah@pvbears.org	2013

Student Schedules: Schedules are now available on PowerSchool. If you have issues creating your Powerschool Parent Portal account, please see the following [link for instructions](#) or contact pvsupport@pvbears.org. If there are scheduling concerns, please contact your child's school counselor.

Locker Information: Locker information will be available on the PowerSchool Portal on the first day of school. Additionally, homeroom teachers will provide students with their locker combinations on the first day.

UPDATE

Change to start
and drop off times

School Day: Student drop-off begins at **7:25 AM**. Students have 15 minutes to arrive and are expected to be in homeroom at 7:40 AM. Tardy students must report directly to the main office in order to sign in. Students who do not sign in will be considered absent for the day. Middle School students participating in athletics and activities must arrive at school by 9:40 AM to be eligible to participate.

Where do I report on the first day? Students will report to homeroom. Teachers and staff will be available to assist students and help them find their way.

Communication: Please make sure to check the Middle School webpage, pvms.pvbears.org & please make sure you sign up for our weekly SchoolMessenger emails. If you are not receiving SchoolMessenger communications please call 570-402-1000 ext. 2001

Teacher Emails & Contact Information: Please utilize faculty email as needed to contact your child's teachers. Email addresses of all PVMS staff can be found in the staff directory linked here for your convenience or please visit pvms.pvbears.org/staff-directory.

Important Info. and reminders

Upcoming events:

Monday, August 18

6th Grade Orientation &

Find Your Classroom: 10:00 - 12:00

Tuesday, August 18

7th & 8th Grade Find Your Classroom: 10-12

Monday, August 25

First Day Back for Students

Tuesday, September 2

Fall Pictures for students

Wednesday, September 3

Open House: 5-7 PM

PowerSchool Reminders



Please remember to create a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account. Please [click this link](#) to access the tutorial on our district's website.

Please complete all forms in the Parent Portal including:

- Emergency Contact Form
- Permissions and Agreements
 - Parent Notification/Permission Form
 - PVSD Handbook Agreement
 - PVSD Technology Acknowledgement
 - Student Agreement for use of Technology
 - Student Device Responsibility Agreement
- Permissions
 - Media Release
 - Field Trips
 - Field Trip Emergency Medical Aid
- Release of Information
- ✓ Guardian electronic signature



Don't forget to check out website regularly for updates and important information

Important Reminders



Review the 25-26 Student-Parent Handbook for important information. Please review the cellphone & dress expectations.



Cell phone use is not permitted during instructional time. Cell phones must be off and away during the school day.



Make sure your Chromebook is charged and ready for use on the first day of school.

8th Grade students will receive new Chromebooks during the first week of school.



Student IDs will be distributed on the first day of school. IDs must be worn at all times during the school day.



Remember that students must be dress must be compliant with the PVSD Dress and Grooming Guidelines



Transportation information can be found in PowerSchool. For questions or concerns regarding transportation contact the transportation liason's office.



Students are **not** permitted to bring **metal** water bottles to school this year. Plastic water bottles are still permissible.

Parent Drop Off

Maps & Info.



AM Parent Drop Off

There will be a designated drop-off area (outlined in blue on the map above) located between the blue roof of the administration building and the stop sign closest to the tennis courts. Please pull all the way forward in this area to allow for a smoother drop-off. We ask that your child be ready to exit the car when you approach the drop-off zone, they can adjust bookbags, jackets, water bottles and other belongings when they are on the sidewalk. Additionally, for their safety, they should exit on the passenger side only.

After dropping your child off, all cars will be directed to turn left toward the traffic light on Route 115.

The drop-off line starts near the entrance by the tennis courts, and parents and guardians are not allowed to enter the faculty and staff parking lot in front of the building during drop-off. If you do enter the lot, you will not be able to exit until after drop-off concludes.

Please note that traffic begins to back up the closer it gets to 7:25 AM, so we encourage families to arrive before this time to avoid delays.